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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending
the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain
industrial and agricultural products**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. During the first quarter of this year, the Commission, assisted by the Economic Tariff Questions Group, has reviewed requests for temporary suspension of autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties presented to it by the Member States, including certain requests amending existing suspensions.
2. The attached proposal concerns certain industrial products.
3. The requests for suspension relating to the above products were examined in the light of the criteria set out in the communication from the Commission to the Council and the Member States concerning autonomous tariff suspensions (see OJ C 235, 13.9.1989, p. 2).

Following this review, the Commission considers that the suspension or reduction of duties is justified for the products listed in Annex I to the attached proposal for a Regulation.

For the products listed in Annex II, on the other hand, it believes suspension is no longer in the Community's economic interests.

The two annexes to this Regulation thus correspond respectively, to the list of products for which suspension is proposed, or for which the wording (including the nomenclature code) has to be changed, and the list of products removed from the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96.

Amendments to the description of certain products listed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96, where they have become necessary, have been taken into account as follows:

- addition to the nomenclature code for the product (listed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96) in Annex II,
- addition of the new amended product description in Annex I.

4. The period of validity of the proposed measure is unspecified, since its purpose is to amend the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/96, the period of validity of which is itself unspecified.

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amending the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain industrial and agricultural products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas it is in the interest of the Community to suspend partially or totally the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for a number of new products not listed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96¹,

Whereas the products referred to in the said Regulation, for which it is no longer in the Community's interest to maintain suspension of autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties or for which it is necessary to amend the description in the light of technical developments, must be withdrawn from the list in the Annex thereto,

Whereas, for the sake of clarity, products whose description require amendment should be regarded as new products,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 was last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2590/97² by means of a consolidated annex,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The products set out in Annex I to this Regulation shall be added to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96. The autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on these products shall be suspended at the rate indicated for each product.

Article 2

The products for which the codes are set out in Annex II to this Regulation shall be removed from the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1998.

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

Done at,1998

*For the Council
The President*

¹ OJ No L 158, 29.6.1996, p.1

² OJ L 355, 30.12.1997, p. 1

ANNEX I

	CN code & TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0007	ex2812 90 00 10	Nitrogen trifluoride	0
0014	ex2825 50 00 10	Copper (I or II) oxide containing by weight 78 % or more of copper and not more than 0,03 % of chloride	0
0020	ex2837 19 00 10	Zinc cyanide	0
0027	ex2850 00 20 10	Silane	0
0033	ex2903 30 10 30	Perfluoroethane	0
0048	ex2905 19 10 10 ex3824 90 95 56	Potassium <i>tert</i> -butanolate (potassium <i>tert</i> -butoxide), whether or not in the form of a solution in tetrahydrofuran	0
0050	ex2905 39 80 20	2-Ethylhexane-1,3-diol	0
0054	ex2906 19 00 10	Cyclohex-1,4-ylenedimethanol	0
0055	ex2906 19 00 20	4,4'-Isopropylidenedicyclohexanol	0
0068	ex2910 90 00 60 ex3824 90 95 59	1,2-Epoxyoctadecane, of a purity by weight of 82 % or more	0
0071	ex2912 29 00 10	Terephthalaldehyde	0
0084	ex2915 90 80 40	Nonanoic acid (pelargonic acid)	0
0087	ex2916 12 90 20	2-Ethoxyethyl acrylate	0
0092	ex2916 39 00 40	Vinyl 4- <i>tert</i> -butylbenzoate	0
0096	ex2917 19 90 50	Glutaric anhydride	0
0129	ex2921 45 00 20	2-Aminonaphthalene-1,5-disulphonic acid and its sodium salts	0
0137	ex2922 21 00 20	4-Hydroxy-7-methylaminonaphthalene-2-sulphonic acid	0
0140	ex2922 29 00 60	3,5-Dichloro-4-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)aniline	0
0164	ex2926 90 99 60	Cyanoacetic acid in crystalline form	0
0174	ex2929 10 90 60	Trimethylhexamethylene diisocyanate, mixed isomers	0
0190	ex2931 00 95 55	Dimethyl[dimethylsilyldiindenyl]hafnium	0
0191	ex2931 00 95 60	Trioctylphosphine oxide	0
0192	ex2934 90 97 70	2,3,5,6-Tetrahydroxy-1,4-diisobutyl-1,4-dioxo-1,4-diphosphinane	0
0234	ex2934 90 97 75	Tris(2,3-epoxypropyl)-1,3,5-triazinetrione	0
0256	ex2935 00 90 50	4,4'-Oxydi(benzenesulfonylhydrazide)	0

