

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the autonomous and special arrangements
for beef and veal products originating in some
signatory States of the ACP-CEE Convention of Lomé

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In accordance with the declaration of intent regarding beef made by the Community upon the signature of the ACP-EEC Lomé Convention on 28 February 1975, the Community introduced special short term provisions to allow ACP beef exporting States to maintain their exports to the Community (27.532 tons per annum) despite the problems this sector is experiencing in the Community. These provisions, the period of validity having been extended upon three occasions, expire on 31 December 1976.
2. Experience obtained since the entry into force of the Convention and data gathered, show that these measures were fully justified to allow the countries in question to maintain their exports and thereby to provide a certain revenue for the producers. Nonetheless, because of the short duration of these provisions (six months) certain problems have arisen, notably for production plans for subsequent export to the Community and also for transport and sales arrangements. The problem is most acute for Botswana. For this country its geographic position and the political events in neighbouring regions give rise to additional problems, especially of transport. In normal circumstances a delay of at least six weeks is already necessary to ensure the transportation of beef to the Community.
3. For these reasons and in view of the declared intentions made upon the signature of the Lomé Convention, it is proposed to maintain, with some adjustments the special provisions currently applied. The attached proposed regulation provides for such steps. Principally the proposal is that the provisions are valid for 18 months, this period being compensated for by a progressive reduction in the advantages of the reduced import charges other than customs duties.

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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 (1);

Whereas some signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (2) are tra-
ditional suppliers of beef to the Community ; whereas the production of this
product is an essential factor of their economies which are closely linked
with this kind of exports ; whereas the States in question being the least
developed among the States exporting beef to the Community special measures
might contribute to maintain a regular flow of imports ;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 (3) renewing the arrangements
for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating
in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States as last amended by Regulation
(EEC) No 1466/76 (4), which follows a transfer to Botswana, Kenya, Madagas-
car and Swaziland of the amounts of reduction of import charges other than
customs duties for the products referred to in the first article under a)
of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 (5) of 27 June 1968 on the common
organisation of the market in beef and veal, at last amended by Regulation
(EEC) No 568/76 (6) has taken into account this situation, that the arran-
gements established by this regulation expire 31 December 1976 ;

(1) OJ No

(2) OJ No L 25, 30.1.1976, p. 2

(3) OJ No L 329, 23.12.1975, p. 4

(4) OJ No L 165, 25.6.1976, p. 9

(5) OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24

(6) OJ No L 67, 15.3.1976, p. 28.

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Whereas to take into account the vital importance which the beef sector has for the abovementioned countries and to remove at the same time some difficulties encountered during the first periods of application of the special arrangements, these measures should be extended with some adjustments involving especially a longer period of validity of the arrangements and a slight decrease of the amounts of reduction of the import charges ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The charges on imports of the products originating in some signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé referred to in Article 1 (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be reduced under the conditions provided for by this regulation.

Article 2

The amount of reduction in charges on import correspond to

- a) 85 % during the period from 1 January until 30 June 1977,
 - b) 80 % during the period from 1 July until 31 December 1977,
 - c) 75 % during the period from 1 January until 30 June 1978
- of the average of the import charges applicable during a reference period. It is fixed quarterly by the Commission.

Article 3

The reduction of charges are limited to the following quantities, expressed in terms of boneless meat :

PERIOD	1.1./30.6.1977	1.7./31.12.1977	1.1./30.6.1978
	metric tons	metric tons	metric tons
Botswana	10.416	6.944	10.416
Kenya	78	52	78
Madagascar	4.174	2.782	4.174
Swaziland	1.851	1.235	1.851
TOTAL	16.519	11.013	16.519

For the application of this regulation 100 kilogrammes of boneless meat correspond to 130 kilogrammes of bone-in meat.

Article 4

The reduction of the charges on imports shall apply only to imports for which the importer proves that an export tax of an amount corresponding to the reduction has been charged by the exporting country.

Article 5

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

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.

Article 6

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

For the Council

The President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : October 1976

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Chapter 10 (own resources)

2. ACTION : Draft proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on the autonomous and special arrangements for beef and veal products originating in some signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43

4. OBJECTIVES : Partial compensation of import charges for beef and veal originating in ACP States, through a degressive reduction in non-tariff import charges, conditional upon the application of an equivalent export tax.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (76)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (77)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)			
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.			
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) (1)	12 - 19 MUC		12 - 19 MUC
-NATIONAL			

YEAR1978..... YEAR1979... YEAR1980..

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS 6 - 9 MUC (six months)

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION Upon the basis of 27.500 tons imported during 1977 into the Community and 17.900 tons in the 1st half of 1978 and on the basis of the import charges established for the last quarter of 1976.

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? YES/NO

~~6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ?~~ ~~YES/NO~~

~~6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?~~ ~~YES/NO~~

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ? YES/NO

COMMENTS : (1) Non-perception of part of the levy which would have been destined for the Community budget.