

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

suspending the application of the indicative ceilings
established by Regulations (EEC) Nos 3175/78,
3176/78 and 3177/78 for the imports of certain
products originating in Norway, Portugal and
Sweden

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1.1 Protocols No 1 to the Agreements between the Community and Norway, Sweden and Portugal provide that imports of certain products originating in these countries and subject to progressive reductions in customs duties shall, from the entry into force of these Agreements in 1973, be subject to an annual indicative ceiling above which customs duties can be reintroduced.

The Community has accordingly, fixed, under Council regulations, the ceilings applicable in 1979 to imports of a number of products. (Regulations (EEC) Nos 3175/78, 3176/78 and 3177/78, see OJ No L 377 of 30.12.1978).

- 1.2 However, provision is also made in Protocols No 1 that, if, for two successive years, imports of a product subject to a ceiling are less than 90% of the level fixed, the Community shall suspend application of this ceiling. The Community totals of amounts set off against the ceilings for 1977 and 1978 show that imports of certain products did not reach 90% in those years. This being so, the Community is obliged to suspend application of the ceilings already fixed for 1979 and to amend the above mentioned Regulations accordingly.

- 2.1 It is submitted that the proposal for the Council regulation annexed hereto be approved, i.e. providing for :

suspension of the application of the indicative ceiling to which imports of certain products originating ^{in Portugal} in Norway and Sweden are subject.

- 2.2 This is the subject of the present proposal for a Regulation (see Annex).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Protocol 1 annexed to the Agreements between the
European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway, the Portuguese
Republic and the Kingdom of Sweden, the Community has, by Regulations
(EEC) Nos 3175/78, 3176/78 and 3177/78¹ established the indicative
ceilings applicable in 1979 to imports of certain products originating
in these countries; whereas provision is made under the said Protocols
that if, for two successive years, imports of a product subject to a
ceiling are less than 90 % of the amount fixed, the Community shall
suspend the application of this ceiling;

Whereas the Communities' statistical summaries for 1977 and 1978 show
that imports of certain products which are subject to a ceiling have
not reached 90 % of the ceiling indicated; whereas, therefore, the
Community should suspend application of these ceilings valid for
imports of the products in question for 1979; whereas, however, it is
desirable to keep under review the development of these imports by
statistical supervision,

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¹OJ No L 377 of 30.12.1978, p. 15, 21 and 25.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The application of the indicative ceiling established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3175/78 shall be suspended during 1979 for the imports of the products indicated under Order No I N 2 of Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

Article 2

The application of the indicative ceiling, established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3176/78 shall^{be} suspended during 1979 for the imports of the products indicated under Order No I P 3 of Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

Article 3

The application of the indicative ceiling established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3177/78 shall^{be} suspended during 1979 for the imports of the products indicated under Order No I S 19 of Annex 1 of the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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