

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSALS FOR COUNCIL REGULATIONS (EEC)

establishing indicative ceilings and Community supervision
for imports of certain products originating in Austria,
Finland, Norway and Sweden (1982)

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The proposals for Regulations joint hereto have as their objective

- to establish indicative ceilings to be applied in 1982 for imports of certain goods originating in the EFTA-countries;
- to attribute to the Commission the competence to reestablish customs duties under certain conditions;
- to establish a system of surveillance relating to imports of goods which are or are not subject to ceilings.

1. The Agreements concluded by the EEC with Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden specially provide for the phased abolition of customs duties, entailing five reductions each of 20 % during a transitional period extending until 1 July 1977.

Exceptionnally, Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocole n° 1 annexed to these Agreements stipulate that, for a certain number of goods, this abolition of duties is to be achieved by smaller reductions of duties over a transitional period ending on 31 December 1983. Furthermore, another provision in this Protocol is that imports of some of these goods to which these special tariff arrangements apply shall be subject to indicative ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to non-member countries may be reintroduced until the end of the calendar year.

To take account of the accession of Greece these agreements and their Protocols Nos. 1 and 2 have been amended by additional protocols concluded between the Community and each of these Efta countries.

2. Implementation of these two provisions :

(a) annual target ceilings, and

(b) reintroduction of customs duties,

implies the adoption of precise common rules to be applied uniformly by all Member States. These requirements may be met by the establishment of a Community system of supervision of actual imports from each of the partner countries. To this end, the Member States should take appropriate measures to permit the rapid collection of statistical returns at

Community level. In this connection it is necessary to take into account only imports of the products in question as and when they are submitted to the customs authorities under the cover of a declaration of entry for home use and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in the Agreement referred to under 1 above.

These returns should be drawn up by each Member State at the end of every month and forwarded by the fifteenth day of the following month to the Commission so as to enable the latter to communicate to all the Member States the overall, good-by-good returns for the imports in question in the preceding month. The system of supervision will require of the responsible departments of the Member States and the Commission diligence and close cooperation.

3. The following system would be adopted for setting in train machinery to reintroduce duties : if one of the overall monthly returns drawn up by the Commission revealed that 75 % of the ceiling fixed for a given good had been reached, consultations could be held, for example in the Working Party on Economic Tariff Problems, either at the request of a Member State or upon the Commission's initiative. The aim of these consultations would be to examine, case by case, the reintroduction or not of the levying of customs duties applicable to non-member countries once the target ceiling is actually reached.

Monthly returns would still be made in respect of imports of the product in question or, if it is requested by the Commission by telex at intervals of ten days. The set term for the transmission of this last mentioned information is five days.

4. As far as application of the rule on ceilings and reintroduction of duties is concerned, the attached proposals make provisions for conferring powers of the Council upon the Commission.

The proposed regulations do no more than outline how these powers are to be exercised so that, in consultation with the Member States, the machinery to be set in train may be adapted flexibly and rapidly. Furthermore, it is likewise with a view to maximum efficiency and rapidity that the proposed regulations lay down that it would be up to the Commission to reintroduce, in respect of the partner country, the levying of the duties applicable to non-member countries.

5. In these conditions, the Commission would be able to take, within the shortest possible time, measures leading to the reintroduction, by regulation, of customs duties in respect of the partner country until the end of the calendar year. In the above hypothesis, the reintroduction of the levying of customs duties on the good under consideration would, naturally, be effected within the time-limit fixed by the regulation, putting an end to the reduction of duties provided for in the Protocols nr. 1.

However, as long as for a certain product the levying of the Customs duties has not yet been introduced at Community level Greece can reintroduce this levying as soon as the imputations on its territory have reached the amount fixed by the additional protocol in question.

