

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concluding the Exchange of Letters relating to Article 9
of Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the
European Economic Community and the State of Israel
and concerning the
importation into the Community of tomato concentrates from Israel

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel was signed in Brussels on 11 May 1975.

Article 9 of Protocol No 1 annexed to the Agreement makes provision for a reduction of the customs duties on imports into the Community of certain products, including tomato concentrates, originating in Israel, subject to the conditions agreed upon by exchange of letters being respected.

However, article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1274/75, concluding the Agreement made provision for certain products and notably for tomato concentrates, that the date of entry into force of the tariff concessions would be delayed until a certain date to be determined by the Council based upon a Commission proposal.

Council Regulation (EEC) No /75 of having fixed this date, the Commission recommends the Council to adopt the draft Regulation on the annexed Exchange of Letters, which lays down the conditions governing the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates from Israel.

The Regulation in question should enter into force on 1975, at the same time as the above-mentioned regulation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Upon the basis of the most recent statistical information the financial incidence can be estimated as being between 20,000 and 30,000 U.C.

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for
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Israel and concerning the importation into the Community of
tomato concentrates from Israel

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 Recommendation from the Commission ;

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the
State of Israel has been signed on 11 May 1975 ;

Whereas Council Regulation No (EEC) of has set the date of
entry into force of the tariff reductions provided for in articles 8 and 9
of Protocol 1 annexed to the Agreement, relating to certain products, and
in particular tomato concentrates ;

Whereas the Exchange of Letters relating to Article 9 of Protocol No 1 to
the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel
and concerning the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates
from Israel should be concluded ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Exchange of Letters relating to Article 9 of Protocol No 1 to the
Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel
and concerning the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates
from Israel is concluded on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Exchange of Letters is annexed to this Regulation.

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Article 2

The President of the Council shall be authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 1, and to invest him with the necessary power to commit the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on July 1975 (1).

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,
The President

Annex

(1) mention the date of entry into force following from Regulation (EEC) /75.
written procedure No /75 (doc. VI/1346/75)

Draft exchange of letters on the tomato concentrates referred to in Article 9 of Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the States of Israel signed on 11 May 1975

Letter No 1

Sir,

In pursuance of Article 9 of Protocol No 1 to the Agreement concluded between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and following the clarifications exchanged on the conditions governing imports into the Community of tomato concentrates prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, falling within subheading No 20.02 ex C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in and coming from Israel, I have the honour to inform you that Israel undertakes all necessary measures in order that the quantities supplied to the Community from 1975 (1) to 31 December 1975 do not exceed tonnes.

To this end the Israel Government points out that all exports to the Community of tomato concentrates prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, originating and coming from Israel, are effected exclusively through exporters whose operations are supervised by the Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry.

The guarantees with regard to quantities will be provided in the manner agreed between the Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry and the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the Commission of the European Communities.

I shall be obliged if you will confirm the agreement of the Community with the contents of this letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) Ambassador

(1) date of entry into force of this regulation

Letter No 2

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today worded as follows :

"In pursuance of Article 9 of Protocol No 1 to the Agreement concluded between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and following the clarifications exchanged on the conditions governing imports into the Community of tomato concentrates prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, falling within subheading No 20.02 ex C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in and coming from Israel, I have the honour to inform you that Israel undertakes all necessary measures in order that the quantities supplied to the Community from 1975 to 31 December 1975 do not exceed tonnes.

To this end the Israel Government points out that all exports to the Community of tomato concentrates prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, originating and coming from Israel, are effected exclusively through exporters whose operations are supervised by the Israelian Minister of Trade and Industry.

The guarantees with regard to quantities will be provided in the manner agreed between the Israelian Minister of Trade and Industry and the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the Commission of the European Communities".

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Community with the contents of this letter and to inform you also that the Community declares its willingness to re-examine the quantities for the following year. Should there be a revision of the quantities account will of course be taken of the market situation within the Community both from the point of view of production as well as that of consumption.

I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm the agreement of your Government with the preceding paragraph.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) on behalf of the Council
of European Communities.

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Letter No 3

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today in which you informed me as follows :

"I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Community with the contents of this letter and to inform you also that the Community declares its willingness to re-examine the quantities for the following year. Should there be a revision of the quantities account will of course be taken of the market situation within the Community both from the point of view of production as well as that of consumption.

I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm the agreement of your Government with the preceding paragraph."

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of my Government with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) A Ambassador

