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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1982 by
Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 for newsprint, falling
within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff

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ORDER SECTION

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. Regulation (EEC) N° 3276/81 of 16 November 1981 ⁽¹⁾ opened for 1982 a Community tariff quota for newsprint, which was subject to review in the course of the year. The initial figure was set at 2 700 000 tonnes.

The review was carried out at a meeting of the "Economic Tariff Problems" group on 28 April 1982 where it appeared that the supplementary needs which had arisen in certain Member States totalled 100 000 tonnes. This would bring the overall requirement to 2 800 000 tonnes for the whole year.

- 2. As in previous cases and in view, on the one hand, of uncertainties regarding the level of consumption and, on the other hand, the need to ensure parallel development both of Community production and of supplies to user industries on favourable terms, the Commission considers it advisable to exercise caution in fixing the volume of the requested increase, in order not to jeopardize market equilibrium. It appears nevertheless that the use of tariff quotas opened during the past year and the development of consumption in the present economic situation justify this relatively limited increase.

The Commission thus proposes the increase the quota volume in question to bring it to 2 800 000 tonnes.

This is the purpose of the present proposal. A further review of the situation could take place next September with a view to adapting the quota-volume to the actual needs of the industry.

 (1) OJ N° L 331 of 19.11.1981p. 7

2. As is customary in similar cases, the proposed increase has been divided into two tranches, the first (50 000 tonnes) being allocated among the Member States on a pro-rata basis according to their foreseeable imports from non-member countries, while the second (representing the balance) forms a Community reserve. The constitution of such a reserve is all the more justified in this case, since certain Member States have not taken additional requirements into account and must therefore be able to draw upon the reserve should the need arise, and since the initial shares allotted to other Member States cannot be determined as accurately as might be desired.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 28 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council, by Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 ⁽¹⁾, opened and allocated among the Member States a duty-free Community tariff quota for newsprint, falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff, the amount of which was fixed at 2700 000 tonnes; whereas by that Regulation the benefit of the tariff quota in question was extended to certain other types of paper which, apart from the criterion of watermarks, correspond to the definition of newsprint given in the Additional Note to Chapter 48 of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, on the basis of the most recent data on this product for 1982, it is estimated that the additional imports from third countries required by the Community currently amount to 100 000 tonnes; whereas the size of the quota should be increased by this quantity to take account of the requirements noted; whereas, in order to safeguard the Community character of the tariff quota in question, part of the volume of the proposed increase should be allocated to the Community reserve, the balance being allocated among certain Member States on a *pro rata* basis according to their foreseeable requirements for imports originating in third countries,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The volume of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 for newsprint falling

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,1982

within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby increased from 2700 000 to 2800 000 tonnes.

Article 2

1. The first tranche of the additional volume referred to in Article 1, amounting to 50 000 tonnes, shall be allocated as follows among the Member States concerned:

	<i>(tonnes)</i>
Benelux	6 300
Denmark	1 400
Germany	4 400
United Kingdom	37 900
United Kingdom	

2. The second tranche, amounting to 50 000 tonnes, shall constitute the reserve.

The reserve provided for in Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 is thus increased from 150 000 to 200 000 tonnes.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

For the Council
The President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 331, 19.11.1981, p. 7.