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No

of
establishing indicative ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain products
originating in Austria (1982)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria (1) was signed on 22 July 1972; whereas an Additional Protocol (2) was signed on 28 November 1980 as a result of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;

Whereas Articles 1, 2 and 3 of Protocol 1, annexed to the Agreement, make provision for a specific timetable for the progressive abolition of customs duties in respect of the products to which the Agreement applies; whereas the imports of these products are limited to annual indicative ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to third countries may be reintroduced; whereas, however, the Community has to suspend the application of certain ceilings; whereas, therefore, the ceilings to be applied in 1982 must be established; whereas, in this situation, it is also necessary that the Commission be regularly informed of the trend of the imports of the products in question and, in consequence, it is necessary to subject these imports to supervision;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of an administrative procedure based on setting off imports of the products in question against the indicative ceilings at Community level, as and when these products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation; whereas this administrative procedure must make provision for the reintroduction of customs tariff duties as soon as the ceilings have been reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close and particularly rapid cooperation between the Member

States and the Commission; whereas the latter must, in particular, be able to follow the progress of amounts set off against the indicative ceilings and keep the Member States informed; whereas this cooperation must be all the closer since the Commission must be able to take adequate measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties whenever one of the ceilings has been reached;

Whereas the trend of imports should be followed for certain products for which, under Article 3 of Protocol 1, the Community has suspended the application of ceilings, whereas it is therefore desirable that imports of such products should be subject to supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION.

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1982, imports of products originating in Austria and indicated in Annex I shall be subject to indicative ceilings and to Community supervision.

The description of the products referred to in the preceding subparagraph, their tariff headings and statistic numbers and the levels of the indicative ceilings are given in Annex I.

2. Amounts shall be set off against the indicative ceilings as and when the goods are entered with customs authorities for free circulation and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the Agreement.

Goods shall be set off against the indicative ceiling only if the movement certificate has been submitted before the date on which customs duties are reimposed.

The reaching of a ceiling shall be determined at Community level on the basis of imports set off against it in the manner defined in the preceding subparagraphs.

(1) OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 357, 30. 12. 1980, p. 1.

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The Member States shall periodically inform the Commission of imports effected in accordance with the above rules; such information shall be supplied under the conditions laid down in paragraph 4.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may issue a Regulation reimposing, the customs duties provided for in Article 3 (f) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement until the end of the calendar year. In the case of such reimposition, Greece shall introduce the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question.

As soon as the amounts set off against the ceilings within its territory have reached the amounts indicated in Annex I, Greece may reintroduce, until the end of the calendar year, the levying of the customs duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question. It shall notify the Commission, which shall inform the other Member States of this fact. Paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission, not later than the 15th day of each month, statements of the amounts set off during the preceding month. They shall, if the Commission so requests, make up such statements for periods of 10 days and forward them within five clear days of expiry of the preceding 10-day period.

Article 2

From 1 January to 31 December 1982, imports of the products referred to in Annex II which originate in Austria shall be subject to Community supervision.

Member States shall forward to the Commission, not later than the 15th day of each month, statements of imports of the products in question effected during the preceding month; to this end, only products submitted to the customs authorities under cover of an entry for free circulation and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the Agreement shall be taken into consideration.

Article 3

For the implementation of this Regulation the Commission shall take all necessary measures in close cooperation with the Member States.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January, 1982.

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

ANNEX A

ANNEX I

LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO INDICATIVE CEILINGS UPON IMPORTATION IN 1982

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of the a) Community ceiling b) amount concerning Greece (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
IA 1	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), in rolls or sheets: C. Kraft paper and kraft board: ex II. Other: — Excluding kraftliner paper (a) and kraft paper for large-capacity sacks (a)	48.01-40; 42; 44; 46; 48; 50; 51	Ceiling delayed
IA 2		ex F. Other: — Bible paper, manifold (thin typing) paper; printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-76; 78; 80	Ceiling delayed
IA 3		— Printing paper and writing paper, containing more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-79; 81	a) 76 910 b) 4 518
IA 4	48.07	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49), in rolls or sheets: ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard coated with kaolin or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² : — Coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45	a) 51 632 b) 5 104
IA 5		ex D. Other: — Coated printing or writing paper	48.07-57; 58; 59	
IA 5		ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard coated with kaolin or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² : — Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45	
IA 6	48.15	Other paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape: B. Other	48.07-55; 56; 64; 67; 71; 73; 75; 77; 85; 91; 97; 99	a) 17 112 b) 1 692
IA 6			48.15-10; 21; 29; 30; 40; 50; 61; 65; 95; 99	a) 22 932 b) 183

(a) Subject to compliance with the definitions given in Annex III.

