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# Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain petroleum products falling within Chapter 27 of the Common Customs Tariff, refined in the Arab Republic of Egypt

(1977)

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opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for other woven fabrics of cotton falling within heading No 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt (1977)

(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Ropublic of Egypt (Article 2 and Artiples 1, 3 and 4 of Annex I), together with the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to that Agreement consequent on the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community (Article 2), provides for the opening of Community tariff quotas for the following products:

Common Customs Tariff heading No	Description of goods	Annual quota
ex Chapter 27	Certain petroleum products	360 000 metric tons
55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton	3 250 metrio tone
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The abovementioned Protocol'(Article 5) also provides for these quotas to be allocated as follows among the Member States:

Certain petroleum Other woven products fabrics of cotton

(metric rons)

(a) to the Community as ori-in-Aly constituted 200 000 2 500
(b) to Denmark 5 000 90
(c) to Ireland 5 000 10
(d) to the United Kingdom 150 000 650

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The duties to be applied are fixed by the Agreement at 45% of the Common Customs Tariff duties for the products concerned. However, Articles 3 and 4 of the abovementioned Protocol also contain special provisions concerning the duties to be applied by the new Member States. Similarly, certain provisions of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties must be complied with when fixing these duties.

- The Community opened negotiations with Egypt with a view to concluding, by 1 January 1977, a new Agreement to replace the 1972 Agreement. However, in view of the present state of these negotiations, it is by no means certain that the Agreement could enter into force on 1 January 1977 but rather on a later date which might well be within the first half of 1977.
- 3. In view of the foregoing, the Commission believes that the possible necessity should be provided for of opening tariff quotas, for 1977, for the goods in question, in favour of Spain. Consequently, the tariff quotas for these products should be opened by 1 January 1977 and therefore approved by the Council before 1 November 1976. Accordingly, it is necessary to initiate immediately the procedure for opening the relevant tariff quotas. However, in view of the possible entry into force of a new Agreement it is proposed to confine the period of validity of these Community tariff quotas for the year 1977 to the period not covered by the Agreement.

This is the object of the proposals annexed hereto.

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- 3. The fullbound, remarks, who recommend community the check applicated to the Mombar States, of the Community as originally constituted:
  - (:) The regulations provide, as is the rule, for each of the quotes to be divided into two instalments, the first of which is allocated among the Member States' concerned while the second constitutes the reserve.
  - (b) The allocation of the first instalment is usually based on the statistical for the previous three years and the derivates for the quota period concerned. Thus, each Member State's factors of other weven fabrics of cotton (55.09) during the years 1973-75 are compared with imports into the Community as originally constituted ever the auto period. The resulting percentages have been applied to this first instalment by the respective Member States.

However, it does not appear desirable to apply this principle to petroleum products (Chapter 27), since:

- (i) one Member State's imports were insignificant,
- (ii) there were no imports at all into the other five Member States.
- (iii) total imports into the Community as originally constituted were small in comparison with the quota to be allocated

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(iv) it is very difficult to draw up forecasts of future imports.

Nowever, in order to achieve, nevertheless, a fair and weighted allocation of this quota among the Member States concerned, the Commission is working on the assumption that, in all but quite exceptional cases, each Member State must be able to play at the outset a significant part in the application of a Community measure such as the tariff quotas. Such an allocation must he aimed at evening out as far as possible among the Member States the advantages and responsibilities resulting from this measure. Obviously, this formula will have to be adapted subsequently in the light of any trade any ements.

The proposal for a regulation on other woven fabrics of cotton provides for all the Member States to apply the "as and when" mothod of administration. On the other hand, it is not yet possible to provide for a single method of administration (whether "as and when" or prior allocation) for the suota for certain petroleum products. The national provisions governing the market in these products vary from one Member State to another and the Member States consider that this makes it impossible to apply a common method of administration. In these circumstances, each Member State will be able, by way of exception, to administer its shares in abcordance with its own provisions, while guaranteeing importers of these products free access to the quota.

The Member States' experts who participated in the consultative meeting of the "Economic Tariff Problems" Group (26/27 April 1976) expressed agreement in principle to the scheme for allocation of shares proposed by the Commission in the framework of the regulations annexed.

