

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL

for a Council Regulation maintaining in effect the rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European state-trading countries are subject to import authorisations.

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission, by Regulation (EEC) No. 1887/76 (1) introduced a system of import authorisation in Italy on electric filament bulbs originating in certain European state-trading countries (Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and the USSR). This system was continued by Regulation (EEC) No. 2162/76 (2) and then extended by Regulation (EEC) No's. 3205/76 (3) and 2899/77 (4), modified by Regulation No. 2372/78 (5), until 31 December 1978.

During a meeting of the competent consultative committee, the Italian delegation asked that the system be extended for a further period of a year because of the continuing crisis experienced by this sector of Italian industry and of the injury which would be caused to Italian producers if the quota system which was in force were to be abolished.

According to the information furnished to the Commission by the Italian authorities it appeared that the average unit price of imports of lamp bulbs into Italy from the East European countries concerned remained much lower than those of bulbs originating in the Community or third countries or those made in Italy. At the same time, it appeared that since 1977 imports from Bulgaria which were subject to a quota of 420.000 items were nil and were thus no threat to the Italian industry.

In these circumstances, after consultation with the Committee provided for by Regulation 109/70, the Commission has renewed a system of import authorisation into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and the USSR.

The Commission proposes to the Council, in accordance with article 7 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 to maintain in effect this system until 31 December 1979.

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- (1) OJ No L 206 of 31.7.1976, p. 79
 - (2) OJ No L 242 of 3.9.1976, p. 1
 - (3) OJ No L 362 of 31.12.1976, p. 2
 - (4) OJ No L 338 of 28.12.1977, p. 4
 - (5) OJ No L 287 of 13.10.1978, p. 1

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 109/70 (1) of 19 December 1969 on common rules for imports from state-trading countries, and in particular Article 7 thereof;

The Committee set up under Article 5 of the said Regulation having been consulted;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No. 64/79 of 12 January 1979 (2), the Commission established rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European state-trading countries were made subject to authorisation;

Whereas the factors which justified the establishment of these rules are still present and whereas it is consequently necessary to maintain them in effect until 31 December 1979;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European state-trading countries are subject to authorisation which were adopted by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 64/79 of 12.1.1979 shall remain applicable until 31 December 1979.

2. This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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

(1) O.J. N^o. L 19 of 26.1.1970

(2) O.J. N^o. L 10 of 16.1.1979, p. 5