	CN code & TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0264	ex3904 19 90 10	Nickel bis[4-methoxy-2-[6-(pentafluoroethylthio)benzothiazol-2-ylazo]-5-(dipropylamino)benzenesulfonate]	0
0456	ex4208 90 19 20	Copolymer of polyurethane and silicone, in the form of a solution in a mixture of butanone, toluene and cyclohexanone, containing by weight 13 % or more but not more than 16 % of copolymer	0
0279	ex3402 90 10 30	Non aqueous surface-active preparation, containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - polyethylene glycol alkylphenyl ether, - 2,4,7,9-tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol and - phosphoric acid esters 	0
0293	ex3702 43 00 10 ex3702 44 00 10	Photographic film, of a nominal width of 459, 669 or 761 mm, composed of several layers, including two polyester films, a carbon layer, an adhesive layer, a layer of a copolymer of styrene with acrylonitrile and a release layer	0
0299	ex3808 40 20 10	Preparation containing by weight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 58 % or more but not more than 62 % of 1-bromo-3-chloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, - 26 % or more but not more than 29 % of 1,3-dichloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, - 10 % or more but not more than 12 % of 1,3-dichloro-5-ethyl-5-methylhydantoin, for the manufacture of swimming-pool disinfectants (a)	0
0313	ex3815 19 90 55	Catalyst consisting of a mixture of metal oxides containing chromium trioxide, fixed on a support of silicon dioxide	0
0321	ex3815 19 90 60	Catalyst consisting of dichromium trioxide, fixed on a support of aluminium oxide	0
0311	ex3815 19 90 75	Catalyst consisting of organo-metallic compounds of aluminium and chromium, fixed on a support of silicon dioxide	0
0312	ex3815 19 90 80	Catalyst consisting of organo-metallic compounds of magnesium and titanium, fixed on a support of silicon dioxide, in the form of a suspension in mineral oil	0
0314	ex3815 19 90 85	Catalyst consisting of organo-metallic compounds of aluminium, magnesium and titanium, fixed on a support of silicon dioxide, in the form of powder	0
0379	ex3824 90 95 31	Copper zinc ferrite, in the form of granules of a size not exceeding 120 micrometres, coated with a silicone resin	0
0351	ex3824 90 95 57	Mixture of trialkylphosphine oxides	0
0352	ex3824 90 95 58	Platinum oxide fixed on a porous support of aluminium oxide, containing by weight 0,1 % or more but not more than 1 % of platinum and 0,5 % or more but not more than 5 % of ethylaluminium dichloride	0
0349	ex3824 90 95 60	α -Phenoxycarbonyl- ω -phenoxypoly[oxy(2,6-dibromo-1,4-phenylene)isopropylidene(3,5-dibromo-1,4-phenylene)oxycarbonyl]	0
0410	ex3903 19 00 20	Polystyrene of a molecular weight (M_n) not exceeding 5 000	0

