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Les efforts de la Bulgarie pour surmonter les restrictions à ses échanges avec le Marché commun dans le cadre des relations CAEM – CEE (années 1960 – années 1980)

Bulgaria's Efforts to Overcome Restrictions in Its Trade with the Common Market in the Context of COMECON – EEC Relations (1960s – 1980s)

(Abstract)

The study presents Bulgaria's business relations with the European Economic Community during the Cold War. The reasons for establishing informal contacts and negotiating more favourable commercial terms are explained. The presentation reveals that the Bulgarian foreign economic policy aimed to protect the national interests, at the same time by maintaining the image of the most loyal Soviet ally as well as by borrowing from other Eastern European countries advantageous practices in the trade with the Community. Their implementation was adjusted and altered according to the varying attitudes of the Soviet leadership – through open or confidential actions.

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