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of the Committee on Agriculture
for the Committee on Development and Cooperation
on the proposal from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (Doc. 487/77) for a regula-
tion amending Regulation (EEC) No. 706/76 on the
arrangements applicable to agricultural products and
certain goods resulting from the processing of agricul-
tural products originating in the African, Caribbean
and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and
territories

Draftsman: Mr R. HOUDET

Luxembourg, 14 February 1978

- the Chairman -

Mrs Colette FLESCH
Chairman of the Committee on
Development and Cooperation
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Dear Mrs. Flesch,

At its meeting on 2 and 3 February 1978 the Committee on Agriculture¹ considered the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 706/76² on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories (Doc. 487/77).

Regulation (EEC) No. 706/76 lists the agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories on which there is total or partial exemption from import charges during the period of validity of the Lomé Convention.

The purpose of this proposal is to add to that list fresh or refrigerated tomatoes originating in the same states or countries and of special importance to the economy of certain of them, notably Senegal. The Commission estimates that 600 tonnes of tomatoes will benefit in 1978 from a 60% reduction of Common Customs Tariff duties in the period from 15 November to 30 April; these imports may reach 1,000 tonnes in 1979 and 1,500 tonnes in 1980.

The Committee on Agriculture is favourable to the Commission's proposal which contributes towards the economic development of the ACP States and the overseas countries and territories. It feels that the period chosen for the application of the abovementioned reduction of CCT duties should not affect price levels for tomatoes within the Community. Nevertheless, it urges the Commission to remain vigilant in view of the increased quantities of tomatoes to be imported in the next two years.

Yours sincerely,
(sgd) Roger Houdet

¹ Present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Ligios and Mr Hughes, vice-chairmen;
Mr Albertini, Mr Andersen, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Corrie, Mr Dewulf,
Mr Durand, Mr Howell, Mr Lemp, Mr Mitchell, Mr Pisoni

² OJ No. L 85, 31 March 1976, p.2