

# Island to strengthen EEC trading links

BAHRAIN is to strengthen trade relations with EEC countries.

A 30-man European trade delegation leaves Bahrain this evening after a three-day business tour of the island.

Members of the trade mission represented the food industry from all ten EEC member countries.

They held talks with leading Bahraini businessmen dealing in agricultural and food products.

Headed by officials from the Directorate General for External Relations of the Commission of European Communities in Brussels, they held talks yesterday with officials at the Bahrain Ministry of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce.

Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala, chairman of

the chamber's public relations committee, said the EEC team showed interest in exporting processed food including beverages to Bahrain.

They also discussed the possibility of setting up joint ventures and transferring technical know-how.

"The mission was the first to the GCC countries under the auspices of the Commission of the European Communities," he said.

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