

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

## COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on a number of industrial products (in the chemical and allied sectors)

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(presented by the Commission)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In the second quarter of this year the Commission, with the assistance of the Economic Tariff Questions Group, examined all the requests sent in by the Member States for temporary suspension of common customs tariff duties, including the requests for the prolongation of suspensions at present in force.
  
2. The attached proposal concerns a number of industrial products in the chemical and allied sectors.  
The proposals for Regulations temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on agricultural products and on other industrial products, have been presented already to the Council.
  
3. As in the case of the other product categories, the principle followed when examining the requests for suspension relating to the products mentioned above was to grant total suspension where Community production of the product in question is minimal or non-existent, and partial suspension where Community production only partially caters for Community requirements. For the latter, the rate of suspension varies according to the supply possibilities open to users within the Community. Similarly, in certain cases involving particularly sensitive sectors, suspension was refused so as not to penalise a Community industry which was starting up.

In this way, the Commission seeks to keep a balance between the interests of producers, users and consumers.

Moreover, the need to safeguard jobs within the Community has been constantly borne in mind.

4. Given the criteria listed above, at the present stage the Commission feels that suspension of duty is justified only for the products listed in the Annex to the attached draft Regulation. However, for a number of suspension requests, consultations are still under way with the Community firms which might be producing identical or equivalent products. If, in the light of these consultations, it transpires that the granting of suspension in no way harms a Community product, the Commission will make a proposal, in the discussions in the Council, to add the products covered by such requests to the list annexed to the attached draft Regulation. These products are indicated within square brackets in the abovementioned Annex.

5. As stated in Article 1 of the draft regulation, the proposed period of validity is 3 months or 6 months, depending on the product. This allows for international developments to be taken into consideration, as well as the state of Community industry.
  
6. Particular attention is drawn to the fact that, in order to apply it properly, this Regulation must be published at least two months before entering into force.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas production of the products referred to in this Regulation is at present inadequate or non-existent within the Community and producers are thus unable to meet the needs of user industries in the Community;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest in certain cases to suspend the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties only partially, particularly because of the existence of Community production, and in other cases to suspend them completely;

Whereas, taking account of the difficulties involved in accurately assessing the development of the economic situation in the sectors concerned in the near future, these suspension measures should be taken only temporarily, by fixing their period of validity by reference to the interests of Community production;

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

Done at , 1989.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed in the tables appearing in Annexes I and II shall be suspended at the level indicated in respect of each of them.

These suspensions shall apply:

- from 1 <sup>January</sup> to 31 <sup>March</sup> 1990 for the product listed in the table appearing in Annex I ,
- from 1 <sup>January</sup> to 30 June 1990 for the products listed in the table appearing in Annex II.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 <sup>January</sup> 1990.

For the Council  
The President

## ANNEX I

CN code	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
67 ex 3903 90 00	Copolymer, entirely of maleic anhydride with styrene, or entirely of maleic anhydride with styrene and an acrylic monomer, whether or not containing a styrene-butadiene block copolymer, in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (b) to Chapter 39 Cn	0

