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DRAFT COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE AUTONOMOUS COMMON CUSTOMS
TARIFF DUTIES ON CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The subject of the following draft regulation is the temporary suspension of duties in the Common Customs Tariff for a number of agricultural items, as requested by the Member States.
It is partly a prolongation and partly a new measure.

2. It seems appropriate to the Commission that a duty suspension is justified for the goods listed in the annex to this regulation.
The Commission proposes a total suspension for those products for which Community production does not exist or is minimal. A partial suspension is proposed in cases where the Community production covers only a part of the requirements. The rate of the partially suspended duty depends on the extent of the possible Community supply to the Community users. The Commission is also looking for the right balance between the interests of the suppliers, users and the consumers in the Community.
It also takes into account the need to protect employment.

3. The proposed measures are confined to six months because of the difficulties of estimating the evolution of the basic factors.

4. For a number of items for which the Member States also requested duty suspensions the Commission does not propose a tariff measure because the necessary conditions are not fulfilled. This concerned the following items :

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CCT heading No	Description of goods
03.01 A I b)	Salmon, chilled or frozen, headless, gutless for smoking
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod (<i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, for processing
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, for processing
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp) fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, for processing
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp), fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing
ex 03.03 A IV a)	Prawns, whole, in shell and simply boiled in water, of the species <i>Pandalus borealis</i> , in packings of a net capacity of 3 kg or more
ex 06.03 B	Cut flowers and flower buds, not further prepared than dried

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous Common
Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural
products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic
Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission,

Whereas production of the products referred to in this Regulation
is at present inadequate or non-existent within the Community, and whereas
producers are thus unable to meet the needs of user industries ;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest in certain cases to
suspend the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties only partially,
chiefly because of Community production, and in other cases to
suspend them completely ;

Whereas, in view of the difficulties involved in accurately
assessing how the economic situation will develop in the sectors
concerned in the near future, such suspensory measures should be
taken only temporarily,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

From 1 January to 30 June 1981, the autonomous Common Customs Tariff
duties for the products listed in the Annex shall
be suspended at the level indicated in respect of each of them.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1981.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
ex 03.01 A I a)	Salmon trout of the species "Salmo gairdnerii" or "Salmo irideus" (rainbow trout), fresh, chilled or frozen, of a unit weight of not less than 1.5 kg for smoking (b)	5
ex 03.01 B I g)	Piked dog-fish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces	0
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of herring, fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing (a)(b)	0
ex 03.02 A I a)	Herring, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces	5
ex 03.02 A II d)	Fillets of herring, dried, salted or in brine	0
ex 16.04 B	Salmon, for the processing industry for further manufacture into pastes or spreads (b)	0
ex 16.04 C II	Spiced and salted herrings, in packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more	0
ex 16.04 C II	"Herring-flaps", prepared or preserved in vinegar, in immediate packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more	0
ex 16.05 A	Crabs of the species "King" (<i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i>), "Hanasaki" (<i>Paraplithodes brevipes</i>), "Kegani" (<i>Erimacrus isenbecki</i>), "Queen" (<i>Chionoecetes</i> spp), "Geryon quinque-dens" and "Neolithodes asperrimus", simply boiled in water and shelled whether or not frozen in immediate packings of a net capacity of 2 kg or more	0

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ex 16.05 B

Shrimps and prawns other than those of the genus "Crangon" and of the species "Pandalus borealis", boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen or dried, for the industrial manufacture or products falling within heading No 16.05 (b)

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(a) The suspension shall apply to fish intended to undergo any treatment unless they are intended to undergo exclusively one or more of the following treatments:

- cleaning, gutting, heading, tailing,
- cutting (excluding filleting or cutting of frozen blocks),
- sorting,
- labelling,
- packing,
- icing,
- freezing,
- deep freezing,
- thawing, separation.

The suspension is not allowed for products on which otherwise qualifying treatments are intended to be carried out at retail or catering level.

The suspension shall apply only to fish intended for human consumption.

(b) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.