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ANNEX II

LIST OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code
1	2	3	4
[II A 1]	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), in rolls or sheets: ex F. Other:	
II A 2		— Other, excluding cellulose wadding, webs of cellulose fibres (soft tissues), semi-chemical fluting paper (a) and sulphite wrapping and packaging paper (a)	48.01-60; 63; 68; 70; 71; 72; 74; 89; 90; 92; 94; 96; 98; 99

(a) Subject to compliance with the definitions given in Annex III.

ANNEX A

ANNEX III

DEFINITIONS

- ex 48.01 C II **Kraftliner**
'Kraftliner' means machine-finished or machine-glazed paper or paperboard, in rolls, containing not less than 80% of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing more than 115 g/m² and having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 35.
- ex 48.01 C II **Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks**
'Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks' means machine-finished paper, in rolls, containing not less than 80% of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing not less than 60 g/m² but not more than 115 g/m², having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 38, and having a stretch factor of more than 4.5% in the cross direction and of more than 2% in the machine direction.
- ex 48.01 F **Printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp**
'Printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp' means paper other than machine-glazed, used for printing or writing, which contains not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp calculated on total fibre content.
- ex 48.01 F **Printing paper and writing paper, containing mechanical wood pulp**
'Printing paper and writing paper, containing mechanical wood pulp' means paper other than machine-glazed, used for printing and writing, containing more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp calculated on total fibre content.
- ex 48.01 F **Semi-chemical fluting paper**
'Semi-chemical fluting paper' means paper, in rolls, containing not less than 65% of unbleached semi-chemical hardwood pulp (pulp obtained from wood by light chemical treatment followed by mechanical treatment) calculated on total fibre content and having a CMT (Concora Medium Test) crush resistance exceeding 20 kp.
- ex 48.01 F **Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper**
'Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper' means machine-glazed paper, containing more than 40% of chemical bisulphite wood pulp, calculated on total fibre content, having an ash content of not more than 8% and having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 15.
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No

of

establishing indicative ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain products
originating in Finland (1982)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland ⁽¹⁾ was signed on 5 October 1973; whereas an Additional Protocol ⁽²⁾ was signed on 6 November 1980 as a result of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;

Whereas Articles 1, 2 and 3 of Protocol 1, annexed to the Agreement, make provision for a specific timetable for the progressive abolition of customs duties in respect of the products to which the Agreement applies; whereas the imports of these products are limited to annual indicative ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to third countries may be reintroduced; whereas, however, the Community has to suspend the application of certain ceilings; whereas, therefore, the ceilings to be applied in 1982 must be established; whereas, in this situation, it is also necessary that the Commission be regularly informed of the trend of the imports of the products in question and, in consequence, it is necessary to subject these imports to supervision;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of an administrative procedure based on setting off imports of the products in question against the indicative ceilings at Community level, as and when these products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation; whereas this administrative procedure must make provision for the reintroduction of customs tariff duties as soon as the ceilings have been reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close and particularly rapid cooperation between the Member States and the Commission; whereas the latter must, in particular, be able to follow the progress of amounts set off against the indicative ceilings and keep the Member States informed; whereas this cooperation must be all the closer since the Commission must be able to take adequate measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties whenever one of the ceilings has been reached;

Whereas the trend of imports should be followed for certain products for which, under Article 3 of Protocol 1, the Community has suspended the application of ceilings; whereas it is therefore desirable that imports of such products should be subject to supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1982, imports of products originating in Finland and indicated in Annex I shall be subject to indicative ceilings and to Community supervision.