## ANNEX II

	CN code	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
1	ex 2707 99 99	Mineral oil containing more than 60 % of aromatic constituents by weight and less than 0.7 % of sulphur by weight, of which not more than 15 % by volume distils at 250 °C, for use in the manufacture of needle cokes (a)	0
2	ex 2810 00 00	Diboron trioxide	0
3	ex 2902 90 90	4-Benzylbiphenyl	0
6	ex 2917 20 00	8,9,10-Trinorborn-5-ene-2,3-dicarboxylic anhydride	0
14A	[ ex 2924 29 90	5-[(R)-1-Hydroxy-2-[(R)-1-methyl-3-phenylpropylamino]ethyl]salicylamide 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-(+)-tartaric acid (1/1)	0 ]
15	ex 2925 19 90	N-Phenylmaleimide	0
16	ex 2926 90 90	Etocrilene (INN)	0
17	ex 2926 90 90	Octocrilene (INN)	0
19	ex 2926 90 90	Isophthalonitrile	6
21	ex 2930 90 90	Thiophanate-methyl (ISO)	0
23	ex 2932 29 90	2'-Anilino-6'-(ethyl(isopentyl)amino)-3'-methylspiro[isobenzofuran-1(3H),9'-xanthen]-3-one	0
24	ex 2932 29 90	2'-Chloro-6'-(diethylamino)-3'-methylspiro[isobenzofuran-1(3H),9'-xanthen]-3-one	0
26	ex 2933 39 90	Obidoxime chloride (INN)	0
27	ex 2933 39 90	Pyridine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid	0
30	ex 2934 90 60	Tiquizium bromide (INN)	0
33	ex 2937 22 00	Diflorasone di(acetate) (INN <sup>M</sup> )	0
35	ex 2941 10 00	Piperacillin (INN)	3
36	ex 2941 10 00 ex 3004 10 10	Piperacillin sodium (INN <sup>M</sup> )	3
37	ex 2941 90 00	Kitasamycin (INN) and its tartrate	0
43	ex 3002 10 10	Tetanus-immunoglobulin	0
44	ex 3002 10 91	Anti-haemophilic globulin and anti-Rh <sub>0</sub> (D)-globulin derived from human blood	0
45	ex 3002 10 91	Gamma globulin, in solution, derived from human blood	0
46	ex 3002 10 91	Lyophilized gamma globulin derived from human blood	0
47	ex 3003 40 00	Granules containing by weight 40 % or more but not exceeding 50 % of theophylline	0
48	ex 3004 90 99	Dried purified protein fraction, consisting principally of des-1-alanine (12S-serine)interleukin-2(human), obtained from genetically-manipulated <i>Escherichia-coli</i>	0
49	ex 3507 90 00	Bromelains (INN)	0

(a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

	CN code	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
52	ex 3815 90 00	Catalyst in the form of rodlets of a diameter of 4 mm or more but not exceeding 6 mm, consisting of a mixture of oxides containing by weight more than 96% of oxides of molybdenum, vanadium, nickel and antimony, for use in the manufacture of acrylic acid (a)	0
53	ex 3815 90 00	Catalyst in the form of rodlets of a diameter of 4 mm or more but not exceeding 6 mm, consisting of a mixture of oxides containing by weight more than 96% of oxides of molybdenum, bismuth, nickel, iron and silicon, for use in the manufacture of acrylaldehyde (a)	0
54	ex 3815 90 00	Catalyst, in the form of rodlets having a length of not less than 3 mm and no more than 6 mm and a diameter of not more than 3,8 mm, consisting of not less than 18% and not more than 21% by weight of dichromium trioxide and not less than 78% and not more than 81% by weight of aluminium oxide, for use in the manufacture of benzene, toluene, propene or 2-methylpropene (a)	0
55	ex 3815 90 00	Catalyst, in powder form, consisting of a mixture of titanium trichloride and aluminium chloride, containing not less than 20% and not more than 30% by weight of titanium and not less than 55% and not more than 72% by weight of chlorine	0
55A	ex 3815 90 00	Catalyst, in the form of a suspension in oil, consisting of titanium trichloride and aluminium trichloride, containing by weight (on an oil-free basis) 15% or more but not more than 30% of titanium and 40% or more but not more than 72% of chlorine	0
56	ex 3823 90 98	Mixture of lithium diisopropylamide (lithium salt of diisopropylamine) and magnesium bis(diisopropylamide) (magnesium salt of diisopropylamine), dissolved in organic solvents	0
58	ex 3901 10 90	Polyethylene containing by weight 0,25% or more of carbonyl groups in the chain, in pellet form	6
59	ex 3901 20 00	Polyethylene, in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (b) to Chapter 39, having a density of not less than 0,958 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 23 °C and containing by weight not more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 50 ppm of aluminium,</li> <li>— 2 ppm of calcium,</li> <li>— 2 ppm of chromium,</li> <li>— 2 ppm of iron,</li> <li>— 2 ppm of nickel,</li> <li>— 2 ppm of titanium,</li> <li>— 8 ppm of vanadium,</li> </ul> for the manufacture of chlorosulphonated polyethylene (a)	0
60	ex 3901 20 00	Polyethylene, in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (b) to Chapter 39, having a specific gravity of not less than 0,945 and not more than 0,985 g/cm <sup>3</sup> , for the manufacture of typewriter ribbon or similar ribbon (a)	0
61	ex 3901 90 00	Ionomer resin consisting of a salt of a copolymer ethylene and methacrylic acid	8
62	ex 3901 90 00	Ionomer resin consisting of a salt of a terpolymer of ethylene, isobutyl acrylate and methacrylic acid	0
69	[ ex 3906 10 00	Polymethyl methacrylate in the form of expansible beads, containing 2-methylpentane as blowing agent	0 ]
68A	ex 3906 90 00	Copolymer, entirely of methyl methacrylate with styrene and maleic anhydride, containing by weight 2% or more but not more than 45% of methyl methacrylate, 20% or more but not more than 28% of maleic anhydride in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (b) to Chapter 39 and not more than 36% of styrene,	0
70	ex 3907 91 90	Diallyl phthalate prepolymer	0
72	[ ex 3909 40 00	Polycondensation products of phenol and formaldehyde in the form of hollow spheres with a diameter of less than 150 micrometres	0 ]