CN code & TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0413 ex3903 90 90 15	Copolymer, entirely of styrene with maleic anhydride, or entirely of styrene with maleic anhydride and an acrylic monomer, also partially esterified, of an average molecular weight (M_n) not exceeding 3 000, in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (a) and (b) to Chapter 39	0
0416 ex3903 90 90 40 ex3906 90 90 40 ex3911 90 99 50	Copolymer of styrene with α -methylstyrene and acrylic acid, of a molecular weight (M_n) of 500 or more but not exceeding 6 000	0
0417 ex3903 90 90 55 ex3906 90 90 45	Copolymer of styrene, methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate and either acrylic acid or hydroxyethyl methacrylate, of a molecular weight (M_n) of 500 or more but not exceeding 6 000	0
0420 ex3904 40 00 91	Copolymer of vinyl chloride with vinyl acetate and vinyl alcohol, containing by weight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 87 % or more but not more than 92 % of vinyl chloride, - 2 % or more but not more than 9 % of vinyl acetate and - 1 % or more but not more than 8 % of vinyl alcohol, in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (a) or (b) to Chapter 39, for the manufacture of goods of heading No 3215 or 8523 or for use in the manufacture of coatings for containers and closures of a kind used for preserving food and drink (a)	0
0431 ex3905 99 90 96	Poly(vinyl formal), in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (b) to Chapter 39, of a molecular weight (M_w) of 25 000 or more but not exceeding 150 000 and containing by weight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9,5 % or more but not more than 13 % of acetyl groups evaluated as vinyl acetate and - 5 % or more but not more than 6,5 % of hydroxy groups evaluated as vinyl alcohol 	0
0438 ex3906 90 90 30	Copolymer of styrene with hydroxyethyl methacrylate and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, of a molecular weight (M_n) of 500 or more but not exceeding 6 000	0
0439 3907 20 11	Poly(ethylene oxide) (polyethylene glycol)	0
0440 ex3907 20 29 10	Polymer of dextrose, sorbitol and citric or phosphoric acid, containing by weight 90 % or more of dextrose monomer units	0
0441 ex3907 20 29 20	Poly[oxy-1,4-phenyleneisopropylidene-1,4-phenyleneoxy-(2-hydroxytrimethylene)], of an average molecular weight (M_w) of more than 26 000, in one of the forms mentioned in note 6 (b) to Chapter 39	0
0458bi ex3911 90 99 55	Solution containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (36 \pm 0,5) % by weight of polyamide with lateral ester groups, - (2 \pm 0,5) % by weight of acrylic ester, - (48 \pm 0,5) % by weight of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, - (12 \pm 0,5) % by weight of bis(2-methoxyethyl) ether, - 500 microgram/kg or less of potassium and - 500 microgram/kg or less of iron, for use in the manufacture of goods of heading No 8542 (a)	0
0473 ex3919 90 31 40 ex3920 62 19 20 ex3920 62 90 20 ex3920 63 00 30 ex3920 69 00 30	Reflecting polyester sheeting embossed in a regular pyramidal pattern, for the manufacture of safety stickers and badges, safety clothing and accessories thereof, or of school satchels, bags or similar containers (a)	0

