

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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DRAFT COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties
on certain industrial products.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its meetings 22/23 July and 23 September 1976, the Economic Tariff Problems Group which meets under the aegis of the Commission examined :

- (a) the advisability of extending the suspensions of duties which are due to expire on 31 December 1976, and
- (b) new applications submitted by certain Member States for the suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products as from 1 January 1977.

2. The applications submitted relate to products in respect of which the Member States concerned consider that a provisional reduction of autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff is justified for economic reasons, owing to the non-existence or inadequacy of production in the Community.

Most of these products are raw materials intended for processing industries or are considered as such. They are in particular basic substances for the chemical industry. Account was taken of the possibility of substituting other products already manufactured in the Community and of the importance to the Community of the proposed measure.

3. The requests of the new Member States to suspend Common Customs Tariff duties are based, not only on the economic reasons mentioned, but also on the following considerations :

From 1 January 1974 the new Member States have no longer the power to suspend autonomously their duties without limitations. Their duties can only be suspended in respect of the difference between their duties and the Common Customs Tariff duties. If it appears necessary to suspend a duty beyond this limit, the Common Customs Tariff duty has to be suspended.

4. The above mentioned Group favoured unanimously the total or partial suspension of duties on the products which are the subject of the draft Regulation annexed hereto.

5. Having regard to the results of this work it appears appropriate to the Commission to propose to the Council the suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed in the annex to the following regulation.
6. As regards the duration for the proposed suspensions of duties, it will be seen that a six month period from 1 January to 30 June 1977 is proposed for the products concerned.
7. In view of the above-mentioned suspension duties in the Common Customs Tariff the new Member States are obliged to suspend the corresponding duties in their tariffs in accordance with Article 39, paragraph 2 of the act concerning the Condition of Accession and the Adjustments of the Treaties.
8. The Group also examined the possibility of suspending the Common Customs Tariff duty on the products listed in the table annexed hereto. It was not possible to reach an unanimous opinion on the subject because of the unfavourable opinions, based on economic considerations, which were expressed by one or other of the Member States.
9. Furthermore, the following information is given on 1,2-Dibromoethane of subheading ex 29.02 A IIII. At the meeting of the EEC/Israel Joint Committee which took place from 3 to 7 June 1976 in Jerusalem (1). The Israeli Government drew the attention of the Community delegation to its interest in developing its exports of these goods to the EEC. It declared that in its view a suspension of the CCT duty for this item is contrary to the spirit of the agreement of 11 May 1975, as Israel is an important producer and able to cover totally the Community needs.

(1) This request does however imply no legal commitment of the Community in regard to the maintenance of the preference.

CCT HEADING NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
ex 29.02 A III	1,2-Dibromoethane
ex 29.03 B II	2-Nitropropane
ex 29.23 B II	3-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenoxy)aniline
ex 29.25 A II	Methylolacrylamide or methyl acrylamide
ex 29.34 B	Dimethyltin dichloride
ex 29.35 Q	Cambendazole (INN)
ex 29.35 Q	Ronidazole (INN)
ex 30.04	Reinforced sterile surgical tape for cutaneous sutures
ex 35.04	Soya protein isolate, having an isoelectric point of 4,8 plus or minus 0,4 and which contains not less than 94 % by weight of protein (N x 6,25) on a dry basis
ex 38.19 G	Catalysts consisting of copper chloride supported on aluminium oxide for the preparation of dichloroethane from ethylene, hydrochloric acid and oxygen
ex 39.02 C VI a)	Copolymers of styrene and butadiene, containing not less than 20 % by weight and not more than 28 % by weight of butadiene, in the form of clear, colourless granules
ex 39.02 C VII b)	Polyvinylchloride sheets less than 1 mm thick, with between 30 % and 40 % by weight of softening agent, in rolls wide from 23 to 28 cm
ex 39.02 C XII	Copolymerization products of acrylic and methacrylic esters in the form of film of a thickness not less than 50 and not more than 150 micrometres
ex 39.02 C XII	Polyacrylic acid, slightly cross-linked (viscosity range : 3000-30,000 cP)

CCT HEADING NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
ex 39.02 C XIV b)	Stabilized copolymer of ethylene and chlorotrifluoro- ethylene
ex 44.11	Match splints
ex 81.04 K II	Titanium alloy wire, coated and in coil form, for use in the manufacture of aircraft fastenings intended for use in the construction of aeroplanes
ex 85.21 D II	Digital displays consisting of a printed circuit board of a size not exceeding 30 mm by 90 mm with a single line of digits, not less than three in number comprising light-emitting diodes manufactured from gallium-based semi-conductor compounds mounted thereon ; the line of digits having a protective cover of translucent plastic

