

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

suspending the application of the condition to which imports of certain citrus fruit originating in Morocco or Tunisia are subject under the Agreements between the Community and each of those countries.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex 1 to the 1969 Association Agreement with Morocco and Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex 1 to the 1969 Association Agreement with Tunisia stipulate that the tariff reduction on imports into the Community of fresh oranges and fresh small fruit originating in those countries is subject to application of a price that is not higher than the Community reference price. Implementing regulations were adopted in order to permit the application of the provisions in question.

The Association Agreements having expired, their trade provision have been extended autonomously by the Community, most recently on 30 December 1975 by Regulations (EEC) No 2108/75 and No 2107/75 until 30 June 1976.

New agreements have been negotiated with Morocco and Tunisia. These agreements provide for a tariff reduction on imports into the Community of fresh oranges and fresh small fruit originating in those countries, such reduction no longer being subject, however, to application of the contractual price. For technical reasons it will probably not be possible for the trade provisions of the new agreements to enter into force before end of the citrus fruit marketing year. In view of the importance of this sector for the countries concerned, and for the important role it plays their exports, application of the contractual price stipulated in the 1969 Agreements with Morocco and Tunisia should be suspended as from now ; the Commission accordingly proposes that the Council adopt in respect of those countries this proposal for a regulation suspending application of the provisions of the Agreements imposing the contractual price and of the relevant implementing regulations.

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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,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Council Regulations (EEC)

No 2108/75 (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3416/75, extended the
arrangements applied by the Community to trade with Morocco within
the framework of the Association with that country, and

No 2107/75 (2), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3415/75, extended the
arrangements applied by the Community to trade with Tunisia within
the framework of the Association with that country ;

Whereas

Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex 1 to the Agreement establishing an
Association between the European Economic Community and the
Kingdom of Morocco (3), and

Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex 1 to the Agreement establishing an
Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic
of Tunisia (4),

make provision, inter alia, as regards imports into the Community of fresh
sweet oranges, fresh mandarins (including fresh tangerines and satsumas),
fresh clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids, originating in
those countries, for arrangements comprising a tariff reduction subject, during
the period of application of reference prices, to the observance of a specific
price on the Community market ;

(1) O.J. No L 215, 13.8.1975, page 2
(2) O.J. No L 215, 13.8.1975, page 1
(3) O.J. No L 197, 8.8.1969
(4) O.J. No L 198, 8.8.1969

Whereas Council Regulations (EEC)

No 1467/69 of 23 July 1969 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Morocco (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2365/70,

No 1472/69 of 23 July 1969 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Tunisia (2), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2366/70,

laid down detailed rules for the application of those provisions;

Whereas the application of the condition governing the tariff reduction for imports of fresh sweet oranges, fresh mandarins (including fresh tangerines and satsumas), fresh clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids, originating in Morocco or Tunisia, should be suspended ;

Whereas the application of the Regulations laying down detailed rules for the said condition should consequently also be suspended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

For the following products :

<u>C.C.T. heading No</u>	<u>Description</u>
08.02	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried : A. Oranges : I. Sweet oranges, fresh ex B. Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids, fresh

originating in the countries indicated below, the application of the following provisions, extended respectively by Council Regulations (EEC) No 3416/75 and 3415/75, shall be suspended:

Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex 1 to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco ;

Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex 1 to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia.

(1) O.J. No L 197, 8.8.1969, page 95
(2) O.J. No L 198, 8.8.1969, page 95

Article 2

For the referred to in Article 1.

originating in the countries indicated below, the application of
the following Regulations shall be suspended :

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1467/69 of 23 July 1969 on imports of citrus
fruit originating in Morocco,

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1472/69 of 23 July 1969 on imports of citrus
fruit originating in Tunisia.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Annex to Dec.

Date 30.3.1976

1. Line of the Budget concerned : Own resources Art. 12 (Customs Duties)

2. Title of the action : Draft Council Regulation suspending the application of the condition under which the importation into the Community of certain citrus originating in Morocco and Tunisia according to the agreements between the Community and each of these countries.

3. Legal basis : Art. 43 of the Treaty

4. Objectives of the action : Suspension until 30.6.1976 of the condition respect of the price above the reference price in view to obtain for certain citrus the tariff reduction foreseen since 1969 in the framework of the agreements EEC-Morocco/Tunisia.

5.0	Cost of the action Amendment - revenue	during the campaign	current exercise ()	following exercise()
	from customs Duties			
	charges to the EC Budget			
	charges to the national administrations	negligible	negligible	
	charges to other national sectors			
	Budget of the EEC			

5.1 Estimated costs Year Year Year

Measure restricted to 1976

5.2 Method of calculation Comparable to the situation existing since 1969 no amendments of the duty protection and no substantial amendments foreseeable for the revenue of customs Duties.

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

6.4 Credits to be written into future budgets

Comments :