The description of the products referred to in the preceding subparagraph, their tariff headings and statistic numbers and the levels of the indicative ceilings are given in Annex I.

2. Amounts shall be set off against the indicative ceilings as and when products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the Agreement.

Goods shall be set off against the indicative ceiling only if the movement certificate has been submitted before the date on which customs duties are reimposed.

The reaching of a ceiling shall be determined at Community level on the basis of imports set off against it in the manner defined in the preceding subparagraphs.

The Member States shall periodically inform the Commission of imports effected in accordance with the above rules; such information shall be supplied under the conditions laid down in paragraph 4.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may issue a Regulation reimposing the customs duties provided for in Article 3 (f) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement until the end of the calendar year.

In the case of such reintroduction, Greece shall introduce the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 328, 28. 11. 1973, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 357, 30. 12. 1980, p. 27.

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As soon as the amounts set off against the ceilings within its territory have reached the amounts indicated in Annex I, Greece may reintroduce, until the end of the calendar year, the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question. It shall notify the Commission which shall inform the other Member States of this fact. Paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission, not later than the 15th day of each month, statements of the amounts set off during the preceding month. They shall, if the Commission so requests, make up such statements for periods of 10 days and forward them within five clear days of expiry of the preceding 10-day period.

Article 2

For the implementation of this Regulation the Commission shall take all necessary measures in close cooperation with the Member States.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January, 1982.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX B

ANNEX I

LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO INDICATIVE CEILINGS UPON IMPORTATION IN 1982

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of the a) Community ceiling b) amount concerning Greece (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), in rolls or sheets: C. Kraft paper and kraft board: • II. Other:		
ISF 1		— Kraftliner paper and boards (a)	48.01-20; 22; 24; 30; 32; 34; 36; 38; 39	Ceiling delayed
ISF 2		— Kraft paper for large capacity sacks (a)	48.01-07; 10	Ceiling delayed
ISF 3		— Other	48.01-40; 42; 44; 46; 48; 50; 51	Ceiling delayed
		ex F. Other:		
ISF 4		— Bible paper, manifold (thin typing) paper; printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-76; 78; 80	a) 42 762 b) 239
ISF 5		— Printing paper and writing paper, containing more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-79; 81	Ceiling delayed
ISF 6		— Semi-chemical fluting paper (a)	48.01-87	Ceiling delayed
ISF 7		— Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper (a)	48.01-83; 85	Ceiling delayed
ISF 8		— Other, excluding cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres (soft tissues)	48.01-60; 63; 68; 70; 71; 72; 74; 89; 90; 92; 94; 96; 98; 99	Ceiling delayed
ISF 9	48.03	Parchment or greaseproof paper and paperboard, and imitations thereof, and glazed transparent paper, in rolls or sheets	48.03 all Nos	Ceiling delayed
	48.05	Paper and paperboard, corrugated (with or without flat surface sheets), creped, crinkled, embossed or perforated, in rolls or sheets:		
ISF 10		B. Other	48.05-21; 29; 30; 50; 80	Ceiling delayed
	48.07	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49), in rolls or sheets:		

a) Subject to compliance with the definitions given in Annex II.

ANNEX B

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of the a) Community ceiling b) amount concerning Greece (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
ISF 11		ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard, coated with kaolin, or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² : — Coated printing or writing paper ex D. Other: — Coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45 48.07-57; 58; 59	a) 61 245 b) 2 852
ISF 12		ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard, coated with kaolin, or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² : — Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper ex D. Other: — Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45 48.07-55; 56; 64; 67; 71; 73; 75; 77; 85; 91; 97; 99	a) 233 672 b) 1 870
ISF 13	48.15	Other paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape: B. Other	48.15-10; 21; 29; 30; 40; 50; 61; 65; 95; 99	Ceiling delayed

