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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 16 November 1976

amending Directive 75/432/EEC on aid to shipbuilding

(76/872/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 92 (3) (d) and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Directive 75/432/EEC of 10 July 1975 on aid to shipbuilding [1] establishes a new category of aid which may be considered compatible with the common market;

Whereas Directive 75/432/EEC stipulates uniform principles, as required by Article 113, for the application of the schemes of cost escalation insurance for exports of ships to third countries;

Whereas, more particularly, Article 2 (2) (b) and (3) of Directive 75/432/EEC specify the terms on which such schemes may be operated;

Whereas the United Kingdom scheme of cost escalation insurance is designed to facilitate the reorganization of the structure of the United Kingdom shipbuilding industry by keeping enough business going for the reorganization to be conducted in an orderly and progressive fashion; whereas it may therefore be brought within the Directive if it conforms to these uniform principles;

Whereas Directive 75/432/EEC should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The following fourth indent is added to Article 2 (2) (b) of Directive 75/432/EEC:

'— in the United Kingdom, in the form of a scheme of cost escalation insurance, provided that the terms of the scheme are made progressively more restrictive.'

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 November 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. van der STOEL

[1] OJ No L 192, 24. 7. 1975, p. 27.