CH code & TARIIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0408 ex3920 62 19 80	Mat film of polyethylene terephthalate, of a gloss of 15,0 at an angle of 45 ° and 18,0 at an angle of 60 ° (as determined by the ASTM D 523 method) and a width of 1 600 mm or more	0
0501 ex3920 62 19 85	Film of a thickness of 4,5 µm, consisting of a biaxially-oriented polyethylene terephthalate film, of a thickness of 4,4 µm, an elastic module (in the machine direction) of 12 kg/mm ² (± 2 kg/mm ²) and a tensile strength (in the machine direction) of more than 28 kg/mm ² , and of an antiadherent coating of a thickness of 0,1 µm	0
0502 ex3920 62 19 87	Polyethylene terephthalate film, coated with a wax layer, a scratch resistant layer and a thermoadhesive layer, of a nominal width of 790 mm and a total thickness of 23 µm or more but not exceeding 26 µm	0
0522 ex3920 62 19 89	Multilayer film of a thickness not exceeding 150 micrometers, consisting of a polyester film coated on one side with polycarbonate resin, metallized on the other side with titanium coated with polycarbonate resin and other layers containing <i>N,N'</i> -diphenyl- <i>N,N'</i> -di- <i>m</i> -tolylbiphenyl-4,4'-ylenediamine	0
0510 ex3920 99 29 10	Reflecting sheet of metallised polyurethane, containing glass beads, coated with a hot-melt adhesive layer, covered on one or both sides with a release sheet, in rolls of a width of 1 020 mm (± 20 mm), for slitting into safety clothing reflecting strip (a)	0
0524 ex3926 90 99 10	Microspheres of polymer of divinylbenzene, of a diameter of 4,5 µm or more but not exceeding 8,5 µm	0
0553bi ex5402 43 00 20	Synthetic bicomponent filament yarn, not textured, untwisted, measuring 1 650 decitex, consisting of 110 filaments each having a core of polyethylene terephthalate and a skin of polyamide-6, containing by weight 75 % or more but not exceeding 77 % of polyethylene terephthalate, for use in the manufacture of roofings (a)	0
0566 ex5501 90 90 10	Polyvinyl alcohol tow	0
0570 ex5503 90 90 20 ex5506 90 99 10 ex5601 30 00 10	Polyvinyl alcohol fibres, whether or not acetalized	0
0597 ex7006 00 90 10	Glass plate, coated on one side with chromium and/or with a mixture of diindium trioxide and tin dioxide, of dimensions of 260 × 320 mm or more but not exceeding 400 × 400 mm, and of a thickness of 1,1 mm (± 0,1 mm), for the manufacture of liquid crystal displays (a)	0
0598 ex7006 00 90 20	Colour filter, consisting of a glass plate with red, blue and green pixels, having a total thickness of 1,1 mm (± 0,1 mm) and exterior dimensions of 320 × 352 mm or more but not exceeding 320 × 400 mm, for the manufacture of liquid crystal displays (a)	0
0599 ex7006 00 90 30	Glass plate, uncoated, of dimensions of 320 × 352 mm or more but not exceeding 320 × 400 mm, of a thickness of 0,6 mm or more but not exceeding 1,2 mm, for the manufacture of liquid crystal displays (a)	0

0604	ex7011 20 90 40	Glass face-plate:	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with a diagonal measurement of 366,4 mm (± 1,5 mm) and of dimensions of 246,4 × 315,4 mm (± 1,5 mm), - with a diagonal measurement of 391 mm (± 1,5 mm) and of dimensions of 261,4 × 326,8 mm (± 1,5 mm), - with a diagonal measurement of 442 mm (± 1,5 mm) and of dimensions of 293,4 × 369,2 mm (± 1,5 mm), - with a diagonal measurement of 544,5 mm (± 1,6 mm) and of dimensions of 358 × 454 mm (± 1,6 mm), having a cylindrical curvature, - with a diagonal measurement of 570,5 mm (± 1,6 mm) and of dimensions of 360 × 486 mm (± 1,6 mm), - with a diagonal measurement of 629,8 mm (± 3 mm) and of dimensions of 406,5 × 519 mm (± 2 mm), having a cylindrical curvature, or - with a diagonal measurement of 753 mm (± 1,6 mm) and of dimensions of 471 × 640 mm (± 1,6 mm), and with a raised edge, for the manufacture of colour cathode-ray tubes (a) 	0
0627	ex7616 99 90 50	Discs of aluminium alloy, of a thickness not exceeding 0,84 mm, for the manufacture of goods of subheadings 8523 20 11 and 8523 20 19 (a)	0
0630	ex8101 99 00 10	<p>Disc (target) with deposition material, of tungsten or an alloy containing by weight 90 % of tungsten and 10 % of titanium,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - containing 100 micrograms/kg or less of sodium and - mounted on a copper or aluminium support 	0
0631	ex8102 99 00 10	<p>Disc (target) with deposition material, of an alloy containing by weight 99 % or more of molybdenum,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - containing 1 µg/kg or less of sodium and - mounted on a metal support 	0
0637	ex8108 90 90 92	<p>Disc (target) with deposition material, of titanium,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - containing 50 micrograms/kg or less of sodium and - mounted on a copper or aluminium support 	0