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Annexes:

<sup>2</sup> proposals of regulation, of the Council;

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# Proposal for a

### REGULATION (EEC)

OF THE COUNCIL

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain petroleum products, falling within Chapter 27 of the Common Customs

Tariff, refined in the Arab Republic of Egypt (1977)

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 Agreement (1) between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the Protocol (2) laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt consequent on the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community, provides for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota of 360 000 metric tons for certain petroleum products, falling within Chapter 27 of the Common Customs Tariff, refined in the Arab Republic of Egypt; whereas the Protocol provides that the tariff quota should be allocated among the Member States as follows: 200 000 metric tons for the Community as originally constituted, 5 000 metric tons for Denmark, 5 000 metric tons for Ireland and 150 000 metric tons for the United Kingdom; whereas Annex I to the Agreement provides that the duties applicable to the quota shall be equal to 45% of the duties of the Common Custorns Tariff; whereas as regards the duties applicable to the quota by the new Member States, the special provisions of the Protocol and of the Act of Accession should be complied with; whereas to comply with the special provisions of the Protocol, separate arrangements should be made for the Member States of the Community as originally constituted, on the one hand, and for the new Member States, on the other;

Whereas the Community tariff quotas in question should be opened for the year 1977, and whereas, however, because of the mossibility of implementing other preferential arrangements as a result of a new agreement between the European Economic Community and Egypt, it is necessary to confine the period of validity of these tariff quotas to such period as it is not covered by the new Agreement;

Whereas as regards the Community as originally constituted:

- in the light of the above principles the Community nature of the quota may best be preserved by an arrangement allocating it among the Member States; whereas in order to provide the most accurate reflection of actual market trends for the said products, such allocation should be proportionate to the needs of the Member States, calculated both from the statistics for each Member State's imports from the Arab Republic of Egypt over a representative reference period and from economic prospects for the quota period in question;
- in view of the fact however that over the past three years the said products have been imported into onlytwo Member Stats and in small quantities, and that no estimates can be made for 1977 and in order to ensure a fair distribution among the Member States concerned, the initial percentage share, having regard to the potential demand for the said products in the various Member States, should be approximately 25% each;
- in order to take account of import trends for the products in question in the Member States concerned, the quota amount should be divided into two instalments, the first instalment being allocated among the same Member States, the second instalment constituting a reserve intended to cover the later requirements of Member States which have used up their initial quota shares; whereas in order to ensure a certain degree of security to importers in each Member State, the first instalment of the quota should be fixed in this case at approximately 70%;
- the initial quota shares may be used up at different rates; whereas, therefore, to avoid disruption of supplies, any Member State which.

<sup>—</sup> equal and uninterrupted access to the quota should be ensured for all importers and quota duties applied continuously to all imports of the said products until the quota has been used up;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 251, 7. 9. 1973, p. 13.

<sup>(&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ No L 251, 7. 9. 1973, p. 3.

has almost used up its initial quota share, must draw a cadditional quota share from the reserve; whereas this must be done by each Member State as each one of its additional quota shares is almost used up, and as many times as the reserve allows; whereas the initial and additional quota shares shall be valid until the end of the quota period; whereas this form of administration requires close collab mation between the Member States as usued and the Commission, and the Commission to follow the extent to which the quota volume has been used up and themselves the Member states thereof;

A, at a given date in the quota period, a considerable quantity of the initial quota share is left over in one of the Member States concerned, it is a contral that that State should return a significant proportion to the reserve, to prevent a part of the coots allocated to the Community as originally and seed from remaining unused in one Member State when it could be used in othe.

-- since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united in and represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any measure concerning the administration of the quota shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any of its members; Whereas, as regards the new Member States:

- the quota duties shall be calculated by the new Member States in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol;
- equal and uninterrupted access to the quota should be ensured for all importers and quota duties should be applied continuously to all imports of the products in question until the quota has been used up,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

Subject to any measures which may be taken in application of Article 3 (2) and (4) of Annex I to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt, a Community tariff quota of 360 000 metric tons shall be opened from 1 January until the date of entry into force of a new Agreement between the European Economic Community and Egypt, but not later than

of Egypt:

31 December 1977, for the products listed below refined in the Arab Republic of Egypt:

CCT heading No	Description
27.10	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing not less than 70% by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, those oils being the basic constituents of the preparations:
	A. Light oils:
	III. For other purposes
	B. Medium oils:
	III. For other purposes
	C. Heavy oils:
	I. Gas oils:
	c) For other purposes
	II. Fuel oils:
	c) For other purposes

