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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT)

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 lays down arrangements for EC imports of certain agricultural products from ACP States signatory to the fourth Lomé Convention.

Following Namibia's accession to the Convention, provision was made in the Regulation for imports of a given annual quantity of beef, up to 31 December 1995.

To ensure continuity of beef imports from Namibia, Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 therefore has to be amended to provide for application of the reduced duty to 13 000 tonnes of boneless meat in 1996. Transitional measures will then be needed for subsequent years pending entry into force of the amendments to Lomé IV.

Approval has also been given, at the request of an ACP State, for an extra 600-tonne quota for seedless table grapes from 1 to 31 January 1996, and this also requires an amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 715/90.

This proposal for a regulation accordingly incorporates the above two amendments.

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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 Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 of 5 March 1990 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT),¹ as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2484/94,² provides for concessions on imports of agricultural products originating in ACP States;

Whereas the arrangements applying to imports of beef from Namibia are laid down in Articles 3 and 4a of Regulation (EEC) No 715/90; whereas the quantities were specified for five calendar years, i.e. up to 31 December 1995; whereas in order not to disrupt the flow of trade from Namibia to the EU the arrangements should be extended until 31 December 1996;

Whereas under Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 715/90, 400 tonnes of seedless table grapes may be imported between 1 December and 31 January free of *ad valorem* duties; whereas Namibia has requested a concession for a further 600 tonnes to apply from 1 to 31 January;

Whereas on account of the economic importance of seedless table grapes for the ACP States, an extra 600 tonnes should be granted exemption from *ad valorem* duties,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following new text is inserted as Article 4a:

"Article 4a

¹ OJ No L 84, 30.3.1990, p.85.

² OJ No L 265, 15.10.1994, p. 3.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. BUDGET HEADING: 1000 APPROPRIATIONS:
ECU 946.2 million

2. TITLE:
Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT)

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 113 of the Treaty

4. AIMS:
To extend by one year the import arrangements for boned beef and veal coming from Namibia and to increase by 600 tonnes the quota imported from Namibia of seedless table grapes

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (ECU million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (95) (ECU million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (96) (ECU million)
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5.0. EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER			
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5.1. REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	-	-	-
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	1997	1998	1999	2000
5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	-	-	-	-
5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE				

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION:
In 1994 the quantities of these two products imported from Namibia were entirely covered by these two quotas; since they enter the Community at zero rate, there is no impact on own resources.

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. WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY? **YES/NO**

6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY? **YES/NO**

OBSERVATIONS

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