ANNEX II

DEFINITIONS

- ex 48.01 C II **Kraftliner**
'Kraftliner' means machine-finished or machine-glazed paper or paperboard, in rolls, containing not less than 80% of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing more than 115 g/m² and having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 35.
- ex 48.01 C II **Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks**
'Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks' means machine-finished paper, in rolls, containing not less than 80% of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing not less than 60 g/m² but not more than 115 g/m², having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 38, and having a stretch factor of more than 4.5% in the cross direction and of more than 2% in the machine direction.
- ex 48.01 F **Printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp**
'Printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp' means paper other than machine-glazed, used for printing or writing, which contains not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp calculated on total fibre content.
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No
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establishing indicative ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain products
originating in Norway (1982)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway ⁽¹⁾ was signed on 14 May 1973; whereas an Additional Protocol ⁽²⁾ was signed on 6 November 1980 as a result of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;

Whereas Articles 1 to 4 of Protocol 1, annexed to the Agreement, make provision for a specific timetable for the progressive abolition of customs duties in respect of the products to which the Agreement applies; whereas the imports of these products are limited to annual indicative ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to third countries may be reintroduced; whereas, however, the Community has to suspend the application of certain ceilings; whereas, therefore, the ceilings to be applied in 1982 must be established; whereas, in this situation, it is also necessary that the Commission be regularly informed of the trend of the imports of the products in question and, in consequence, it is necessary to subject these imports to supervision;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of an administrative procedure based on setting off imports of the products in question against the indicative ceilings at Community level, as and when these products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation; whereas this administrative procedure must make provision for the reintroduction of customs tariff duties as soon as the ceilings have been reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close and particularly rapid cooperation between the Member States and the Commission; whereas the latter must, in particular, be able to follow the progress of amounts set off against the indicative ceilings and keep the Member States informed; whereas this cooperation must be all the closer since the Commission must be able to take adequate measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties whenever one of the ceilings has been reached;

(1) OJ No L 171, 27. 6. 1973, p. 2.

(2) OJ No L 357, 30. 12. 1980, p. 78.

Whereas the trend of imports should be followed for certain products for which, under Article 4 of Protocol 1, the Community has suspended the application of ceilings; whereas it is therefore desirable that imports of such products should be subject to supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1982, imports of products originating in Norway and indicated in Annex I shall be subject to indicative ceilings and to Community supervision.

The description of the products referred to in the preceding subparagraph, their tariff headings and statistic numbers and the levels of the indicative ceilings are given in Annex I.

2. Amounts shall be set off against the indicative ceilings as and when the goods are entered with customs authorities for free circulation and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the Agreement.

Goods shall be set off against the indicative ceiling only if the movement certificate has been submitted before the date on which customs duties are reimposed.

The reaching of a ceiling shall be determined at Community level on the basis of imports set off against it in the manner defined in the preceding subparagraphs.

The Member States shall periodically inform the Commission of imports effected in accordance with the above rules; such information shall be supplied under the conditions laid down in paragraph 4.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may issue a Regulation reimposing the customs duties provided for in Article 4 (f) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement until the end of the calendar year.

In the case of such reimposition, Greece shall introduce the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question.

ANNEX C

As soon as the amounts set off against the ceilings within its territory have reached the amounts indicated in Annex I, Greece may reintroduce, until the end of the calendar year, the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question. It shall notify the Commission which shall inform the other Member States of this fact. Paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission not later than the 15th day of each month statements of the amounts set off during the preceding month. They shall, if the Commission so requests, make up such statements for periods of 10 days and forward them within five clear days of expiry of the preceding 10-day period.

Article 2

For the implementation of this Regulation the Commission shall take all necessary measures in close cooperation with the Member States.

