

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

totally or partially suspending Common Customs  
Tariff duties on certain products, falling within  
Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff,  
originating in Malta (1978)

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Council has agreed that from 1 January 1974 Malta should be given treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the other countries which benefit from generalised preferences.

The object of the Regulation annexed hereto is to put this decision into practice; it extends to Malta, autonomously during 1978, the total or partial suspension of the Common Customs Tariff Duties on the products in Chapters 1 to 24 which the Commission proposed in connection with the generalised preferences.

The proposal concerns only those products which are of interest to Malta in respect of which Community treatment of Malta is no more favourable than the treatment given under the generalised preferences.

As the Regulation is based on Articles 43 and 113 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, the European Parliament must be consulted.

Attention is drawn to the fact that both the content of the Regulation and the list of products annexed to it are directly related to the Commission's proposal to the Council concerning generalised preferences in respect to the products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff.

The annexed proposal will therefore have to be aligned on the final text of the abovementioned Regulation when the latter has been adopted by the Council.

Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) \_\_\_\_\_

totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta (1978)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1059/69 of 28 May 1969 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(3)</sup>,

Whereas, under Annex I to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta <sup>(4)</sup>, the Community must partially suspend the Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to certain products; whereas it also appears necessary provisionally to adjust or to supplement certain of the tariff benefits provided for in the abovementioned Annex; whereas, accordingly, the Community should, in respect of the products originating in Malta listed in the Annex to this Regulation, suspend either the fixed component of the levy applicable to goods coming under Regulation (EEC) No 1059/69 or the customs duty applicable to the other products from 1 January, until 31 December 1978 and at the levels indicated for each of them;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. From 1 January until 31 December 1978, the products originating in Malta listed in the Annex be admitted for import into the Community as originally constituted at the customs duties indicated for each of them.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 141, 12. 6. 1969, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 306, 25. 11. 1975, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No C

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 61, 14. 3. 1971, p. 3.

or potential serious disadvantage in a single region of the Community.

#### Article 3

1. In order to ensure the application of Article 2, the Commission may decide, by means of a Regulation, to reintroduce the levying of customs duties for a limited period.

2. In the event of such action being requested by a Member State, the Commission shall take a decision within a period of not more than 10 working days from receipt of the request and shall inform the Member States of the action taken.

3. Any Member State may refer to the Council the measure taken by the Commission, within a period of not more than 10 working days after it has been informed thereof. The fact that the matter is referred to the Council shall not cause the measure to be suspended. The Council shall meet immediately. It may, acting on a qualified majority, amend or rescind the measure in question.

#### Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

2. For the purposes of the application of this Regulation, the rules of origin shall be those in force at the time as regards the implementation of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta.

#### Article 2

When products benefiting from the arrangements provided for in Article 1 are imported in the Community in such quantities or at such prices that Community producers of products similar to or in direct competition with them suffer or are likely to suffer from serious disadvantage, the Common Customs Tariff duties may be reintroduced in whole or in part on the products in question. Such measures may also be taken in the event of actual

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

## ANNEX

CCT heading No	Description	Rate of duty
1	2	3
02.01	Meat and edible offals of the animals falling within heading No 01.01, 01.02, 01.03, or 01.04 fresh, chilled or frozen: A. Meat: III. Of swine: b) Other	Free
02.04	Other meat and edible meat offals, fresh, chilled or frozen: ex A. Of domestic pigeons ex B. Furred game, frozen C. Other: ex I. Frogs' legs II. Other	7% Free Free Free
04.06	Natural honey	25%
05.03	Horsehair and horsehair waste, whether or not put up as a layer or between two layers of other material: B. Other	Free
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled: ex T. Other: — Okra ( <i>Hibiscus exculentus</i> L. or <i>Abelmoschus exculentus</i> (L.) Moench)	Free
08.08	Berries, fresh: F. Other	6%
15.10	Fatty acids, acid oils from refining; fatty alcohols: C. Other fatty acids; acid oils from refining	Free
16.02	Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal: A. Liver: I. Goose or duck liver	14%

