

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
suspending the application of an indicative ceiling established by
Regulation (EEC) No 3737/81 for imports of certain products origi-
nating in Norway

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1.1 Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the Community and Norway provides that imports of certain products originating in Norway and subject to progressive reductions in customs duties shall, from the entry into force of this Agreement in 1973, be subject to an annual indicative ceiling above which customs duties can be reintroduced.

The Community has accordingly, fixed, under Council regulation, the ceilings applicable in 1982 to imports of a number of products. (Regulation (EEC) No 3737/81, see OJ No L 376 of 30.12.1981).

1.2 However, provision is also made in Protocol 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 1980 and 1981 show that imports of certain products did not reach 90 % in those years. This being so, the Community is obliged to suspend application of a ceiling already fixed for 1982 and to amend the above mentioned Regulation 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 an indicative ceiling to which imports of certain products originating in Norway 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 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway, the Community has, by Regulation (EEC) No 3737/81 (1), established the indicative ceilings applicable in 1982 to imports of certain products originating in Norway; whereas provision is made under the said Protocol 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 1980 and 1981 show that imports of certain products which are subject to these ceilings did not, during those years, reach 90 % of the ceiling indicated; whereas, therefore, the Community should suspend application of one ceiling valid for imports of the products in question from 1 January 1982; whereas, however, it is desirable to keep under review the development of these imports by statistical supervision.

(1) OJ No L 376, of 30.12.1981, p. 11.

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The application of the indicative ceiling established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3737/81 shall be suspended from 1 January 1982 for imports of certain paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49), in rolls or sheets, falling within subheadings ex 48.07 C and 48.07 D of the Common Customs Tariff, listed under order No I N 11 in Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community surveillance.

Article 2

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

