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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

laying down general rules for the importation of olive oil originating in Tunisia

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Communities and the Member States and the Republic of Tunisia, signed on 17 July 1995, provides a special regime for olive oil originating in Tunisia.

This regime provides for the application of a reduced customs duty for untreated olive oil originating in Tunisia, during the entire period from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1999, and within the limit of 46,000 tonnes per marketing year.

The attached Regulation lays down general rules for the importation of that oil designed to avoid market disturbance. To that end the Commission will administer the arrangements.

The Commission asks the Council to adopt this measure.

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) N°/98
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 3 of Protocol 1 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia of the other part¹, signed on 17 July 1995, provides for reduced customs duty of ECU 7.81/100 kg on imports into the Community between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1999 of 46 000 tonnes per marketing year of untreated olive oil of CN code 1509 10 10 or 1509 10 90 wholly obtained in Tunisia and transported directly to the Community;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) N° 447/96² lays down special measures applicable to importation of olive oil originating in Tunisia until entry into force of the above-mentioned Agreement; whereas since this is on 1 March 1998 the Regulation should be formally repealed;

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² OJ L 62, 13.3.1996, p. 1.

Whereas the supply forecast for the Community market in olive oil indicates that this quantity can be absorbed without risk of market disturbance if imports are not concentrated in a short period of the marketing year;

Whereas for the sake of efficient operation of the quota arrangements their management should be entrusted to the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The quota of 46 000 tonnes per marketing year of untreated olive oil of CN code 1509 10 10 or 1509 10 90, wholly obtained in Tunisia and transported directly to the Community, to which a customs duty of ECU 7.81/100 kg applies, shall be opened and managed by the Commission in line with arrangements adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Council Regulation N° 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats³, as last amended by Regulation (EC) N° 1581/96⁴.
2. Import licences issued under Council Regulation (EC) N° 447/96 for the 1997/98 marketing year shall be valid for the quota for the same period.

³ OJ 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

⁴ OJ L 206, 16.8.1996, p. 11.

Article 2

If the terms of the quota are changed the Commission shall adopt the necessary amendments to this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Council Regulation N° 136/66/EEC.

Article 3

Council Regulation (EC) N° 447/96 is repealed.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities. It shall apply from 1 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
1.	BUDGET HEADING: CHAPTER 10 Agricultural duties	APPROPRIATIONS: 623.8 MECU		
2.	TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down general rules for importation of olive oil originating in Tunisia			
3.	LEGAL BASIS: Article 113 of Treaty			
4.	AIMS OF PROJECT: Allow reduced-duty importation of olive oil originating in Tunisia.			
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (ECUm)	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (98)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (99)
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	+3.6	+3.6	+3.6
		1998	1999	2000
5.0.	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE			
1.	ESTIMATED REVENUE	+3.6	+3.6	
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5.2.	METHOD OF CALCULATION: Customs duty: 12 months: 46 000 t x ECU(B) 78.1/t = ECU(B) 3.6m			
6.0.	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?			YES/
6.1.	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?			
6.2.	IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?			
6.3.	WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?			
OBSERVATIONS:				

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