CN code & TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0006 ex8419 89 98 20 ex8543 89 95 58	Sputtering machines and apparatus, comprising disk handling equipment, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8523 20 11 or 8523 20 19 (a)	0
0001 ex8424 89 95 10 ex8460 21 90 10 ex8460 40 10 10 ex8460 90 90 10 ex8464 20 19 10 ex8479 89 98 10	Machines and apparatus providing automated lapping, polishing, grinding, cleaning or surface lubrication of disks, comprising disk handling equipment, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8523 20 11 or 8523 20 19 (a)	0
0005 ex8424 89 95 20 ex8479 89 98 30	Machines and apparatus providing automated cleaning or cleaning and drying of disks, by means of de-ionised water, ultra sonic waves, chemical solutions, heat or a combination of these processes, comprising disk handling equipment, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8523 20 11 or 8523 20 19 (a)	0
0002 ex8460 90 90 20 ex8463 90 00 10 ex8479 89 98 20	Machine-tool providing automated creation of a texture (a head landing zone) on the surface of disks by means of abrasion or exposure to laser beams, comprising disk handling equipment, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8523 20 11 or 8523 20 19 (a)	0
0014 ex8479 89 98 40 ex8501 10 99 78	Motor, whether or not mounted on a baseplate, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8525 20 91 or 8527 90 92 (a)	0
0019 ex8504 50 30 10 ex8504 50 80 30	Inductor with an inductance not exceeding 62 mH	0
0024 ex8505 19 90 31	Neodymium-ferro ring with an external diameter not exceeding 13 mm, an internal diameter not exceeding 9 mm and a thickness not exceeding 0,9 mm	0
0028 ex8507 30 91 30	Cylindrical nickel-cadmium accumulator, with a length of 65,3 mm ($\pm 1,5$ mm) and a diameter of 14,5 mm (± 1 mm), having a nominal capacity of 1 000 mAh or more, for use in the manufacture of rechargeable batteries (a)	0
0040 ex8517 50 90 50 ex8517 80 90 50	Receive and transmit unit, only for cables with optical fibres, capable of converting light pulses into electrical signals and converting electrical signals into light pulses, operating at a nominal wavelength of 1 300 nm	0
0054 ex8522 90 98 43	Analogue sound recording and reproducing assembly, comprising a record/playback head and a twin tape deck mechanism of the cassette type, not comprising circuits with amplification functions or power supply drive functions, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8527 31 98 (a)	0
0071 ex8529 10 70 80	Ceramic filter package, excluding surface acoustic wave filters, consisting of: - a transmit filter with a centre frequency of 1 747,5 MHz and an insertion loss not exceeding 2,3 dB at a bandwidth of 75 MHz and - a receive filter with a centre frequency of 1 842,5 MHz and an insertion loss not exceeding 3,3 dB at a bandwidth of 75 MHz, the whole contained in a housing	0

CN code & TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0069 ex8529 10 70 85	Ceramic filter package, excluding surface acoustic wave filters, comprising 2 filters with one of the following combinations of characteristics: - a transmit centre frequency of 902,5 MHz, a receive centre frequency of 947,5 MHz and an insertion loss not exceeding 3,2 dB at a bandwidth of 25 MHz or - a transmit centre frequency of 1 747,5 MHz, a receive centre frequency of 1 842,5 MHz and an insertion loss not exceeding 3,5 dB at a bandwidth of 75 MHz, the whole contained in a housing	0
0122b ex8534 00 90 95	Bandpass filter for a centre frequency of 1 627,5, 1 743, 1 842,5 or 1 960 MHz, in the form of a printed circuit, only consisting of a ceramic insulating base and of resonance elements, for use in the manufacture of products of subheading 8525 90 91 (a)	0
0122a ex8534 00 90 96	Bandpass filter for centre frequencies of 732,5 and 947,5 MHz or of 1 627,5 and 1 842,5 MHz or of 1 738 and 1 960 MHz, in the form of a printed circuit, only consisting of a ceramic insulating base and of resonance elements, for use in the manufacture of products of subheading 8525 90 91 (a)	0
0126 ex8536 30 30 11 ex8536 30 90 31 ex8536 50 80 96	Thermo-electric switch with a cut-off current of 50 A or more, comprising a snap action switch, for direct mounting on an electric motor coil, contained in a hermetically sealed housing	0
0133 ex8536 90 85 94	Elastomeric connector, consisting of one or more conductor elements coated with carbon or gold and of a rubber or silicon substrate	0
0104 ex8537 10 99 92	Touch sensitive screen panel, consisting of a conductive grid between two glass or plastic plates or sheets, fitted with electric conductors and connectors	0
0138 ex8540 11 11 91	Colour cathode-ray tube with a slit or slot mask, equipped with electron guns placed side by side (in-line technology) and with a diagonal measurement of the screen of 12 cm or more but not exceeding 26 cm	0
0140 ex8540 11 13 91	Colour cathode-ray tube with a slit or slot mask, having a distance between stripes of the same colour of less than 0,42 mm and a diagonal measurement of the screen of 49 cm, for use in the manufacture of professional video monitors including security and medical monitor applications (a)	0
0150 ex8540 40 00 33	Colour cathode-ray tube with a slit or slot mask, having a distance between stripes of the same colour of less than 0,35 mm and a diagonal measurement of the screen not exceeding 53 cm	0
0151 ex8540 40 00 34	Colour cathode-ray tube with a slit or slot mask, having a distance between stripes of the same colour of less than 0,39 mm and a diagonal measurement of the screen of 33 cm or more but not exceeding 38 cm	0
0147 ex8540 40 00 35	Colour cathode-ray tube with a slit or slot mask, having a distance between stripes of the same colour of less than 0,35 mm and a diagonal measurement of the screen not exceeding 72 cm, for use in the manufacture of monitors (a)	0
0146 ex8540 40 00 36	Colour cathode-ray tube with a slit or slot mask, having a distance between stripes of the same colour of less than 0,30 mm and a diagonal measurement of the screen not exceeding 58 cm	0

