Proposal for a COUNCIL_REGULATION_(EEC)

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines, having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Algeria (1981/82)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Agreement between the Community and Algeria provides in Article 20(3) for the duty-free importation into the Community of certain wines having a registered designation of origin, within the limits of annual Community tariff quotas. These arrangements are valid for a transitional period of five years from the date of their first application. Being applied for the first time on 1st July 1976 on the basis of the Interim Agreement between the Community and Algeria they come to an end on 30 June 1981.

Pending entry into force of the arrangements and to avoid interruption of the commercial relations with Algeria for the wines in question, the arrangements which the Community has applied in the period of 1st July 1980 to 30 June 1981 should be extended autonomously. These arrangements provide for the opening of a duty-free Community tariff quota for the importation of 450 000 hectolitres of certain wines having a registered designation of origin, in containers holding a maximum of two litres. It is proposed to extend this tariff measure for the period of 1st July 1981 to 30 June 1982.

2. The Regulation makes provision - as is usual - for the division of the quota volume into two instalments, the first of which is allocated by shares amongst all Member States, while the second consititutes a reserve. The allocation of the first instalment is usually based on the statistical data of the last three years and estimates for the period in question.

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In this case, however, neither Community nor national statistical data split up the types of the wines in question are available and no estimates can be put forward. In these circumstances initial shares should be established for taking into account the possibilities of consumption of these wines in each of the Member States.

It is proposed that the proposal for a Council Regulation opening the Community tariff quota described above should be approved.

But in order that this tariff measure is also applicable in Greece an adapting protocol must be concluded between Algeria and the Community. Because such a

protocol does not exist the tariff measure in question will apply only to the Community of Nine.

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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 Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (') provides in Article 20 for preferential arrangements for the importation of certain wines having a designation of origin falling within subheading ex 22.05 C; whereas the

application of these arrangements is limited until 30 June 1981;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No/81(2) provides for the arrangements which the Community has applied from 1 July

1980 to 30 June 1981 to be extended until 30 June 1982 whereas these arrangements stipulate that certain wines having a designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Algeria shall be imported into the Community free of

customs duties within the limits of a Community tariff quota of

450 000 hectolitres; whereas the wines must be put up in containers holding a maximum of two litres; whereas these wines must be accompanied by a certificate of designation of origin in accordance with the model given in Annex D to the Agreement; whereas the Community tariff quota in question should therefore be opened for the period

30 June 1982.

Whereas, since a Protocol as provided for in Article 118 of the 1979 Act of Accession does not exist, the Community must adopt the measures referred to ir Article 119 of the Act; whereas the tariff measure concerned will, therefore, apply to the Community of Nine;

¹OJ NO L 263, 28.9.1978, p.2. ²OJ NO Whereas the wines in question are subject to compliance with the free-at-frontier reference price; whereas the wines in question shall benefit from this tariff quota on condition that Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 (1, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No3456/80 (2), is complied with;

Whereas it is in particular necessary to ensure equal and uninterrupted access for all Community importers to the abovementioned quota, and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for this quota to all imports of the products concerned into the Member States until the quota has been used up; whereas a system of using a Community tariff quota, based on allocation among the Member States, appears likely to comply with the Community nature of the said quota having 'regard to the above, principles; whereas, in order to reflect most accurately the actual development of the market in the products in question, such allocation should be in proportion to the requirements of the Member States, assessed by reference both to the statistics relating to imports of the said products from Algeria over a representative reference period and to the economic outlook for the quota period concerned;

Whereas in this case, however, neither Community nor national statistics showing the breakdown for each of the types of wines in question are available and no reliable estimates of future imports can be made; whereas in these circumstances the quota volumes should be allocated in initial shares, taking into account demand for these wines on the markets of the various Member States;

Whereas, to take into account import trends for the products concerned in the various Member States, the quota amount should be divided into two instalments, the first being allocated among the Member States and the second held as a reserve intended to cover at a later date the requirements of Member States who have used up their initial share; whereas, in order to guarantee some degree of security to importers in each Member State, the first instalment of the Community quota should be fixed at a level which could, in the present circumstances, be 50 % of the quota volume;

