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COUNCIL (EEC) REGULATION

concerning the import of certain viticultural
products originating in Greece into the three new
Member States

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Greece made special provisions for wine imports from Greece into Germany, France, Italy and the Benelux countries. These provisions are valid until the Council of Association decides upon the conditions under which restrictions on trade between the Community and Greece are to be abolished or until 28 April 1977 whichever is the earlier. After 28 April 1977 two years will have elapsed following the declaration of harmonization, and the contracting parties will be free to take any measure which they consider necessary in accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the above mentioned agreement. It will then be necessary for the existing regime to be substituted by a Community system.

The Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community provides, in article 6 for tariff quotas to be opened, by each new Member State, in favour of Greece. This system is however valid only until 31 December 1976.

Although it is highly unlikely that the Association Council will take the decision regarding the abolition of these restrictions before January 1977, it is possible that this decision will be taken within the two year period mentioned above, that is before 28 April 1977. It is therefore desirable that the preferential treatment accorded upon limited quantities of Greek wines when imported into the three new Member States is not brought to an end as from 1 January 1977.

This proposal is made to enable the current treatment to continue to apply in the new Member States from 1 January 1977 until 28 April 1977.

Proposal
for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concerning the import of certain viticultural
products originating in Greece into the three
new Member States

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Article 6 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the Accession of new Member States to the Community (1) provides that the new Member States open annual import tariff quotas for the benefit of Greece; whereas this provision is valid only until 31 December 1976;

Whereas the Community declared on 28 April 1975 that the basic provisions for implementing the common agricultural policy had been laid down for the products in question in accordance with Article 35 of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Greece (2); whereas Article 36 of the said Agreement provides that the Council of Association shall within two years of that declaration lay down the rules which will apply to trade in the products in question; whereas these rules have not yet been laid down;

Whereas to avoid any interruption which might harm exports of the products in question from Greece to the Community it is necessary to maintain until 28 April 1977, a system equivalent to that provided in Article 6 of the said Interim Agreement;

(1) OJ No L 123, 15.5.1975, p. 2

(2) OJ No L 26, 18.1.1963, p. 206/63

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. For the products falling within Common Customs Tariff heading No 22.05, the new Member States shall open import tariff quotas originating in Greece equal to the quantities set out below and at the rates of the duty applied by those Member States on 1 January 1975 to imports from the Community as originally constituted:

United Kingdom :	2.000 hl.
Denmark :	200 hl.
Ireland :	200 hl.

2. These quotas shall be valid for importations effected from 1 January 1977 to 28 April 1977.

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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : 9/9/1976

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Chapter 12.

2. ACTION : Proposal of a Council Regulation concerning the import of certain viticultural products originating in Greece into the three new Member States.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43 of the Treaty

4. OBJECTIVES : This proposal is made to enable the current preferential treatment of greek wines to continue to apply in the new Member States from 1.1.1977 or until 28.4.1977.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (76)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (77)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)	-	-	-
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.			
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (1)	-	-	
(CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
-NATIONAL			negligible

YEAR YEAR YEAR

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS

measure ends 28.4.1977

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ?

YES/NO

COMMENTS :

(1) The measure causes a non-perception of customs duties.
Considering the small quantities in question the financial incidence is negligible.

