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RECOMMENDATION FOR A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL
amending and supplementing the directives
for negotiations with Malta

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Commission Communication to the Council
on improvements to the directive for negotiations with Malta
in the fields of rules of origin and co-operation

1. At the first round of talks between the Community and Malta on 25 September 1974 with a view to extending the present EEC-Malta Association Agreement to the fields of co-operation and agriculture and adapting the Agreement because of the enlargement of the Community, the Maltese Delegation requested improvements to the Community offer, which it found unacceptable in its present form.

2. Firstly the Maltese Delegation considers that the agricultural concessions need to be improved both as to the level of tariff reductions and as to the extension of the periods of application for the products covered by the Community offer. Secondly, it considers that new products of relevance to Malta's agriculture should be included in this offer.

Malta's position is based in particular on the need to develop and diversify its agricultural exports, to make the tariff concessions coincide with the seasonal pattern of Malta's agricultural production and to avoid discrimination in the treatment which the Community will apply to agricultural products from the Mediterranean countries.

In the light of the decisions taken for the other Mediterranean countries and in view of Malta's quite special situation, the Commission considers that the Community can go at least some way towards Malta's requests and to this end proposes the inclusion of the solutions set out in the Annexe to the negotiating directives.

3. The Maltese Delegation considers, moreover, that the proposed provisions concerning the rules of origin do not meet the development requirements of the island's industry in certain specific sectors.

In this connection and, more particularly, in the context of Lists A and B and with a view to the possible adaptation of the rules of origin by reference to technical developments, the Commission proposes to the Council that the directives for negotiations be supplemented by a provision under which the Council Association would be empowered to modify the rules of origin, as was decided in respect of the Maghreb countries.

4. The main problem, however, continues to be financial co-operation. The Government of Malta regard the Community's offer in this field as altogether inadequate and, furthermore, ill-suited to the special situation of the island and its economy. It requests that the Community aid amount to not less than 30 million u.a.

In this connection the Commission recalls the suggestion which it made to the Council in March 1974 for aid totalling 30 million u.a. and the offer made by the Community of 21 million u.a.

An amount somewhere between these figures will therefore have to be fixed at a level which, in view of Malta's special situation, is such that the negotiations can be concluded.

Recommendation for a Decision of the Council amending and supplementing
the directives for negotiations with Malta

The Council of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic
Community, and in particular Article 238 thereof;

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission;

Whereas the Council, by its Decision of 25 September 1972,
authorized the Commission to open negotiations with a view to
the conclusion of a supplementary protocol to the Association
Agreement between EEC and Malta and whereas it adopted supplem-
entary negotiating directives by the Decision of 22 and 23 July 1974;

Whereas those directives should be amended and supplemented so that
négotiations may be resumed;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The supplementary directives adopted by Decision of the Council
on 22 and 23 July 1974 shall be amended and supplemented by the direct-
ives annexed to this Decision.

ANNEX

I. TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Arrangements for Community imports

1. The Community should reduce duties on the agricultural products from Malta listed in annexed table, as indicated therein.

2. The other provisions laid down in the directives of 22 and 23 July 1974 remain unaltered.

II. RULES OF ORIGIN

The Council of Association would be empowered to decide on any modification of the rules of origin.

III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CO-OPERATION

Financial co-operation (Financial Protocol)

For the record.

Reduction of duties by the Community
in respect of agricultural products originating in

Malta

Common Customs Tariff heading No.	Description	Directives for negotiations of 22/23 July 1974		improvements	
		Rate of reduction	Period of application	Rate of reduction	Period of application
1	2	3	4	5	6
06.02	Other live plants, including trees, shrubs, bushes, roots, cuttings and slips	60 % within the limit of a global annual tariff quota to be fixed by the Committee 113 during the negotiations	-	-	-
06.03	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared : A. Fresh				
06.04	Foliage, branches and other parts (other than flowers or buds) of trees, shrubs, bushes and other plants, and mosses, lichens and grasses, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared.				

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		Rate of reduction	Period of application	Rate of reduction	Period of application
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07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled : A. Potatoes : II. New potatoes : a) From 1 January to 15 May F. Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled : II. Beans (of the species Phaseolus) : ex a) From 1 October to 30 June - From 1 November to 30 April ex H. Onions, shallots and garlic : - Onions, from 1 May to 30 June M. Tomatoes : ex I. From 1 November to 14 May : - From 1 December to 30 April S. Sweet peppers ex T. Other : - Courgettes, from 1 December to last day of February	40 %	1.1-15.5	50 %(1)	1.1-15.5
		-	-	60 %	1.11-30.4
		50 %	15.2-15.5	60 %	1.5-30.6
		60 %	1.12-30.4	-	-
		-	-	40 %	-
		-	-	60 %	1.12-end Feb.

(1) Extension of concessions as compared with the mandate of 22/23 July 1974 is dependent on the making of a Community regulation relevant to the potato sector.

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08.02	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried : A. Oranges : I. Sweet oranges, fresh	60 %	-	-	-	
08.08	Berries, fresh : A. Strawberries : ex II. From 1 August to 30 April : - From 1 November to 31 March	60 %	1.11-31.3	-	-	
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol : C. Other : I. Of an actual alcoholic strength not exceeding 13°, in containers holding : ex a) 2 litres or less - Wine of fresh grapes	75 % (1)	-	75 % (2) (3)	-	

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(2) Only wine in containers holding 2 litres or less.

(3) The tariff reduction is subject to compliance with the reference price.

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22.05 (continued)	<p>G. II. Of an actual alcoholic strength exceeding 13° but not exceeding 15°, in containers holding : ex a) 2 litres or less :</p> <p>- Wine of fresh grapes</p> <p>III. Of an actual alcoholic strength exceeding 15° but not exceeding 18°, in containers holding : a) 2 litres or less :</p> <p>ex 2. Other :</p> <p>- Wine of fresh grapes</p> <p>IV. Of an actual alcoholic strength exceeding 18° but not exceeding 22°, in containers holding : a) 2 litres or less :</p> <p>ex 2. Other :</p> <p>- Wine of fresh grapes</p> <p>V. Of an actual alcoholic strength exceeding 22°, in containers holding : ex a) 2 litres or less :</p> <p>- Wine of fresh grapes</p>	<p>75 %(1)</p> <p>75 %(1)</p> <p>75 %(1)</p>	-	<p>75 %(2)(3)</p> <p>75 %(2)(3)</p> <p>75 %(2)(3)</p>	-

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