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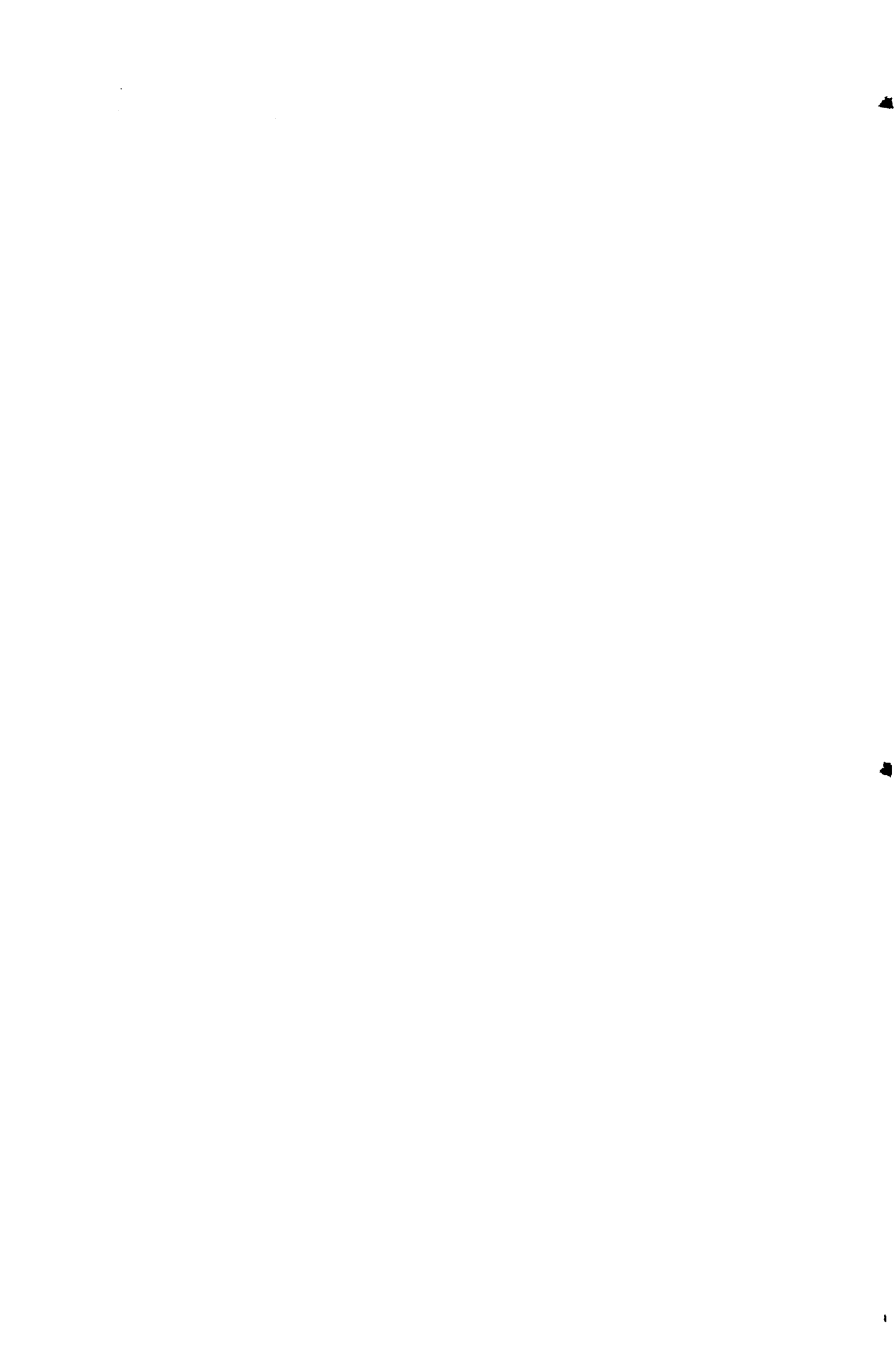
Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulations (EEC) Nos. 1708/80, 1709/80 and 1710/80 concerning the opening, allocation and method of administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Spain (1980/81)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On the basis of a commitment undertaken during the signing of the Agreement between the Community and Spain, the Council by its Regulations (EEC) Nrs. 1708/80, 1709/80 and 1710/80 opened Community tariff quotas for sherry, Malaga, Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas wines, for the period running from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981.

In view of Greece's accession to the Community on 1 January 1981, a Protocol of Adaptation has been signed between the Community and Spain. This Protocol provides, in particular, for an increase in the tariff quota volumes for sherry (from 108 000 hl to 108 120 hl) and for Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas wines (from 22 000 hl to 22 008 hl) imported in containers holding two litres or less.

This increase in the quota volumes and the fact that Greece will apply such Community tariff quotas as from 1 January 1981 make it necessary to amend the abovementioned Regulation.

The tariff quotas concerned might be modified in the context of the present negotiations with the contracting country in view of the conclusion of an Adaptation Protocol to the abovementioned Agreement. Awaiting the results, the proposed Regulations permit the respect of the engagements contracted by the Community.

The Commission reserves the possibility of modifying the proposal during the procedure, if necessary, to adapt it to the Adaptation Protocol.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas a Community commitment entered into when the Agreement between the Community and Spain was signed ⁽¹⁾ provides for the opening of Community tariff quotas for certain wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Spain; whereas this commitment was supplemented by the Protocol of Adaptation ⁽²⁾ to take account of the accession to the Community of Greece; whereas the Community, by Regulations (EEC) Nos. 1708/80, 1709/80 and 1710/80 ⁽³⁾, has already opened Community tariff quotas for the same products; whereas, therefore, the abovementioned Regulations should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(1) OJ No. L 182, 16.8.1980, p. 2

(2) OJ No.

(3) OJ No. L 167, 1.7.1980, p. 28, p. 32, p. 39

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No. 1708/80 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1 (1), the volume of sherry falling within subheadings ex 22.05 C III a) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV a) 1 is increased from 108 000 to 108 120 hectolitres.

2. The following sentence is added to Article 1 (1):

" Within these tariff quotas, Greece shall apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession and the Protocol of Adaptation".

3. The table in Article 2 (2) is replaced by the following table:

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Member State	Sherry falling within subheadings:	
	ex 22.05 C III a) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV a) 1	ex 22.05 C III b) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV b) 1
Benelux	51 450	155 590
Denmark	4 000	22 000
Germany	17 000	20 000
Greece	120	-
France	250	150
Ireland	1 500	3 700
Italy	1 500	60
United Kingdom	21 500	415 000
Total	97 320	616 500

4. The following paragraph 4 is added to Article 2:

"4. Should sherry falling within subheadings ex 22.05 C III b) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV b) 1 be required in Greece, that country shall draw a suitable share from the reserve to the extent permitted by the amount of the reserve."

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No. 1709/80 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to Article 1 (1):

"Within this tariff quota, Greece shall apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession and the Protocol of Adaptation."

2. The following paragraph 4 is added to Article 2:

"4. Should such goods be required in Greece, that country shall draw a suitable share from the reserve to the extent permitted by the amount of the reserve."

Article 3

Regulation (EEC) No. 1710/80 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1 (1) the tariff quota is increased from 22 000 to 22 008 hectolitres.

2. The following sentence is added to Article 1 (1):

"Within this tariff quota, Greece shall apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession and the Protocol of Adaptation."

3. The table in Article 2 (2) is replaced by the following table:

Benelux	5 422
Denmark	1 739
Germany	3 000
Greece	8
France	480
Ireland	131
Italy	917
United Kingdom	5 911

Article 4

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1981.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

