COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

Council Regulation increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1976 for newspaper falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY_MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 2886/75 of 29 October 1975 (1) opened for 1976 for newsprint a Community tariff quota which was subject to review in the course of the year. The initial quantity was 2,250,000 mt.

The revision has been done at a meeting of the "Economic Tariff Problems" group on 24 September 1976 where it was unanimously decided to increase the volume by 150,000 mt to cover the supplementary needs which have appeared in certain Member States.

This proposition is intended to introduce the increase, by means of increasing the Community reserve to which all Member States which have used up their initial share have access.

(1) OJ No L 292 od 12.11.1975.

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No ...

of

increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1976 by Regulation (EEC) No 2886/75 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 28 and 113 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission;

Whereas, for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff, a duty-free Community tariff quota, the amount of which has been fixed at 2,250,000 metric tons, has been opened by the Council and allocated among the Member States by Regulation (EEC) No 2886/75 (1); whereas, by Regulation (EEC) No 1171/76 of 17 May 1976 (2), the benefit of the tariff quota in question was extended to certain types of paper which, apart from the criterion of watermarks, corresponds to the definition of newsprint given in the Additional Note to Chapter 48 of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, on the basis of the most recent data on this product for 1976, it may be estimated that the additional imports from non-member countries required by the Community amount to 150,000 metric tons; whereas the size of the quota should be increased by this quantity to take account of the requirements hoted; whereas, in order to safeguard the Community character of the tariff quota in question, a Community reserve equal to the proposed increase should be set up;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The volume of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 2886/75 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby increased from 2,250,000 to 2,400,000 metric tons.

(1) OJ No L 292 of 12.11.1975,. 30 (2) OJ No L 131 of 20.5.1976, p. 6.

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2. This increase of 150,000 metric tons shall constitute a reserve. The Community reserve set up by virtue of Article 2(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2886/75 is thus increased from 109,000 to 259,000 metric tons.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day after 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