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1	2	3
16.02 (cont'd)	<p>B. Other:</p> <p>II. Game or rabbit meat or offal:</p> <p>— Game 9%</p> <p>— Rabbit 14%</p> <p>III. Other:</p> <p>b) Other:</p> <p>ex bb) 1. Containing bovine meat or offal:</p> <p>— Prepared or preserved bovine tongue 17%</p> <p>2. Other:</p> <p>aa) Ovine meat or offal 18%</p> <p>bb) Other 16%</p>	
20.02	<p>Vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid:</p> <p>B. Truffles 14%</p> <p>D. Asparagus 20%</p> <p>E. Sauerkraut 16%</p> <p>ex F. Capers 12%</p>	
20.07	<p>Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, whether or not containing added sugar, but unfermented and not containing spirit:</p> <p>A. Of a specific gravity exceeding 1.33 at 15 °C:</p> <p>III. Other:</p> <p>ex. a) Of a value exceeding 30 EUA per 100 kg net weight:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons 15%</p> <p>b) Of a value not exceeding 30EUA per 100 kg net weight:</p> <p>ex 1. With an added sugar content exceeding 30% by weight:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples melons and watermelons 15% + (L)</p> <p>ex 2. Other:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons 15%</p>	

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20.07 (cont'd)	<p>B. Of a specific gravity of 1.33 or less at 15 °C:</p> <p>II. Other:</p> <p>a) Of a value exceeding 30EUA per 100 kg net weight:</p> <p>2. Grapefruit juice 8 %</p> <p>ex 3. Other citrus fruit juices:</p> <p>aa) Containing added sugar 13 %</p> <p>bb) Other 13 %</p> <p>6. Other fruit and vegetable juices, excluding apricot and peach juices:</p> <p>ex aa) Containing added sugar:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons 10 %</p> <p>— Other, excluding apricot and peach juices 17 %</p> <p>ex bb) Other:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons 10 %</p> <p>— Other, excluding apricot and peach juices 18 %</p> <p>7. Mixtures:</p> <p>ex bb) Other, excluding mixtures containing separately or together, over 25 % of grape, citrus fruit, pineapple, apple, pear, tomato, apricot or peach juice:</p> <p>11. Containing added sugar 17 %</p> <p>22. Other 18 %</p> <p>b) Of a value of 30 EUA or less per 100 kg net weight:</p> <p>2. Grapefruit juice:</p> <p>aa) With an added sugar content exceeding 30 % by weight 8 % + (L)</p> <p>bb) Other 8 %</p> <p>4. Other citrus fruit juices:</p> <p>aa) With an added sugar content exceeding 30 % by weight 14 % (L)</p> <p>bb) With an added sugar content of 30 % or less by weight 14 %</p> <p>cc) Not containing added sugar 15 %</p>	



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20.07 (cont'd)	<p>7. Other fruit and vegetable juices, excluding apricots and peaches:</p> <p>ex aa) With an added sugar content exceeding 30 % by weight:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons</p> <p>10 % + (L)</p> <p>— Other, excluding apricot and peach juices</p> <p>17 % + (L)</p> <p>ex bb) With an added sugar content of 30% or less by weight:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons</p> <p>10 %</p> <p>— Other, excluding apricot and peach juices</p> <p>17 %</p> <p>ex cc) Not containing added sugar:</p> <p>— Fruit falling within heading Nos 08.01, 08.08 B, E and F and 08.09, excluding pineapples, melons and watermelons</p> <p>10 %</p> <p>— Other, excluding apricot and peach juices</p> <p>18 %</p> <p>8. Mixtures:</p> <p>ex bb) Other, excluding mixtures containing either separately or together, over 25 % of grape, citrus fruit, pineapple, apple, pear, tomato, apricot or peach juice:</p> <p>11. With an added sugar content exceeding 30 % by weight</p> <p>17 % + (L)</p> <p>22. With an added sugar content of 30 % or less by weight</p> <p>17 %</p> <p>33. Not containing added sugar</p> <p>18 %</p>	
21.06	<p>Natural yeasts (active or inactive); prepared baking powders:</p> <p>A. Active natural yeast:</p> <p>II. Bakers' yeast:</p> <p>a) Dried</p> <p>5 % + vc</p> <p>b) Other</p> <p>5 % + vc</p>	

CCT heading No	Description	Rate of duty
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23.01	Flours and meal, of meat, offals, fish, crustaceans or molluscs, unfit for human consumption; greaves:  B. Flours and meals of fish, crustaceans or molluscs	Free

**Abbreviations:**

(L) = levy,  
 vc = variable component.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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1. Budget line concerned : Ch. 12 Art. 120

2. Legal basis : Art. 43 and 113

3. Title of the tariff measure :

Proposal for a Regulation of the Council totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta (1978)

4. Objectives :

Execution of a Council Decision (Application to Malta of the Generalised tariff preferences)

5. Method of calculation :

- No of CCT : approximately 50 subheadings or headings
- Quota duty rate : various, between 0% and 25%
- Duty rate CCT : various, between 3% and 40%

6. Loss of receipts :

Because of the irregular pattern of imports or total absence of imports or, again, absence of Community or national statistics neither a serious calculation nor an estimate of the loss of receipts are possible.

