

Council Decision

of 21 December 1992

amending Decision 90/510/EEC on the extension of the legal protection of topographies of semiconductor products to persons from certain countries and territories
(93/17/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 87/54/EEC of 16 December 1986 on the legal protection of topographies of semiconductor products¹, and in particular Article 3 (7) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the right to legal protection of topographies of semiconductor products in the Community applies to persons qualifying for protection under Article 3 (1) to (5) of Directive 87/54/EEC;

Whereas this right can be extended, by a Council Decision, to persons who do not benefit from protection under the said provisions;

Whereas the extension of the protection in question should, as far as possible, be decided upon for the Community as a whole;

Whereas the Council has extended this protection on a permanent basis to persons from certain countries and territories by its Decision 90/510/EEC²;

Whereas such protection has previously been extended, on an interim basis only, under Decision 90/511/EEC³, which expires on 31 December 1992, for natural persons in respect of Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland;

Whereas such protection has subsequently been extended for companies or other legal persons in respect of Switzerland and Finland, in accordance with Commission Decisions 90/541/EEC⁴ and 92/20/EEC⁵ respectively, pursuant to Decision 90/511/EEC;

Whereas it now seems appropriate to extend the protection in question on a permanent basis to the abovementioned countries, which have an appropriate legislation protecting topographies of semiconductor products under their national law and which make this protection available on a permanent basis to those persons from Member States of the Community who benefit from the right to protection under Directive 87/54/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 90/510/EEC is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

¹ OJ No L 24, 27. 1. 1987, p. 36.

² OJ No L 285, 17. 10. 1990, p. 29.

³ OJ No L 285, 17. 10. 1990, p. 31.

⁴ OJ No L 307, 7. 11. 1990, p. 21. Decision as amended by Decision 92/20/EEC (OJ No L 9, 15. 1. 1992, p. 22).

⁵ OJ No L 9, 15. 1. 1992, p. 22.



Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1993.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1992.

For the Council
The President
D. HURD

ANNEX

Australia
Austria
Collectivité territoriale de Mayotte
Collectivité territoriale de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon
Finland
French Polynesia
French Southern and Antarctic Territories
Iceland
Japan
Liechtenstein
New Caledonia and dependencies
Norway
Sweden
Switzerland
Wallis and Futuna Islands