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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

**Agreement concerning beer containers and beer, reached on
the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations
(with related letter of 28 October 1980). Signed on
31 October 1979**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 1 March 1982.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
COMMUNAUTÉ ÉCONOMIQUE EUROPÉENNE**

**Accord relatif à la bière en cannette et à la bière, convenu
lors des négociations commerciales multilatérales dites
de Tokyo (avec lettre connexe du 28 octobre 1980).
Signé le 31 octobre 1979**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1^{er} mars 1982.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CONCERNING
BEER CONTAINERS AND BEER, REACHED ON THE TOKYO
ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The European Community agrees to permit .35 liter beer containers (12 ounce equivalent) to enter the commerce of Member States and to circulate in intra-EC trade until 31 December 1988.

During this period, the European Community will give further consideration as to whether Council Directive 75/106/EEC can be modified to provide for permanent acceptance of .35 liter beer containers in intra-EC trade.

The above solution does not prejudice any measures which have been taken or might be introduced by the European Community or its Member States as a matter of environmental policy, provided that such measures apply in a non-discriminatory way.

The United States engages itself to maintain the present specific rate of duty on beer and not to convert these specific duties into *ad valorem* duties, at least as long as the European Community agrees to permit the .35 liter beer containers as stipulated in the first alinea.

October 31, 1979

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Delegation of the Commission
of the European Communities

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Delegation of the United States
of America

RELATED LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1980

[For the text of the related letter, see p. 249 of this volume.]

¹ Came into force on 28 October 1980, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1980, the date on which schedules XX (United States)*, LXII and LXII *bis* (European Community)** to the Geneva (1979) Protocol*** became schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,[†] in accordance with the provisions of the related letter dated 28 October 1980.

* United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1189, p. 2.

** *Ibid.*, vol. 1193, p. 201.

*** *Ibid.*, vol. 1187, p. 2.

† *Ibid.*, vol. 55, p. 187.