Whereas the initial shares of the Member States may not be used up at the same rate; whereas, in order to take this into account and avoid disruption, any Member State which has used up almost all its initial share should draw a supplementary share from the reserve; whereas this should be done by each Member State each time one of its supplementary shares is , almost used up, and so on as many times as the reserve allows; whereas the initial and supplementary

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

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shares should 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;

Whereas, if at a given date in the quota period a Member State has a considerable quantity of the initial share left over, it is essential that it should return a significant proportion thereof to the reserve, to prevent a part of the Community quota remaining unused in one Member State when it could be used in others;

Whereas, 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, all transactions concerning the administration of the shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the period to 30 June 1982, a Community tariff quota of 450 000 hectolitres shall be opened for the following products originating in Algeria:

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22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol:								
	C. Other: — Wines entitled to one of the following designations of origin: Aïn Bessem-Bouira, Médéa, Coteaux du Zaccar, Dahra, Coteaux de Mas- cara, Monts du Tessalah, Coteaux de Tlemcen, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 15 % vol, in containers holding two litres or less								

2. Within this tariff quota the Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to these wines shall be totally suspended.

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3. The wines in question are subject to compliance with the free-at-frontier reference price.

The wines in question shall benefit from this tarifiquota on condition that Article 18 of Regulatior (EEC) No 337/79 shall be complied with.

4. Each of these wines, when imported, shall be accompanied by a certificate of designation of origin, issued by the relevant Algerian authority, in accordance with the model annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

1. The tariff quota laid down in Article 1 shall be divided into two instalments.

2. A first instalment of the quota shall be allocated among the Member States; the shares, which subject to Article 5 shall be valid up to 30 June 1982, shall be as follows:

		(bectolitres)
Benelux		37 350
Denmark		22 500
Germany		45 000
France		45 000
Ireland		15 300 .
Italy		22 500
United Kingdom	•	37 350

3. The second instalment of the quota, amounting to 225 000 hectolitres, shall constitute the reserve.

Article 3

1. If 90 % or more of one of a Member State's initial share, as specified in Article 2 (2), or of that share less the portion returned to the reserve where Article 5 has been applied, has been used up, that Member State shall, without delay, by notifying the Commission, draw a second share equal to 15 % of its initial share, rounded up where necessary to the next whole number, in so far as the amount in the reserve allows.

2. If, after its initial share has been used up, 90 % or more of the second share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall, in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraph 1, draw a third share equal to 7.5 % of its initial share, rounded up where necessary to the next whole number, in so far as the amount in the reserve allows.

3. If, after its second share has been used up, 90 % or more of the third share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall in accordance with paragraph 1, draw a fourth share equal to the third.

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This process shall continue to apply until the reserves are used up.

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

Article 4

The additional shares drawn pursuant to Article 3 shall be valid until 30 June 1982

Article 5

Member States shall return to the reserve, not later than 1 April 1982, the unused portion of their initial share which, on 15 March 1982, is in excess of 20 % of the initial amount. They may return a greater portion if there are grounds for believing that such portion might not be used in full.

Member States shall notify the Commission, not later than 1 April 1982, of the total imports of the products concerned effected under the Community quotas up to and including 15 March 1982 and, where appropriate, the proportion of their initial share that they are returning to the reserve.

Article 6

The Commission shall keep account of the shares opened by Member States pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 and shall inform each State of the extent to which the reserve has been used up as soon as it has been notified.

The Commission shall notify the Member States, not later than 5 April 1983 of the state of the reserve after the return of shares pursuant to Article 5. The Commission shall ensure that the drawing which uses up the reserve is limited to the balance available and, to this end, shall specify the amount thereof to the Member State making the final drawing.

Article 7

1. Member States shall take all measures necessary to ensure that additional shares drawn pursuant to Article 3 are opened in such a way that imports may be charged without interruption against their aggregate shares in the Community quota.

2. Member States shall ensure that importers of the products concerned established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to them.

3. Member States shall charge imports of the said goods against their shares as and when the goods are entered for free circulation.

4. The extent to which a Member State has used up its shares shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 3.

Article 8

At the request of the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports actually charged against their shares.

Article 9

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

Article 10

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 Luxembourg,

For the Council The President

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