



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Member of the Commission

Brussels, 25 -02- 1998
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**Subject: Case No IV/35.614-Southern Africa Europe Container Service:
consortium SAECS III**

I refer to your clients' application in the case referred above, which you notified in a revised version on 10 September 1997, pursuant to Article 12 of Council Regulation N° 4056/86 and Article 12 of Council Regulation 1017/68.

Further to the publication of a Notice in the Official Journal concerning the above case⁽¹⁾, I am pleased to inform you that the Commission has decided not to raise serious doubts and accordingly allow the agreement to be deemed exempt for the time already elapsed and for a period of six years for those activities falling within Regulation N° 4056/86 and for a period of three years for those activities falling within Regulation N° 1017/68.

In accordance with Article 12(3) of Regulation 4056/86 and of Regulation 1017/68, those periods will start to run as from 17 December 1997, the date of publication of the Notice in the Official Journal.

The Commission's reasons for believing that the conditions of Article 85(3) of the EC Treaty are fulfilled in this case are those summarised in the published Notice.

Yours sincerely,

⁽¹⁾ OJ N° C 383, 17.12.1997

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