CCT heading No	Description
27.10 (cont'd)	<ul> <li>III. Lubricating oils; other oils:</li> <li>c) To be mixed in accordance with the terms of Additional Note 7 to Chapter 27 (a)</li> <li>d) For other purposes</li> </ul>
27.11	Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons:
•	B, Other:  I. Commercial propane and commercial butane:  c) For other purposes
27.12	Petroleum jelly: A. Crude: III. For other purposes B. Other
27.13	Paraffin wax, micro-crystalline wax, slack wax, ozokerite, lignite wax, peat wax and other mineral waxes, whether or not coloured:  B. Other:  1. Crude:  c) For other purposes  II. Other
27.14	Petroleum bitumen, petroleum coke and other residues of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals:  C. Other

The quota shall be allocated and administered in accordance with the following provisions.	CCT heading No	Rate of duty
•	27.10 A <sup>®</sup> III	2.7
	27.10 B III	2.7
SECTION I	27.10 C I c)	1.5
•	27.10 C II c)	1.5
De la companya de la	27.10 C III c)	1.8
Provisions applicable to the Community as originally constituted	27.10 C HI d)	2.7
	27.11 B I c)	0.6
,	27.12 A III	0.9
	27.12 B	3.1
Article 2	27.13 B I c)	0.9
	27.13 B II	2.7
Common Customs Tariff duties shall be partially suspended at the rates indicated below for 200 000 metric tons of the quota referred to in Article 1:	27.14 C II	0.9

(a) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.

#### Article 3

1. A signistalment, amounting to 140 000 metric cons of the amount mentioned in Article 2, shall be slocated among the Member States; the shares, which subject to Article 6 are valid until the end of the period specified in Article 1.

#### are as follows:

Germany	35 000 metric tons,
Benelux	30,000 metric tons,
rance	35 000 metric tons,
ltaly	40 000 metric tons.

The second instalment of 60 000 metric tons shall mostify to the reserve.

#### Article 4

- 1. If 90% or more of a Member State's initial quota share specified in Article 3 (1), or of that share less the portion returned to the reserve where Article 6 is applied, has been used up, that Member State shall without delay, by notifying the Commission, draw a second quota share, to the extent that the reserve sufficient, equal to 15% of its initial quota share, rounded up to the next unit where necessary.
- If, after its initial quota share has been used up, 90% or more of the second quota share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall, in the manner provided for in paragraph 1, draw a third quota share equal to 7.5% of its initial quota share, rounded up where necessary to the next unit.
- 3. If, ofter its second quota share has been used up, 50% or more of the third quota share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall, in the same manner, draw a fourth quota share equal to the third.

This procedure shall be applied until the reserve is axhausted.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, a Member State may proceed to draw shares smaller than those fixed in those paragraphs, if there is reason to believe that those shares might not be used up. They shall inform the Commission of the reasons which led them to apply this paragraph.

#### Article 5

Each of the additional quora shares drawn pursuant to Atticle 4 shall be valid until the end of the period specified in Article 1.

#### Article 6

The Member States shall return to the reserve, not later than 1 October 1977, the unused portion of their initial share which, on 15 September 1977, is in excess of 20% of their initial amount. They may return a greater portion if there are grounds for believing that such portion may not be used in full.

The Member States shall, not later than 1 October 1977, notify the Commission of the total quantities of the said goods imported up to and including 15 September 1977, and charged against the appropriate Community tariff quota and any quantities of the initial share returned to the reserve.

#### Article 7

The Commission shall keep account of the shares opened by Member States in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 and shall inform each of them of the extent to which the reserve has been used as soon as it receives the notifications.

The Commission shall, not later than 5 October 1977, notify Member States of the amount in the reserve after the return of shares pursuant to Article 6.

The Commission shall ensure that any drawing which uses up the reserve is limited to the balance available and, for this purpose shall specify the amount thereof to the Member State which makes the last drawing.

#### Article 8

The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that, when additional shares are drawn pursuant to Article 4, it is possible for charges to be made without interruption against their accumulated shares of the Community quota.

#### SECTION II

Provisions applicable to the new Member States

# Article 9

Within the tariff quota referred to in Article 1, the new Member States shall apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession, the Agreement and the Protocol.

# Article 10

Under the quota, 160 000 metric tons shall be allocated among the new Member States as follows:

Denmark

5 000 metric tons,

Ireland

5 000 metric tons,

United Kingdom 150 000 metric tons.