CN code & TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
0157 ex8540 91 00 92	Slit or slot mask, excluding masks with continuously vertical slits, with a diagonal measurement of 39 cm or less	0
0166 ex8543 89 95 47	An electromagnetic display, consisting of 7 electromagnetic coils which by means of the residual magnetism in the stators provide that the last indication remains available (set state), and 7 pivoting light-reflecting segments each of which is attached to a bar magnet; assembly comprising such displays	0
0164 ex8543 89 95 59	Charged coupled device (CCD) scanner assembly, for a real-time film scanning system, having optical functions, illumination functions and signal processing functions	0
0180 8548 90 10	Memory in multicombinational forms such as stack D-RAMs and modules	0
0186 ex9001 10 90 10	Image reverser made up from an assembly of optical fibres	0
0192 ex9001 90 90 50	Rear projection screen, comprising a lenticular plastic plate	0
0207 ex9001 90 90 70	Rod of neodymium-doped yttrium-aluminium garnet (YAG) material, polished at both ends	0
0198 ex9002 90 90 40	Lens and image gate assembly, for a real-time film scanning system, comprising a lens consisting of 9 or 11 elements and having an illumination function	0
0211 ex9024 80 99 10 ex9027 30 00 10 ex9031 20 00 10 ex9031 49 90 10 ex9031 80 39 30 ex9031 80 99 10	Machines and apparatus providing automated quality inspection of rigid magnetic disks, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8523 20 11 or 8523 20 19 (a)	0
0105 ex9031 90 80 40	Test head for checking the mechanical quality of rigid magnetic disks, mounted on a carrier arm	0
0214 ex9031 90 80 50	Burnishing head, for removing asperities on and polishing of the surface of rigid magnetic disks, mounted on a carrier arm	0
0217 ex9032 10 91 10	Thermostat, comprising a snap-action switch, for direct mounting on an electric motor coil, contained in a hermetically sealed housing	0