DRAFT COUNCIL REGULATION

temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff on certain industrial products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission;

Whereas production of the products referred to in the present Regulation is at present inadequate or non-existent within the Community and producers are thus unable to meet the needs of user industries in the Community;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest in certain cases to suspend the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties only partially, chiefly because of the existence of Community production, and in other cases to suspend them completely;

Whereas, taking account of the difficulties involved in accurately assessing the development of the economic situation in the sectors concerned in the near future, these suspension measures should be taken only temporarily, by fixing their term of validity to coincide with the interests of Community production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 30 June 1977 the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on the products listed in the Annex hereto shall be suspended at the level indicated in respect of each of them.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

CCT HEADING NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Rate of autonomous duties
ex 28.18 C	<p>Magnesium oxide, dead-burned but not fused, of a purity not less than 95 per cent, which contains :</p> <p>(a) not more than 0.05 per cent by weight of boron compounds evaluated as B_2O_3</p> <p>(b) not more than 3.5 per cent by weight of calcium compounds evaluated as CaO</p> <p>(c) not more than 1.1 per cent by weight of silicon compounds evaluated as SiO_2</p> <p>(d) a total of not more than 0.7 per cent by weight of aluminium compounds and iron compounds evaluated as Al_2O_3 and Fe_2O_3</p>	0 %
ex 29.01 C I	<u>beta</u> -Pinene	0 %
ex 29.03 B II	1-Nitropropane	8 %
ex 29.04 C V	2,2-Bis(bromomethyl)propanediol	0 %
ex 29.07 A	2,2',6,6'-Tetrabromo-4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol (tetrabromobisphenol A)	0 %
ex 29.08 A III c)	Sodium 4-(2-methylallyloxy)benzenesulphonate	0 %
ex 29.16 B VI	Sodium 5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)salicylate	0 %
ex 29.16 B VI	3,5-Diiodosalicylic acid	0 %
ex 29.23 D V	Sodium 2-cyclohexa-1,4-dienyl-N-(2-methoxycarbonyl-1-methylvinyl)glycinate	0 %
ex 29.31 B	Thiophenol	0 %
ex 29.31 B	<u>N,N</u> -Diethyl-2-mercaptoethylammonium chloride	0 %
ex 29.42 C VII	Alkaloids of ergot of rye and their salts, ethers, esters and other derivatives, other than lysergic acid	6 %
ex 29.44 A	Epicillin (INN)	0 %
ex 29.44 C	Cefazolin (INN) and its salts	0 %
ex 29.44 C	11-Hydroxy-6,7,10,12-tetramethyl-1-oxo-10-vinylperhydro-3a,7-pentanoinden-8-yl glycolate (pleuromutilin)	0 %

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ex 29.44 C	Sodium (7S)-3-carbamoyloxymethyl-7-methoxy-8-oxo-7- β -(thienyl)acetamido-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate	0 %
ex 30.01 B	Lyophilised human-albumin	0 %
ex 30.01 B	Human plasma	0 %
ex 32.08 D	Ground glass fibres with a length varying between 0.1 and 3 mm and a diameter of not less than 3 micrometres and not more than 4 micrometres	0 %
ex 38.19 U	Potassium hydrogenperoxomonosulphate	0 %
ex 39.01 A	Colestipol (INN) hydrochloride	0 %
ex 39.03 B V a) 2	Hydroxypropyl cellulose	0 %
ex 39.06 B	O-(2-hydroxyethyl)amylopectin hydrolysate	0 %
62.03 A I	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, used, of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03	4 %
ex 88.05 B	Visual display system generating images by computer intended for equipping flight simulators for civil aircraft (a)	0 %

(a) The application of this suspension will be subject to the conditions determined by the competent authorities.

FICHE FINANCIERE

Annexe au Doc. 640/1037/76

Date 7.10.1976

1. Ligne budgétaire concerne : chap. 12, art. 120

2. Intitulé de l'action : Règlement du Conseil portant suspension temporaire des droits accoutumés du tarif douanier commun sur un certain nombre de produits industriels

3. Base juridique : Art. 28 du Traité-CEE

4. Objectifs de l'action :

Suspension des droits du TDC pour les produits indiqués sous 2

5.0 Coût de l'action
à la charge du Budget de la CE
non-perception des droits

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En ce qui concerne les précédentes suspensions tarifaires il ne s'agit pas d'une nouvelle pite de ressources propres.