Article 3

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX C

ANNEX I

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Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of the a) Community ceiling b) amount concerning Greece (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
<u>IN 1</u>				
	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), rolls or sheets: C. Kraft paper and kraft board: II. Other:		
IN 2		— Kraftliner paper and board (a)	48.01-20; 22; 24; 30; 32; 34; 36; 38; 39	Ceiling delayed
IN 3		— Kraft paper for large capacity sacks (a)	48.01-07; 10	Ceiling delayed
IN 4		— Other	48.01-40; 42; 44; 46; 48; 50; 51	Ceiling delayed
		ex F. Other:		
IN 5		— Bible paper, manifold (thin typing paper; printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-76; 78; 80	Ceiling delayed
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IN 9		— Other, excluding cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres (soft tissues)	48.01-60; 63; 68; 70; 71; 72; 74; 89; 90; 92; 94; 96; 98; 99	Ceiling delayed
IN 10	48.03	Parchment of greaseproof paper and paperboard, and imitations thereof, and glazed transparent paper, in rolls or sheets	48.03 all Nos	Ceiling delayed
	48.07	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49), in rolls or sheets: ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard, coated with kaolin or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² :		
		— Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45	
IN 11		ex D. Other: — Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper	48.07-55; 56; 64; 67; 71; 73; 75; 77; 85; 91; 97; 99	a) 32 726 b) 223

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ANNEX II

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No
of
establishing indicative ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain products
originating in Sweden (1982)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden ⁽¹⁾ was signed on 22 July 1972; whereas an Additional Protocol ⁽²⁾ was signed on 6 November 1980 as a result of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;

Whereas Articles 1, 2 and 3 of Protocol 1, annexed to the Agreement, make provision for a specific timetable for the progressive abolition of customs duties in respect of the products to which the Agreement applies; whereas the imports of these products are limited to annual indicative ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to third countries may be reintroduced; whereas, however, the Community has to suspend the application of certain ceilings; whereas, therefore, the ceilings to be applied in 1982 must be established; whereas, in this situation, it is also necessary that the Commission be regularly informed of the trend of the imports of the products in question and, in consequence, it is necessary to subject these imports to supervision;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of an administrative procedure based on setting off imports of the products in question against the indicative ceilings at Community level, as and when these products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation; whereas this administrative procedure must make provision for the reintroduction of customs tariff duties as soon as the ceilings have been reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close and particularly rapid cooperation between the Member States and the Commission; whereas the latter must, in particular, be able to follow the progress of amounts set off against the indicative ceilings and keep the Member States informed; whereas this cooperation must be all the closer since the Commission must be able to take adequate measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties whenever one of the ceilings has been reached;

Whereas the trend of imports should be followed for certain products for which, under Article 3 of Protocol 1, the Community has suspended the application of ceilings; whereas it is therefore desirable that imports of such products should be subject to supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1982, imports of products originating in Sweden and indicated in Annex I shall be subject to indicative ceilings and to Community supervision.

The description of the products referred to in the preceding subparagraph, their tariff headings and statistic numbers and the levels of the indicative ceilings are given in Annex I.

2. Amounts shall be set off against the indicative ceilings as and when products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the Agreement.

Goods shall be set off against the indicative ceiling only if the movement certificate has been submitted before the date on which customs duties are reimposed.

The reaching of a ceiling shall be determined at Community level on the basis of imports set off against it in the manner defined in the preceding subparagraphs.

The Member States shall periodically inform the Commission of imports effected in accordance with the above rules; such information shall be supplied under the conditions laid down in paragraph 4.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may issue a Regulation reimposing the customs duties provided for in Article 3 (f) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement until the end of the calendar year.

In the case of such reimposition, Greece shall introduce the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question.

(1) OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 96.

(2) OJ No L 357, 30. 12. 1980, p. 104.

ANNEX D

As soon as the amounts set off against the ceilings within its territory have reached the amounts indicated in Annex I, Greece may reintroduce, until the end of the calendar year, the levying of the duties which it applies to third countries at the date in question. It shall notify the Commission which shall inform the other Member States of this fact. Paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission not later than the 15th day of each month statements of the amounts set off during the preceding month. They shall, if the Commission so requests, make up such statements for periods of 10 days and forward them within five clear days of expiry of the preceding 10-day period.

Article 2

From 1 January to 31 December 1982, imports of the products referred to in Annex II which originate in Sweden shall be subject to Community supervision.

