

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Draft

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily and totally suspending the
autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties
on potatoes falling within subheadings
07.01 A II a) and III b)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The situation in the potato sector continues to be difficult.

In spite of professional opinion that production is higher than forecast, considerable price rises have occurred on certain markets like those of Rotterdam and Arras. Quoted prices are higher than the already high prices at the beginning of 1976.

Stocks continue to be insufficient and are of poor quality, especially in terms of calibration. As a result, the processing industry is obliged to import from abroad.

In order to ease the future supply of the Community market and at the same time to restrain the forecast trend towards higher prices,

a) the prolongation of the total suspension of CCT duties until the 15 April 1977 for

- ware potatoes, sub-position 07.01, A III b,

b) the prolongation of the total suspension of CCT duties until the 31st March 1977 for

- new potatoes, sub-position 07.01 A II a.

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Tariff duties on potatoes falling within subheadings
07.01 A II a) and III b)

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, in view of the risk of increases in the cost of living as a result
of the present inadequate supplies of potatoes in the Community, the suspension
of the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties currently applying pursuant to
Regulation (EEC) No 2894/76¹ and expiring on 28 February 1977, should be
extended from 1 March until 31 March 1977 for potatoes falling within subheading
07.01 A II a) and from 1 March until 15 April 1977 for potatoes falling within
subheading 07.01 A III b),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on the following goods shall be
totally suspended for the period indicated in respect of each of them :

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Period
07.01 A II a)	New potatoes	from 1 March until 31 March 1977
07.01 A III b)	Other potatoes	from 1 March until 15 April 1977

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

¹OJ No L 332, 1.12.1976, p. 1.

FINANCIAL SHEET

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1. Budget line concerned : Chap. 12, art. 120

2. Title of activity : Council Regulation temporarily and totally suspending the Common Customs Tariff duties for potatoes of subheadings 07.01 A II a) and III b)

3. Legal basis : Art. 28 Treaty of Rome

4. Objectives of the activity :

Suspension of CCT duties for goods mentioned under 2.

5.0 Costs of the activity
to the account of the EC budget
by non collection of duties

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