

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily and partially suspending the autonomous
Common Customs Tariff duties on certain types of
fish

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Community's processing industry for fish is not sufficiently supplied with cod, haddock, and hake by Community fishermen. Denmark especially has become dependant on imports of these fish from third countries (see estimated incidations for the first half-year 1979 in the annex to this explanatory memorandum). The Common Customs tariff duties applicable to these fish (15/18%) reduce the competitiveness of the industry concerned compared with the prices of suppliers of finished products from third countries which are cheaper. Furthermore the rise in the prices should be met. For these reasons Denmark has requested a duty suspension for the fish in question.

Weighing the interests of Community fishermen and those of the Community's processing industry the Commission thinks that a duty suspension to a level of 10% is appropriate. The Commission therefore proposes in the attached Regulation that the present duty suspension which expires on 31 December 1978 should be prolonged for a new period of six months.

ANNEX

CCT Heading No	Description of goods	CCT-Rate	Suspended rate of duty	Total needs of Denmark	Danish catches and supplies from other Member States	Imports of Denmark from third countries
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod (Gadus morrhus or Gadus callarias) fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry	15	10	72.500 t 41.400.000 EUA	57.500 t 32.800.000 EUA	15.000 t 8.600.000 EUA
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry	15	10	13.500 t 8.650.000 EUA	8.500 t 5.400.000 EUA	5.000 t 3.250.000 EUA
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry	15	10	3.500 t 4.500.000 EUA	1.000 t 1.200.000 EUA	2.500 t 3.200.000 EUA
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of hake, fresh, chilled or frozen intended for the processing industry	12/15	10	1.200 t 1.500.000 EUA	450 t 550.000 EUA	750 t 950.000 EUA

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas the amount of these fish specified in this Regulation
landed by the Community fishery fleet is currently inadequate to meet
the needs of the processing industry of the Community;

Whereas, in view of such supply difficulties, it is advisable to suspend
from 1 January to 30 June 1979 at the level of 10% the autonomous Common
Customs Tariff duties on the fish concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 30 June 1979 the autonomous Common Customs Tariff
duties on the products listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be
suspended at the level of 10%.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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

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CCT heading No.	Description
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, intended for the processing industry (a)
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a)
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a)
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of hake, fresh, chilled or frozen intended for the processing industry (a)

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

FINANCIAL SHEET

Annex to doc. UD/806/78

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Budget line concerned : Chap. 12, art. 120

Title of activity : Council Regulation temporarily and totally suspending the Common Customs Tariff duties on certain types of fish

Legal basis : Art. 43 Treaty of Rome

Objectives of the activity :

Suspension of CCT duties for goods mentioned under 2.

Costs of the activity to the account of the EC budget by non collection of duties

Impossible to evaluate seriously because of non-existing Community statistics. On the basis of the indications by the requesting Member State the amount of the non-collected duties will at least be about 800,000 EUA for the period from 1.1 to 30.6.1979.

