COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the standard amount for unrefined olive oil produced entirely in Greece and transported direct from that country into the Community

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. Council Regulation No 162/66/EEC on trade in oils and fats between the Community and Greece lays down in Article 3 thereof that the levy on imports of unrefined olive oil produced entirely in Greece and transported directly from that country into the Community shall be decreased by a standard amount, of which the level shall be determined annually by the Council after consultations has taken place with Greece.
 - 2. This standard amount should thus be set so that it facilitates the development of trade in olive oil between the Community and Greece so that it should be promoted, taking into account the availability of olive oil on the Greek market and on the Community market as the marketing possibilities for this product and at the same time without, however, prejudicing the achevement of the market target price for Community production.
 - 3. Since the 1966/67 marketing year the amount has been fixed at 0,50 u.a./100 kg. The evolution set out in the following table of exports of olive oil from Greece to the Community in total compared to the overall imports of the EEC, particularly for the last olive oil marketing year, lead to the conclusion that the amount of 0,50 u.a./100 kg has been sufficient to fulfil its objective, namely to ensure that the Greek oils have a preferential position on the Community market compared with the oils from third countries.

Imports of olive oil in the EEC:

	<u> 1970/71</u>	<u> 1971/72</u>	<u> 1972/73</u>	1973/74	<u> 1974/75</u>	<u> 1975/76</u>
Total	210.327	167.443	250.906	193.992	122.810	53.500 (1)
of which Greece	4.222	13.206	22.484	16.744	28.212	12.403 (1)
%	2,01	7,89	8,96	8,63	22,97	23,18

- (1) Based on certificats to 31 August 1976
- 4. In view of the foregoing it is proposed to maintain the level of the standard amount at 0,50 u.a./100 kg for the 1976/77 marketing year.

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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 No 162/66/CEE of 27 October 1966, on trade in oils and fats between the Community and Greece (1), and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in anticipation of the harmonization of agricultural policies, trade in olive oil between the Community and Greece should be developed, taking account of its availability on the Greek market and on that of the Community and of the possibilities for marketing it;

Whereas the standard amount must be based both on the present volume of trade between the Community and Greece and on the future prospects of both markets;

Whereas the standard amount must represent a sufficiently high percentage of the market target price to ensure a preferential position for Greek oils on the Community market compared with those from third countries; whereas, however, this amount must be set at such a level that it does not prejudice the achievement of the market target price for Community production;

Whereas the standard amount, as fixed for those years during which prices on the Greek market have allowed the export of oil from Greece to the Community, has safeguarded this preference without creating difficulties for the marketing of Community production; whereas of this amount should consequently remain unchanged for 1976/1977;

Whereas Greece has been consulted pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 162/66/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 197, 29.10.1966, p. 3393/66

Article 1

For the marketing year 1976/1977, the standard amount referred to in Article 3 (1) of Regulation No 162/66/EEC is hereby fixed at 0.5 unit of account per 100 kilogrammes of imported product.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 November 1976.

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

Done at

For the Council