#### SECTION III

# General provisions

# Article 11

1. Every Member State shall take all measures necessary to ensure that importers of the products in question established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to it.

2. The extent to which a Member State up its shares shall be determined on the p .. importations of the products in question care. the customs authorities for home use.

# Article 12

On receipt of a request from the Commission ber States shall notify it of imports refined in the Arab Republic of Egypt noncharged against their quota shares.

#### Article 13

The Member States and the Commiss. cooperate closely in order to ensure that ... lation is observed.

# Article 14

This Regulation shall enter into force on ' 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

#### Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC)

OF THE COUNCIL

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for other woven fabrics of cotton, falling within heading No 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt (1977)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Euroman Feonomic Community, and in particular Article of thereof;

it wing regard to the proposal from the Commission;

hereas the Agreement (1) between the European nomic Community and the Arab Republic of 19t, and the Protocol (2) laying de certain property relating to the Agreement between the Tropean Economic Community and the Arab Ecpublic of Egypt consequent on the accession of www Member States to the European Economic Community, provide for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota of 3 250 metric tons of other woven fabrics of cotton, falling within heading No 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt; whereas the Protocol provides that the tariff quota should be allocated among the Member States as follows: 2500 metric tons for the Community as originally constituted, 90 metric tons for Denmark, 10 metric tons for Ireland and 650 metric tons for the United Kingdom; whereas Annex I to the Agreement provides that the deties applicable to the quota shall be equal to 45% of the Common Customs Tariff duties; whereas as regards the duties applicable to the quota by the new Member States, the special provisions of the Protocol and of the Act of Accession should be observed; whereas to comply with the special provisions of the Protocol, separate arrangements should is made for the Member States of the Community as originally constituted on the one hand, and for the new Member States on the other;

Agreement;

Whereas, as regards the Community as originally

- equal and uninterrupted access to the quota should be ensured for all importers and quota duties applied continuously to all imports of the said products until the quota has been used up;
- in the light of the above principles, the Community nature of the quota may best be preserved by an arrangement allocating it among these Member States; whereas in order to provide the most accurate reflection of actual market trends for the said products, such allocation should be proportionate to the needs of these Member States, calculated both from the statistics for each Member State's imports from the Arab Republic of Egypt over a representative reference period and from economic prospects for the quota period in question,
- over the last three years for which statistics are available, the following percentages represent the respective imports of the Member States concerned in relation to imports of the said products from the Arab Republic of Egypt into the Community as originally constituted:

	1973	1974	1975
Germany	10.4	5.7	3.0
Benelux	31.9	35.0	18,5
France	1.1	13.8	57.2
Italy	56.6	45.5	21.2
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— in view of these factors, of the foresceable development during 197 7 of the market for the products in question and in particular of the estimates submitted by certain Member State initial quota shares may be fixed approximately as follows:

Germany	16.6
Benclux	24.3
France	14.6
italy	44.5

constituted:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 251, 7. 9. 1973, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 251, 7. 9. 1973, p. 3.

#### HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

- in order to take account of import trends for the products in question in the Member States concerned, the quota amount should of divided into two instalments, the first instalment being allocated among the same Member States, the second instalment constituting a reserve intended to cover the later requirements of Member States which have used up their initial quota shares; whereas in order to ensure a certain degree of security to importers in each Member State, the first instalment of the quota should be fixed in this case at approximately 50%;
- the initial quota shares may be used up at different times; whereas, therefore, to avoid disruption of supplies, any Member State which has almost used up its initial quota share, shall draw an additional quota share from the reserve; whereas this shall be done by each Member State whenever one of its additional quota shares has been almost used up, and as many times as the reserve allows; whereas the initial and additional quota shares shall be valid until the end of the quota period; whereas this form of administration requires close collaboration between the Member States and the Commission, and the Commission must be in a position to follow the extent to which the quota volume has been used up and inform the Member States thereof;
- if, at a given date in the quota period, a considerable quantity of the initial quota share is left over in one of the Member States concerned, it is essential that that State should return a significant proportion to the reserve to prevent a part of the quota allocated to the Community as originally constituted from remaining unused in one Member State when it could be used in others;
- -- since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united in and represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any measure concerning the administration of the quota shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any of its members;

# Whereas, as regards the new Member States:

- the quota duties shall be calculated by the new Member States in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol;
- equal and uninterrupted access to the quota should be ensured for all importers and quota duties applied continuously to all imports of the products in question until the quota has been used up,

#### Article 1

A Community tariff quota of 3 250 metric tons shabe opened from 1 January until the date of entry into force of a new Agreement between the European Economic Community and Egypt. but not later than

to 31 December 197 to other woven fabrics of cotton, falling within head. No 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, original in the Arab Republic of Egypt. This quota shall be allocated and administered in accordance with the following provisions.

