

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3470/73 establishing
Community supervision of imports of certain products
originating in Finland

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland signed on 5 October 1973 provides for a nil-duty tariff quota to be opened each year during the period of tariff dismantling for imports into the United Kingdom of printing paper and writing paper containing mechanical wood pulp, excluding copying tissue (CCT heading No ex 48.01 E), originating in Finland. The 1974 quota was fixed on the basis of import statistics supplied by the United Kingdom. These figures proved to be incorrect and it was necessary to adjust the quota mentioned. This modification was the subject of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Finland signed on 26 June 1974, the text of which had been approved by Council Regulation No 1508/74 of 18 June 1974.

2. At this time, the attention of the Council was drawn to the necessity of adjusting the indicative ceiling for the same product provided for in Protocol No 1 to the Agreement and set in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3470/73 of 17 December 1973, the size of the ceiling having been based on the same incorrect figures.

In fact, when the Community was calculating the basic ceiling for those products during negotiation of the free-trade agreement, it increased the figure for average imports from Finland between 1968 and 1971 by 14.3%. Now that new figures have been supplied by the United Kingdom the average for 1968-71 amounts to 362 789 t.

Recalculation, using the corrected figures, gives the following results:

Average imports, 1968-71 :	362 789 t
+ 14.3% of 362 789 t :	<u>52 211 t</u>
Basic quantity for 1973, as corrected :	415 000 t
Average imports into Norway from Finland, 1968-71 :	<u>30 t</u>
	414 970 t
+ 5% of 414 970 (annual increase) :	<u>20 748 t</u>
Ceiling for 1974, as corrected :	435 718 t

3. It is proposed, therefore, that the amount of the ceiling set for I SP 5 indicated in Annex I in the abovementioned Regulation be raised from 362 219 to 435 718 t.

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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 Finland¹ was signed in Brussels on 5 October 1973; whereas
the figures used to calculate the 1974 indicative ceiling provided for
in Protocol No 1 to that Agreement for certain types of printing paper
falling within subheading No ex 48.01 E of the Common Customs Tariff
were incorrect; whereas when that ceiling, recalculated using the
figures which have since been forwarded to the Commission,
amounts to 435 718 t; whereas it is therefore necessary to amend the
amount of ceiling I SF 5 indicated in Annex I of Regulation (EEC)
No 3470/73² of 17 December 1973,
HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The ceiling set for I SF 5 in Annex I to Regulation (EEC)
No 3470/73 is raised from 362 219 to 435 718 t.

¹OJ No L 328, 28 November 1973.

²OJ No L 356, 27 December 1973.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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