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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 591/79 laying down general rules  
concerning the production refund for olive oils used in the  
manufacture of certain preserved foods

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(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Community records a surplus of 150 000 tonnes of olive oil each year. That surplus is disposed of in particular via exports and the use of olive oil in preserved foods.

The olive oil used in preserved foods faces competition from other vegetable oils. To ensure that Community-produced olive oil remains competitive vis-a-vis those products provision has been made for refunds for the use of olive oil in preserved foods.

Technological developments in the production of preserved foods, changes in eating habits and the experience gained to date suggest that olive oil could successfully be used in a wider range of preserved foods.

Any increase in the use of olive oil in preserved foods will serve to increase the consumption of olive oil in the Community and, by the same token, reduce exports and the total amount of refunds payable.

It is therefore advisable to amend Article 20a of Regulation No 136/66/EEC by providing that the list of preserved foods eligible for the refund should be adopted by the Council by a simplified procedure.

The list in question is set out in another proposal for a Regulation, which extends the arrangements referred to above to preserved molluscs and preserved crustaceans, products which may well constitute an outlet for olive oil.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No (2), and in particular Article 20a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No /89 amends Article 20a of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, providing for a production refund for olive oil used in the manufacture of preserved foods; whereas, in the light of technological developments in production and consumers' eating habits, eligibility for refunds should be extended to oil used in the manufacture of preserved crustaceans and molluscs; whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 591/79 (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3788/85 (4), should accordingly be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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(1) OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

(2) OJ No L

(3) OJ No L 78, 30.3.1979, p. 2.

(4) OJ No L 367, 31.12.1985, p. 1.

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 591/79 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, the words "fish and vegetables" are replaced by "foods".
2. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

A production refund shall be granted in respect of olive oil used in the manufacture of preserved fish falling within heading 1604 (with the exception of subheading 1604 30) of the Combined Nomenclature, preserved crustaceans and molluscs falling within CN heading 1605 and preserved vegetables falling within CN headings 2001 and 2002."

3. Article 8(2) is replaced by the following:

"2. The Member States shall ensure by means of a system of controls that the production refund is granted solely in respect of olive oil used in the manufacture of preserved foods as specified in Article 2."

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE:

1. BUDGET HEADING: 124 Other Intervention for olive oil

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 39 million

2. TITLE: Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 591/79 on aids for olive oil used in preserved foods

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 20a of Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC

4. AIMS OF PROJECT: To extend the benefit of the production refund to olive oil used in the manufacture of preserved crustaceans and molluscs

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Period of 12 months	Current Financial Year 1989	Following Financial Year 1990
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET			
- (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION)			
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
- OTHER			
5.1 REVENUE			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			
	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?  
YES/NO

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?  
YES/NO

6.2 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?  
YES/NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?  
YES/NO

OBSERVATIONS: The measure will result in an increase of some 3000 tonnes in the quantities qualifying for the production refund and an equivalent reduction in the quantities to be exported. As the rate of production refunds is comparable with the rate of export refunds, the financial implications should be negligible.

I. Quelle est la justification principale de la mesure ?

Permettre d'octroyer la restitution à la production à l'huile d'olive utilisée dans les conserves de mollusques.

II. Caractéristiques des entreprises concernées. En particulier :

(a) Y a-t-il un grand nombre de PME ?

Oui.

(b) Note-t-on des concentrations dans des régions

i. éligibles aux aides régionales des Etats membres ?

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ii. éligibles au Feder ?

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III. Quelles sont les obligations imposées directement aux entreprises ?

De caractère administratif pour le contrôle de la restitution.

IV. Quelles sont les obligations susceptibles d'être imposées indirectement aux entreprises via les autorités locales ?

Aucune.

V. Y a-t-il des mesures spéciales pour les PME ?

Lesquelles ?

Non.

VI. Quel est l'effet prévisible

a) sur la compétitivité des entreprises ?

Favorable.

b) sur l'emploi ?

Favorable.

VII. Les partenaires sociaux ont-ils été consultés ?

Quels sont leurs avis ?

Favorable.



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