

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

suspending application of the condition on prices governing
the importation into the Community of fresh lemons
originating in the Mediterranean countries with which
the Community concludes agreements.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

It is laid down in the agreements with certain Mediterranean countries that the tariff concession on imports of fresh lemons from those countries into the Community is subject to observance of a stated price on the Community internal market.

Following the introduction of special measures for improving the marketing of Community lemons, the Council suspended application of the conventional price for the duration of the period of validity of the special measures, i.e., until 31 May 1976. On 6 April 1976, the Council extended the application of the special measures in respect of lemons until 31 May 1977. It would therefore be advisable to extend until that date the suspension of the application of the conventional price for lemons imported from those Mediterranean countries with which the Community has concluded agreements containing such a clause, to extend such suspension to the similar clauses in the agreements which the Community recently signed with the Maghreb countries and to make provision for extending the suspension to similar clauses in agreements under negotiation with other countries to which the overall Mediterranean approach is being applied.

The Commission therefore proposes that the Council should adopt this proposal for a regulation.

FINANCIAL INCIDENCE

The abovementioned Regulation has no financial incidence.

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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 the European Economic Community has concluded agreements with several Mediterranean countries providing, inter alia, for a reduced tariff on imports into the Community of fresh lemons originating in those countries, provided that a stated price is observed on the internal Community market;

Whereas the adoption of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2481/75 of 29 September 1975 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruits¹ has enabled the abovementioned condition to be suspended during the period for which Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69² is applicable;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/76 of 6 April 1976 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables and Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit³, inter alia, maintains in force the special measures in respect of Community lemons provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) 2511/69 until 31 May 1977 ;

¹ OJ No L 254, 1.10.1975, p. 1

² OJ No L 318, 18.12.1969, p. 1

³ OJ No L 93, 8.4.1976, p. 1

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Whereas, in these circumstances, the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 of 24 February 1976 suspending application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons, originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey in accordance with Agreements between the European Economic Community and each of these countries¹ should be extended beyond 31 May 1976;

Whereas the European Economic Community signed Cooperation Agreements with Morocco on 27 April 1976 and with Tunisia on 25 April 1976 containing the same provisions governing imports of lemons as the Association Agreements concluded with those countries², and whereas the trade arrangements applicable by the Community under those Agreements were extended in respect of Tunisia by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2107/75 of 6 August 1975³, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3415/75⁴, and in respect of Morocco by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2108/75 of 6 August 1975⁵, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3416/75⁶; whereas the Community signed, on the same day as the Cooperation Agreement with each of those countries, Interim Agreements⁷ designed to bring forward the application of certain provisions of the Cooperation Agreements relating to trade;

Whereas on 26 April 1976 the Community signed a Cooperation Agreement and an Interim Agreement⁸ with Algeria containing, with regard to lemons, similar provisions to those contained in the agreements between the European Economic Community and Morocco and between the European Economic Community and Tunisia; whereas comparable provisions are also to be included in the agreements under negotiation with the Arab Republic of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the Lebanon;

¹ OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 5
² OJ No L 197, 8.8.1969, p. 1 and
L 198, 8.8.1969, p. 1
³ OJ No L 215, 13.8.1975, p. 1
⁴ OJ No L 337, 31.12.1975, p. 3
⁵ OJ No L 215, 13.8.1975, p. 2
⁶ OJ No L 337, 31.12.1975, p. 4
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Whereas, therefore, application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons originating in those Mediterranean countries with which the Community concludes agreements should be suspended during the period of application of Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

- There is hereby added to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 the following:

- " - Article 15(3) and (4) of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 8(3) and (4) of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia;
- Article 15(3) and (4) of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 8(3) and (4) of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco;
- Article 15(3) and (4) of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 8(3) and (4) of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria. "

Article 2

The second paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 is hereby amended to read as follows:

" It shall be applicable until 31 May 1977. "

Article 3

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, may extend the application of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 to similar provisions in the agreements under negotiation with the Arab Republic of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the Lebanon.

Article 4

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.