

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the
market in rice

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Under the present arrangements for imports of rice into the French overseas department of Réunion, Réunion is exempted from the levy on imports from non-member countries and receives a subsidy on imports from Member States. The subsidy, depending on the product, is either equal to the amount of the levy or equal to this amount less the amount for the protection of the industry.

The purpose of these provisions is to enable Réunion to purchase rice at the world price in order to sustain its consumption and make its industry competitive.

2. Article 11a) of Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 lays down that these provisions apply to all rice: paddy, husked, semi-milled, wholly-milled and broken rice.

It now appears that imports into Réunion of semi-milled rice have caused some distortions on the island's domestic market, making its industry uncompetitive.

3. It is therefore proposed that semi-milled rice be excluded from the provisions of Article 11 a of Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76.
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 40 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas Article 11a of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 (2), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1871/80 (3), lays down special arrangements for imports into the French overseas department of Réunion and for consignments from Member States to the said department; whereas experience gained in applying these arrangements has brought to light certain difficulties with regard to semi-milled rice; whereas this product should therefore be excluded from the special arrangements,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(1) OJ No C

(2) OJ No L 166, 25.6.1976, p. 1

(3) OJ No L 184, 17.7.1980, p. 4

Article 1

1. Article 11a (3) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 are hereby replaced by the following:

"3. Notwithstanding Article 11 (1) (g) and (h), the levy to be charged on imports of products falling within subheading 10.06 B II b) into the French overseas department of Réunion shall be equal to the amount for the protection of the industry referred to in Article 14 (3).

4. For consignments to the French overseas department of Réunion of products falling within heading No 10.06 B, with the exception of products falling within subheading 10.06 B II a), originating in the Member States and in one of the situations referred to in Article 9 (2) of the Treaty, a subsidy shall be granted, on application by the party concerned, equal to the levy in force for

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of 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

The President