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

	CN code	Taric			
			ex	8543 89 95	47
			ex	9001 10 10	10
ex	2825 50 00	10	ex	9001 10 90	10
ex	2905 19 10	10	ex	9001 90 90	10
ex	2920 90 85	60	ex	9001 90 90	50
ex	2930 90 70	60	ex	9013 90 90	10
ex	2933 69 80	30			
ex	3815 19 90	60			
ex	3824 90 95	09			
ex	3824 90 95	31			
ex	3903 19 00	20			
ex	3903 90 90	15			
ex	3903 90 90	35			
ex	3903 90 90	40			
ex	3903 90 90	55			
ex	3903 90 90	60			
ex	3904 40 00	91			
ex	3906 90 90	30			
ex	3906 90 90	40			
ex	3906 90 90	45			
ex	3907 20 11	10			
ex	3907 20 29	10			
ex	3907 20 29	20			
ex	3911 90 99	30			
ex	3911 90 99	50			
ex	3919 90 31	40			
ex	3920 62 19	20			
ex	3920 62 90	20			
ex	3920 63 00	30			
ex	3920 69 00	30			
ex	3921 90 19	50			
ex	5402 33 00	10			
ex	5402 43 00	10			
ex	5503 90 90	20			
ex	5601 30 00	10			
ex	5903 20 90	20			
ex	7006 00 90	10			
ex	7006 00 90	20			
ex	7006 00 90	30			
ex	7011 20 00	40			
ex	8101 99 00	10			
ex	8108 90 90	92			
ex	8501 10 99	78			
ex	8504 50 30	10			
ex	8504 50 80	30			
ex	8517 50 90	50			
ex	8517 80 90	50			
ex	8536 90 85	91			
ex	8540 11 11	91			
ex	8540 11 13	91			
ex	8540 40 00	33			
ex	8540 40 00	34			
ex	8540 91 00	92			

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Budget heading involved : Chapter 12 Article 120
2. Title of operation : Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain industrial and agricultural products.
3. Legal basis : Article 28 of the EC Treaty.
4. Objective: Suspension of the CCT duties for the above products.
5. Measures aimed at prevention and protection: Checks on the end-use of some of the products covered by this Council Regulation will be carried out in accordance with Articles 291 to 304 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 laying down provisions for the implementation of the Community Customs Code.
6. Cost :

In order to reduce the economic problems linked with the period of validity of previous Regulations, Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/96¹, at present in force, does not have a date marking the end of its period of validity.

This proposal of Council Regulation contains only the amendments which must be made to the Annex to the existing Regulation in order to take account of the following:

1. new requests for suspension which have been presented and accepted;
2. technical developments in products or economic trends on the market, resulting in the lifting of certain existing suspensions;
3. amendments to nomenclature codes.

These amendments take the form of two Annexes which contain, respectively, a list of added products, or products the description of which has been amended, and a list of products removed from the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96.

Obviously only the amendments in 1 and 2 have a financial impact.

Annex I (addition):

This Annex, in addition to the amendments resulting from a change in CN code, contains 66 new products. The uncollected duties corresponding to these suspensions, calculated on the basis of expected imports into the requesting Member State for 1998, total ECU 15.63 million.

On the basis of the existing statistics for the preceding years, it appears, however, that this amount must be increased by an average factor which may be estimated at 1.8, to take account of imports into other Member States using the same suspensions. This means a **loss of revenue of some ECU 28.1 million.**

¹ OJ L 158, 29 June 1996, p.1

Annex II (withdrawal):

This Annex introduces the withdrawal of 10 products corresponding to re-introduced customs duties and therefore representing an **increase of ECU 1.2 million in resources**, as calculated from requests for suspension or the available statistics (1996).

Estimated cost of the present operation

For the coming year, in the light of the approximate calculations made and taking the available statistics (for 1996) as a basis, the **additional loss of revenue** resulting from this Regulation may therefore be **estimated at some ECU 26.9 million**, compared with the total estimated loss of ECU 991.8 million for 1998¹ which corresponds to the suspensions granted under the amended Regulation.

Council Regulation (EC) No 2216/97² autonomously suspending collection of Common Customs Tariff duties in respect of certain information technology products, came into force on 1 January 1998. Consequently, all "suspended" products falling within tariff headings 8471, 8473, 8541 and 8542 are excluded from the scope of this Regulation, meaning that the total loss of own resources as a result of the Regulation is ECU 389 million less than would have been the case otherwise, as forecast in the previous proposal for a Regulation (COM(97) 590 final).

The shortfall in traditional own resources will have to be made up by the Member States by topping up the GNP component.

¹ Proposals for Council Regulations, corresponding to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 and the amendments thereto
² OJ L 305, 8.11.1997, p. 1

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