

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

temporarily and totally suspending the autonomous duty in
the Common Customs Tariff for potatoes of subheading
07.01 A III b)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The total Community potato production for the 1975 harvest, according to the provisional figures of O.S.C.E., was 33,833,000 tonnes, a reduction of 19 % compared to production in 1974 (41,630,000 tonnes).

This reduction of available supplies has led to a spectacular rise in potato prices on the Community market.

For this reason, the Commission considers it necessary to suspend totally the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff until the 28th March 1976 in order to ensure that the market is supplied with ware potatoes (07.01 A III b of Common Customs Tariff).

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PROPOSAL FOR A
REGULATION (EEC) No .../... OF THE COUNCIL

of

temporarily and totally suspending the autonomous duty
in the Common Customs Tariff for potatoes of
subheading 07.01 A III b)

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 in view of difficulties of supply on the Community potato markets,
the autonomous duty for certain kinds of potatoes should be totally
suspended until 28 March 1976,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

With effect from the date of entry into force of the Regulation until
28 March 1976 the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on potatoes of
subheading 07.01 A III b) shall be totally suspended.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following the date
of 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
The President