

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

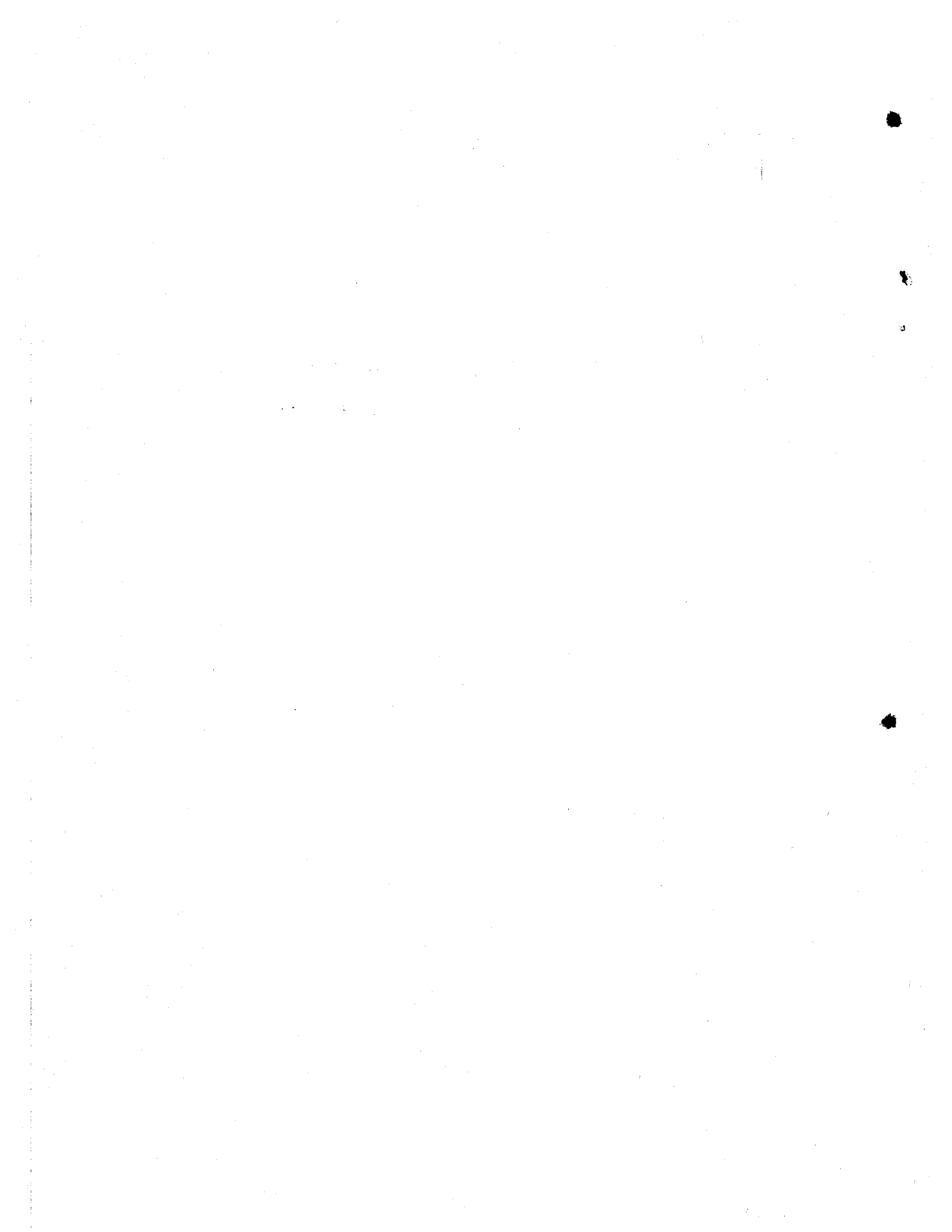
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**PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
AMENDING REGULATION (EEC) No 950/68  
ON THE COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF**

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### 1. Introduction

It is proposed that the Council should adopt, on the basis of Articles 28 and 113 of the Treaty, the following amendments in the form of a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 of 28 June 1968 (1).

### 2. Amendments set out in this draft Regulation

#### 2.1. Amendments resulting from international commitments

As a result of the multilateral trade negotiations, concluded in 1979, which took place within the GATT in Geneva, a general agreement was reached containing a list of concessions in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

This draft takes account of the provisions laid down for the implementation of the said concessions, in respect of articles of paper for surgical, medical or hygienic use falling within heading No 48.21 for which a new layout is proposed.

#### 2.2. Autonomous amendments

In order to be able to observe closely the levels of trade relating to cotton fabrics known as "denim" (and "indigo denim") in which there is considerable trade, it is proposed to introduce specific subheadings for them within heading No 55.09.

#### 2.3. Remarks

The correct and uniform application within the Community of the new tariff subheadings recommended below, should be ensured by Explanatory Notes which the Committee on CCT Nomenclature would be required to prepare on the basis of the criteria already established therein.

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(1) OJ No L 172, 22.7.1968, p. 1

3. Conclusions

In order to effect rapid publication of these amendments which should come into effect on 1 January 1981, the Commission requests the Council to deal with this proposal for a Regulation at one of its forthcoming meetings.

Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68  
on the Common Customs Tariff

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,  
and in particular Articles 28 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, under Agreements signed with non-member countries, and in particular pursuant to the Geneva Protocol (1979) and the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Protocol (1979) annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed at the end of the 1973-1979 multilateral trade negotiations, the Community has undertaken to make provision to implement certain concessions relating to Customs duties and defined therein; whereas, in consequence, it is necessary to amend the Annex headed "Common Customs Tariff" to Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No (2); whereas a new layout is necessary in respect of heading No 48.21 in order to make specific provision for articles intended for surgical, medical or hygienic use;

Whereas, in order to be able to observe the levels of trade of certain cotton fabrics known as "denim" and "indigo denim", it is necessary to make additional subheadings within heading No 55.09.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex headed "Common Customs Tariff" to Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 is hereby amended as follows:

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(1) OJ No L 172, 22.7.1968, p. 1  
(2) OJ No L , , p. 1

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Rates of duty

		Autonomous	Conventional
No 48.21	Unchanged		
A.	Unchanged		
B.	Unchanged		
I.	Unchanged		
II.	Unchanged		
C.	Unchanged		
D.	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen (including handkerchiefs and cleansing tissues) and kitchen linen; garments .....	19	13,3
E.	Sanitary towels and tampons	19	13
F.	Other:		
	I. Articles of a kind used for surgical, medical or hygienic purposes, not put up for retail sale	19	13
	II. Other	19	13.3
No 55.09	Unchanged		
A.	Unchanged		
I.	Unchanged		
a)	Denim fabrics:		
1.	Indigo denim .....	17	14
2.	Other .....	17	14
b)	Other .....	17	14
B.	Unchanged		

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1981.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President