#### SECTION I

Provisions applicable to the Community as originally constituted

#### Article 2

The Common Customs Tariff duties shall be partially suspended at the rate indicated below for 2 500 metric tons of the quota referred to in Article 1:

CCT heading No	Description	Rate of duty (%)
55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton:	
	A. Containing 85% or more by weight of cotton:	
٠	I. Of a width of less than 85 cm	5.8
	II. Other	6.3
	B. Other:	
	I. Of a width of less than 85 cm	6:3
	II. Other	6.7

#### Article 3

1. A first instalment, amounting to 1 235 metric tons of the amount specified in Article 2, shall be allocated among the Member States; the shares, which subject to Article 6 are valid until the end of the period specified in Article 1 shall be as follows:

Germany	205 metric tons,
Benelux	300 metric tons,
France	180 metric tons,
Italy	550 metric tons.

2. The second instalment of 1 265 metric tons shall constitute the reserve.

### Article 4

- 1. If 90% or more of the initial share of a Member 3 the laid down in Article 3 (1), or 90% of that share less the amount returned into the reserve where the movisions of Article 6 have been applied, has been exhausted, that Member State shall proceed without delay, by notifying the Commission, to draw second share, equal to 15% of its initial share, rounded up to the next unit.
- or more of the second share has been exhausted, 90% or more of the second share drawn up by a Member State has been used, that Member State shall proceed, in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraph 1, to draw a third share, equal to 7.5% of its initial share, rounded up to the next unit where appropriate, to the extent that the reserve is sufficient.
- 3. If, after its second share has been exhausted, 90% or more of the third share drawn by a Member State has been used, that Member State shall proceed, in the same way to draw a fourth share equal to the third.

This process shall be applied until the reserve is exhausted.

4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the Member States may proceed to draw shares smaller than those fixed in those paragraphs if there is reason to believe that they might not be used up. They shall inform the Commission of the reasons which led them to apply this paragraph.

#### Article 5

Each of the additional shares drawn pursuant to Article 4 shall be valid until the end of the puriod specified in Article 1.

# Article 6

The Member States shall return to the reserve, not later than 1 October 1977, the unused portion of their initial share which, on 15 September 1977, is in excess of 20% of the initial amount. They may return a greater portion if there are grounds for believing that such portion may not be used in full.

The Member States shall, not later than 1 October 1977, notify to the Commission of the total imports of the said goods effected up to and including 15 September 1977, and charged against the Community quota and, where appropriate, the proportion of their initial share that is being returned to the reserve.

#### Article 7

The Commission shall keep account of the shares opened by Member States in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 and shall inform each State of the extent to which the reserve has been used up as soon as it receives the notifications.

The Commission shall, not later than 5 October 1977, notify the Member States of the amount in reserve after the return of shares pursuant to Article 6.

The Commission shall ensure that any drawing which uses up the reserve is limited to the balance available and for this purpose shall specify the amount thereof to the Member State which makes the last drawing.

#### Article 8

The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that when additional shares are drawn pursuant to Article 4 it is possible for charges to be made without interruption against their accumulated shares of the Community quota.

# SECTION II

Provisions applicable to the new Member States

# Article 9

Within the limits of the tariff quota referred to in Article 1, the new Member States shall apply the duties laid down in the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession, the Agreement and the Protocol.

# Article 10

Within the quota referred to in Article 1, metric tons shall be allocated to the new Member States as follows:

Denmark	90 metric tons,	
Ireland	10 metric tons,	
United Kingdom	650 metric tons.	

#### SECTION III

# General provisions

#### Article 11

- 1. Member States shall ensure that importers of the said goods established in their territory have free access to the share allocated to them.
- 2. Member States shall charge imports of the products in cuestion against their quota shares as the products are presented for customs clearance under cover of a declaration that they have been made available for consumption.
- 3. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 2.

# Article 12

On receipt of a request from the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports on the said products originating in the Arab Regulate of Egypt actually charged against their quota shall

# Article 13

The Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely in order to ensure the this Regulation is observed.

# Article 14

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President