Member States shall forward to the Commission not later than the 15th day of each month statements of imports of the products in question effected during the preceding month; to this end, only products submitted to the customs authorities under cover of an entry for free circulation and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the Agreement shall be taken into consideration.

Article 3

For the implementation of this Regulation the Commission shall take all necessary measures in close cooperation with the Member States.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January, 1982.

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

ANNEX I

LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO INDICATIVE CEILINGS UPON IMPORTATION IN 1982

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of the a) Community ceiling b) amount concerning Greece (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), in rolls or sheets: C. Kraft paper and kraft board: II. Other:		
IS 1		— Kraftliner paper and board (a)	48.01-20; 22; 24; 30; 32; 34; 36; 38; 39	a) 545 818 b) 8 579
IS 2		— Kraft paper for large capacity bags (a)	48.01-07; 10	Ceiling delayed
IS 3		— Other	48.01-40; 42; 44; 46; 48; 50; 51	Ceiling delayed
		ex F. Other:		
IS 4		— Bible paper manifold (thin typing) paper; printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-76; 78; 80	a) 39 404 b) 130
IS 5		— Printing paper and writing paper, containing more than 5% of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-79; 81	a) 173 525 b) 6 586
IS 6		— Semi-chemical fluting paper for corrugated paperboard (a)	48.01-87	Ceiling delayed
IS 7		— Other, excluding cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres (soft tissues)	48.01-60; 63; 68; 70; 71; 72; 74; 89; 90; 92; 94; 96; 98; 99	Ceiling delayed
IS 8	48.04	Composite paper or paperboard (made by sticking flat layers together with an adhesive), not surface-coated or impregnated, whether or not internally reinforced, in rolls or sheets	48.04 all Nos	Ceiling delayed
	48.05	Paper and paperboard, corrugated (with or without flat surface sheets), creped, crinkled, embossed or perforated, in rolls or sheets:		
IS 9		B. Other	48.05-21; 29; 30; 50; 80	a) 62 400 b) 10
	48.07	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49), in rolls or sheets:		

(a) Subject to compliance with the definitions given in Annex III.

ANNEX D

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of the a) Community ceiling b) amount concerning Greece (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
IS 10		ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard coated with kaolin or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² : — Coated printing or writing paper ex D. Other: — Coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45 48.07-57; 58; 59	a) 53 102 b) 952
IS 11		ex C. Bleached paper and paperboard coated with kaolin or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 g or more per m ² : — Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper ex D. Other: — Other, excluding coated printing or writing paper	48.07-ex 41; ex 45 48.07-55; 56; 64; 67; 71; 73; 75; 77; 85; 91; 97; 99	a) 142 654 b) 260
IS 12	48.15	Other paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape: B. Other	48.15-10; 21; 29; 30; 40; 50; 61; 65; 96; 99	a) 16 108 b) 10
	48.16	Boxes, bags and other packing containers, of paper or paperboard; box files, letter trays and similar articles, of paper or paperboard, of a kind commonly used in offices, shops and the like:		
IS 13		A. Boxes, bags and other packing containers	48.16-10; 91; 95; 96; 98	Ceiling delayed
IS 14	48.21	Other articles of paper pulp, paper, paperboard or cellulose wadding: B. Napkins and napkinliners, for babies: II. Other D. Other	48.21-05, 11 48.21-21; 25; 31; 33; 37; 40; 50; 60; 70; 99	a) 17 667 b) 5

ANNEX II

LIST OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code
1	2	3	4
[II S 1] [II S 2]	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), in rolls or sheets: ex. F. Other:	
II S 3		— Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper (a)	48.01-83; 85
II S 4	48.03	Parchment or greaseproof paper and paperboard, and imitations thereof, and glazed transparent paper, in rolls or sheets	48.03 all Nos

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ANNEX III

DEFINITIONS

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- ex 48.01 C II **Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks**
'Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks' means machine-finished paper, in rolls, containing not less than 80% of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing not less than 60 g/m² but not more than 115 g/m², having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 38, and having a stretch factor of more than 4.5 % in the cross direction and of more than 2% in the machine direction.
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