

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concerning the rules in effect whereby imports into Italy of malleable
cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject
to import authorizations

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

By Regulation (EEC) No. 162/1976 (1) the Commission established a system of authorisations for imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan. This system which was maintained by the Council by Regulations (EEC) No. 476/1976 (2), (EEC) No. 1552/1976 (3) and (EEC) No. 3207/76 (4) is due to expire on 31 December 1977.

At a meeting of the competent advisory Committee on 5 January, the Italian delegate requested that this measure be further extended. In support of this request, particular reference was made to the continuing crisis being experienced by this sector of Italian industry. If the present system of limitations had not been introduced, imports from Taiwan, which are sold at abnormally low prices (the average price of imports into Italy in the first half of 1977 was 1.190 lires per Kg, the average price of imports from Taiwan was 810 lires per Kg, the average price of Italian exports was 1.280 lires per Kg) prices could - in the current economic recession - lead to considerable injury to the Italian producers.

In these circumstances ^{and} having had a favourable opinion from the advisory Committee set up under Regulation 1439/74, the Commission proposes that the Council should :

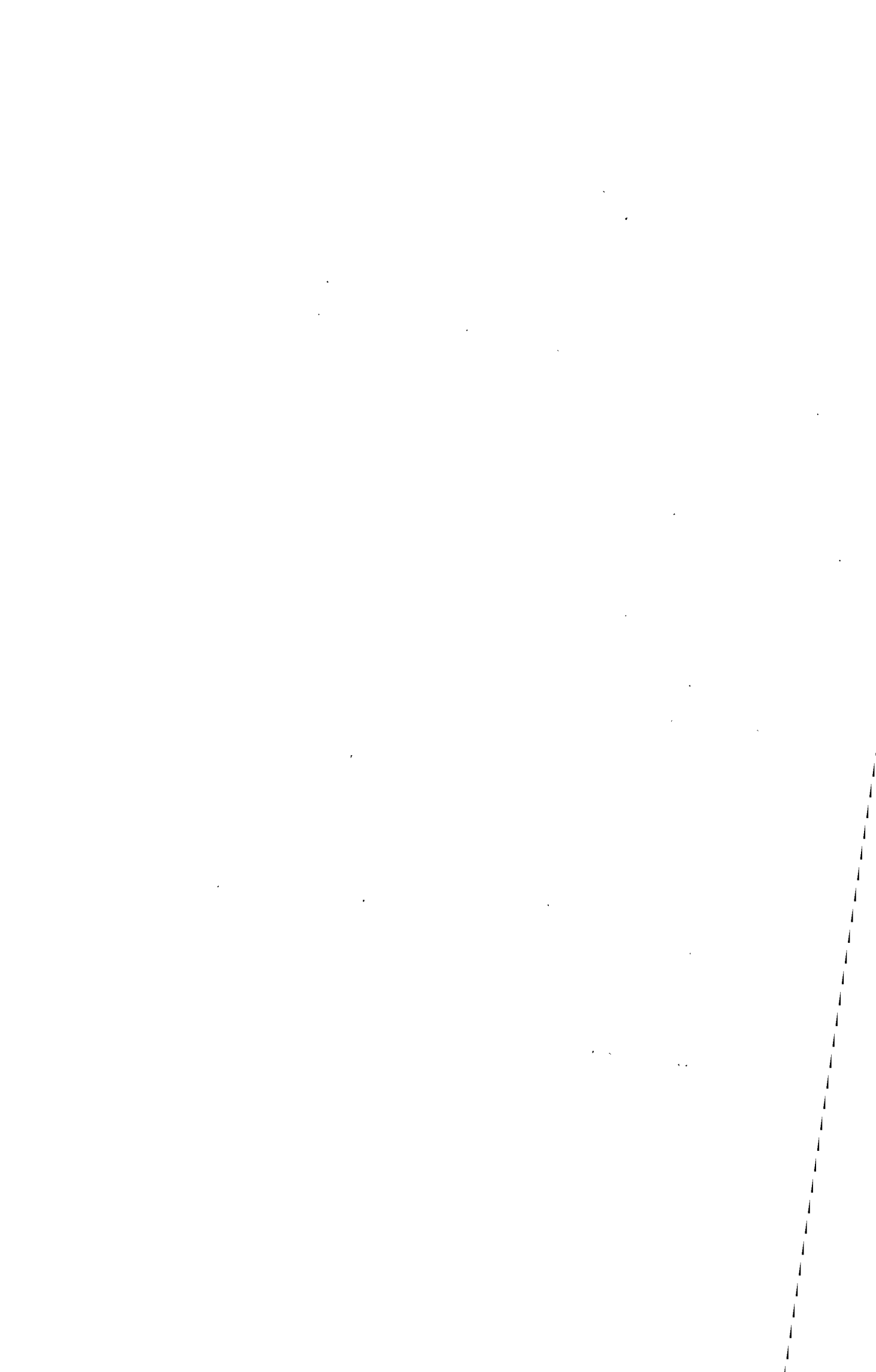
- re-introduce the system of authorisations for imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan until 31 December 1978.

(1) O.J. No. L 18 of 27.1.1976, p.13

(2) O.J. No. L 56 of 4.3.1976, p. 1

(3) O.J. No. L172 of 1.7.1976, p. 1

(4) O.J. No. L362 of 31.12.1976, p. 5.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1439/74 of 4 June 1974 on
common rules for imports⁽¹⁾,

After consultation within the Advisory Committee referred to in Article 5
of the said Regulation,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) N° 162/76⁽²⁾, the Commission established rules
whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings
originating in Taiwan were made subject to authorization;

Whereas by Regulations (EEC) N° 476/76⁽³⁾, (EEC) N° 1552/76⁽⁴⁾ and (EEC)
N° 320/76⁽⁵⁾, the Council maintained these rules in effect until
31 December 1977;

Whereas since the establishment of these measures the development of the
market in Italy for these products has been characterized by a decrease in
consumption;

Whereas imports from Taiwan continue to be available at prices much below
those applied by the Italian producers; whereas, owing to the considerable
increase in total imports, serious harm would be done to producers
in Italy if safeguard measures were not adopted by the Community;

(1) OJ N° L 159, 15.06.1974, p. 1

(2) OJ N° L 18, 27.01.1976, p. 13

(3) OJ N° L 56, 04.03.1976, p. 1

(4) OJ N° L 172, 01.07.1976, p. 1

(5) OJ N° L 362, 31.12.1976, p. 5

Whereas the reasons which justified the establishment of rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorizations remain valid; whereas it is therefore necessary to introduce new rules whereby these products are subject to import authorizations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings (Nimex Code 73.20.30) originating in Taiwan shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the competent Italian authorities.

The total quantity of products for which import authorizations shall be issued from 1 January to 31 December 1978 shall not exceed 1 640 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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