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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 as regards the annual tariff quota
for Cheddar cheese

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 provides for an annual tariff quota for Canada of 2,750 tons of Cheddar cheese within sub-heading 04.04 E I b) 1 aa).

This Cheddar cheese must be matured for at least 9 months at the time of import into the Community. It must be manufactured from raw milk with certain specific characteristics, which is only available in Canada from May to September each year.

As the producers in that country have been unable to take the necessary measures in time to manufacture the above-mentioned quantity of Cheddar in 1980 for export to the Community, the quotas for 1981 and 1982 should be increased to some extent; this measure is unlikely to upset the Community market.

The Canadian authorities have told the Commission Services that the quantity of Cheddar which can be exported to the Community in 1980 will not be more than 1,250 tons.

Taking into account the attached proposal, the quantity of Canadian Cheddar which the Community will import in the course of three years (1980, 1981, 1982) will be 7,750 tons instead of 8,250 tons foreseen in the agreement.

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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) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products¹, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1761/78², and in particular Article 14(6) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79³, as amended by Regulation (EEC) 1361/80⁴, opens an annual tariff quota of 2 750 tons for Cheddar cheese falling within sub-heading 04.04 E I b) 1 (aa) and listed in Annex II to the said Regulation;

Whereas the said cheese must have been matured for at least 9 months on importation into the Community; whereas it must, furthermore, be produced entirely from raw milk complying with certain specific characteristics; whereas the said milk is available in the non-member exporting country concerned, only from May to September; whereas, accordingly, producers in the non-member country in question have not been able to take in due time the measures necessary for manufacturing the total quantity which could be imported into the Community in 1980 under the annual tariff quota;

Whereas, in order to provide some compensation for the said non-member country for the missing quantity in 1980 without causing prejudice to the Community cheese market, an increase in the 1981 and 1982 tariff quotas should be granted to the said country,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 13

² OJ No L 204, 28.7.1978, p. 6

³ OJ No L 329, 24.12.1979, p. 1

⁴ OJ No L 140, 5.6.1980, p. 9

Article 1

The following subparagraph is hereby added to Article 9(2) of Regulation (EEC) 2915/79:

"However, the tariff quota referred to at a) shall amount to:

- 3,000 tons for the 1981 calendar year,
- 3,500 tons for the 1982 calendar year".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1981.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