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	CN code	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
76	ex 3919 90 50	Polyvinyl chloride sheeting, of a thickness of less than 1 mm, coated with an adhesive in which are embedded hollow glass balls having a diameter of not more than 100 micrometres	0
78	ex 3920 42 10	Reflecting polyvinyl chloride sheeting, wholly embossed on one side in a regular pyramidal pattern, not containing microspheres	0
79	ex 3920 62 00	Film of polyethylene terephthalate, of a thickness of less than 10 micrometers, for the manufacture of video-cassettes with a playing-time of 300 minutes at a tape-speed of 24 mm per second (a)	0
80	ex 3920 62 00 ex 3920 63 00 ex 3920 69 00	Reflecting polyester sheeting embossed in a regular pyramidal pattern, not containing microspheres	0
81	ex 3920 92 00	Poly( <i>epsilon</i> -caprolactam) film with a softening point of 200° C or more and a copper content of 130 mg/kg or more but not exceeding 170 mg/kg, for use during the bonding together, under heat and vacuum, of components of composite articles (a)	0
83B	5002 00 00	Raw silk (not thrown)	0
83C	ex 5004 00 10 ex 5004 00 90	Yarn spun entirely from silk, not put up for retail sale	2,5
83D	ex 5005 00 10 ex 5005 00 90	Yarn spun entirely from waste silk (noil), not put up for retail sale	0
85	ex 5911 10 00	Needle-punched synthetic fibre felts on a woven synthetic fibre base not containing polyester, coated or covered on one side with polytetrafluoroethylene film, for the manufacture of filtration products (a)	0
86	ex 5911 10 00	Needle-punched polyester felts on a woven polyester base coated or covered on one side with polytetrafluoroethylene film, of a weight per square metre not exceeding 500 g, for the manufacture of filtration products (a)	0
87	ex 6305 90 00	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, used, of flax or of sisal	0
90	ex 8112 99 30	Alloy of niobium (columbium) and titanium, in the form of bars and rods	0

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## FICHE FINANCIERE

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1. Ligne budgétaire concernée : Chap. 12 art. 120
2. Intitulé de l'action : Projet de proposition de règlement du Conseil portant suspension temporaire des droits autonomes du tarif douanier commun pour un certain nombre de produits industriels (domaine de la chimie et secteurs connexes).
3. Base juridique : Art. 28 du Traité-CEE
4. Objectif de l'action : Suspension des droits du T.D.C. pour les produits susvisés.
5. Coût de l'action :

à la charge du budget de la CE :

Evaluation rendue difficile, faute de statistiques communautaires précises.

non-perception des droits :

Une pondération établie à partir des données fournies par certains Etats membres fait ressortir un coût approximatif pour l'action d'environ 15 608 000 Ecus, pendant la période du 1.1.1990 au 30.6.1990.

### IMPACT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

1. The subject of the annexed proposal for a Regulation is the suspension of the autonomous common customs tariff duties for a number of industrial products in the chemical and allied sectors
2. In this manner, the needs of user-industries, including small and medium-sized enterprises, will be met.
3. This measure, in addition to maintain<sup>ing</sup> the competitive capacity of those industries, is likely to safeguard and/or improve employment.

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