



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Member of the Commission

Brussels,

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Subject: Case No IV/35754 - Consortium East Africa Container Service (EACS)

Dear Sirs,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Commission has decided not to oppose your clients' application in the case referred to above, which you notified, on 17 October 1995 pursuant to Article 7 of the Commission Regulation N° 870/95.⁽¹⁾

Your clients' consortium agreement, the East Africa Container Service, is therefore deemed exempt from the prohibition in Article 85(1) of the EC Treaty and benefits, as from the date of notification, from the block exemption granted by the Commission Regulation N° 870/95 through the opposition procedure provided in Article 7 of the said Regulation until the date of expiry of the Regulation - ie. 21 April 2000.

I draw your attention to the provisions in Article 9 of Regulation N° 870/95 which states that any consortium enjoying the benefit of the block exemption must comply with the conditions and obligations stated therein and to the undertakings made in the notification by your clients to continue to comply with those conditions and obligations during the life of the exemption.

Yours faithfully,

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⁽¹⁾ Commission Regulation N° 870/95 of 20 April 1995 on the application of Article 85(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of agreements, decisions and concerted practices between liner shipping companies (consortia) pursuant to Council Regulation N° 479/92, OJ, L89 21.4.95 p.7.