

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION

renewing the arrangements for the reduction of
import charges on beef and veal products
originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In order to reduce the difficulties encountered with the export of beef from the ACP countries to the Community during the second part of 1975, special measures were introduced (Regulation n° 1599/75, article 2, paragraphs 2 to 4). These measures, which temporarily allowed the possibility of partial compensation of the costs which followed upon the current development of the world market, for certain quantities of beef allowed into the Community in relation to traditional exports of these Countries to the Community. These measures only apply until 31st December 1975.

The conditions which motivated the adoption of these measures are all still present and it is expected that the current difficulties on the beef market will continue in the following months.

In these circumstances it is proposed to extend the period of validity of the exceptional measures introduced in 1975 but limiting their period of validity until 30.6.1976, the date upon which it will be necessary to reexamine the situation, taking account also that upon this date the Lomé Agreement will probably have entered into force. It is also necessary to revise the measures in relation to the quantities which could possibly be imported during the first six months of 1976.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

(1)

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Article 2 (2) and (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1599/75⁽²⁾ of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries or in the overseas countries and territories provides, as n-
partial compensation for the import charges leviable by reason of the current trend of the world market, for a reduction in the charges, other than customs duties, on imports originating in ACP States of the products referred to in Article 1 (a) of Council Regulation (EEC) N° 805/68⁽³⁾ of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1855/74⁽⁴⁾, upon the condition that an export tax of a similar amount has been applied by the exporting country ; whereas these special arrangements are to apply only until 31 December 1975;

Whereas this reduction in import charges applies only to those quantities for which importation is authorized under the provisions taken under Article 21 of Regulation (EEC) N° 805/68.

(1) O.J. n°

(2) O.J. n° L 166 of 28.6.1975, p. 67

(3) O.J. n° L 148 of 28.6.1968, p. 24

(4) O.J. n° L 195 of 18.7.1974, p. 14

Whereas the conditions which led to the application of these measures have not altered since; whereas, in order to enable the countries involved to maintain, under the current market situation obtaining there and in the Community, traditional trade flows, it is necessary to continue to apply exceptional arrangements for the first half of 1976, while allowing for such arrangements to be revised, in particular in the event that import conditions change;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The charges on imports originating in ACP States of the products referred to in Article 1 (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be reduced, within the limits of the quantities specified in Article 2, by an amount to be fixed quarterly by the Commission and corresponding to 90 % of the average of the import charges applicable during a reference period.
2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply only to imports for which the importer proves that an export tax of an amount corresponding to the reduction provided for therein has been charged by the exporting country.

Article 2

The arrangements provided for in Article 1 shall be subject to an overall maximum, expressed in terms of boned meat, of 13 766 metric tons, allocated as follows :

Botswana	8 680 metric tons
Kenya	65 metric tons
Madagascar	3 478 metric tons
Swaziland	1 543 metric tons

Article 3

1. Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

Those detailed rules shall concern in particular :

- a) the basis of calculation and the period of reference to be taken into consideration for the purpose of fixing the amount by which import charges are to be reduced ;
 - b) rules for the determination of the corresponding amount to be charged by the exporting country;
 - c) the issue of import licences;
 - d) the proofs to be required of importers and the arrangements for control.
2. Under the same procedure derogation may be made from the principle of quarterly fixing and from the rules concerning the reference period, if a change in the representative rate of the currency of a Member State or the transition from one marketing year to the next so requires.
3. The Council, acting by a qualified majority upon a proposal from the Commission, may, in the light of changes in the beef market or in the factors governing imports into the Community of the products in question, originating in the ACP States, modify or abrogate the arrangements provided for in this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1976.

It shall remain applicable until 30 June 1976.

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

Done at

For the Council
The President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Annex to Doc.

Date 30.10.1975

1. Line of the Budget concerned : Chapter 10 (own resources)

2. Title of the action : Proposed proposition for a Council Regulation concerning the extension of the validity of the regime reducing the import charges upon products of the beef sector, originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

3. Legal basis : Article 43

4. Objectives of the action : Partial compensation of import charges following the evolution of the world market situation for imports of beef originating in the ACP Countries by a reduction of 90 % in the non tariff import charges.

5.0 Cost of the action	1975	
	12/31/75	12/31/75
Reduction of levies	5 to 15 Million U.C.	5 to 15 Million U.C. (6 months)
charge to the EC Budget		
charge to the national administrations		
charge to other national sectors		

5.1 Estimated costs Year Year Year
measure expires on 30.6.1975

5.2 Method of calculation 5 - 15 Million U.C. depending upon the volume of imports. The estimations, based upon the exports of each ACP country involved from 1969 to 1974, amount to a total of 14.000 tons/6 months.

6.1 Possible financing by credits written into the relative chapter of the current Budget

Yes No

6.2 Possible financing by transfers between chapters of the current Budget

Yes No

6.3 Necessity for a supplementary Budget Yes No

Comments: The reduction involves non-tariff import charges.

