

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Draft

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs
Tariff duties on certain agricultural products

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The subject of the following draft regulation is the temporary suspension of duties in the Common Customs Tariff for a number of agricultural items, as requested by the Member States.

It is partly a prolongation and partly a new measure.

2. It seems appropriate to the Commission that a duty suspension is justified for the goods listed in the annex to this regulation.

The Commission proposes a total suspension for those products for which Community production does not exist or is minimal. A partial suspension is proposed in cases where the Community production covers only a part of the requirements. The rate of the partially suspended duty depends on the extent of the possible Community supply to the Community users. The Commission is also looking for the right balance between the interests of the suppliers, users and the consumers in the Community.

It also takes into account the need to protect employment.

or twelve

3. The proposed measures are in most cases confined to six^{or twelve} months because of the difficulties of estimating the evolution of the basic factors.

4. For a number of items for which the Member States also requested duty suspensions the Commission does not propose a tariff measure because the necessary conditions are not fulfilled. This concerns the following items :

| CCF heading No | Description of goods |
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| ex 03.01 B I h) | Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry |
| ex 03.01 B I ij) | Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i> or <i>Gadus virens</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry |
| ex 03.01 B I k) | Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry |
| ex 03.01 B I m) 2 | Mackerel, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, size 1, intended for the processing industry |
| ex 03.01 B I q) | Hake, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry |
| ex 03.01 B II a) and b) 7 | Fillets of hake, fresh, chilled or frozen |
| ex 20.07 A II a) | Pear juice of a specific gravity exceeding 1.33 at 15° C of a value exceeding 22 UA per 100 kg net weight, for use in the manufacture of perry |

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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 production of the products referred to in this Regulation is at present
inadequate or non-existent within the Community and producers are thus unable
to meet the needs of user industries;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest in certain cases to suspend the
autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties only partially, chiefly because of
Community production, and in other cases to suspend them
completely;

Whereas, in view of the difficulties involved in accurately assessing
low the economic situation will develop in the sectors concerned in the near
future, these suspension measures should be taken only temporarily, by fixing
their term of validity to coincide with the interests of Community production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed
in the tables annexed to this Regulation shall be suspended at the level
indicated in respect of each of them.

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These suspensions shall be valid :

- from 1 July to 31 December 1978 for the products listed in Table I.
- from 1 July 1978 to 30 June ¹⁹⁷⁹ for the products listed in Table II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1978.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX
TABLE I

| CCT heading No | Description of goods | Rate of autonomous duty (%) |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 03.01 A I b) | Salmon, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen | 0 |
| ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7 | Filets of herring, fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 03.02 A I a) | Herring, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 03.02 A I f) | Sprats, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces | 0 |
| ex 03.02 A II d) | Filletts of herring, dried, salted or in brine, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 16.04 B | Salmon, intended for the processing industry for further manufacture into pastes or spreads (a) | 0 |
| ex 16.04 C II | Spiced and salted herrings, in packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 16.04 C II | "Herring-flaps", prepared or preserved in vinegar, in packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 16.05 B | Shrimps and prawns other than those of the "Crangon" variety, boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen or dried, intended for the industrial manufacture of products falling within heading No 16.05 (a) | 10 |

TABLE II

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| ex 03.01 B I e) | Piked dog-fish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces | 0 |
| ex 03.01 B I g) | Lesser or Greenland halibut (<i>Hippoglossus reinhardtius</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces | 0 |

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(a) The application of this suspension will be subject to the conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.

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| ex 03.01 B I q) | Sardinops sagax or <i>orecellata</i> ("pilchards"), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, of a length of 20 cm or more, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 03.01 B I q) | Sturgeons, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 03.01 C | Hard fish roes, fresh, chilled or frozen | 0 |
| ex 03.02 A I c) | Anchovies (<i>Engraulis</i> sp.p.) salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, in packings of a net capacity of 8 kg or more | 0 |
| 03.02 A I e) | Salmon, salted, or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces | 4 |
| ex 03.02 A I f) | Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i> or <i>Gadus virens</i>), salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a) | 7 |
| ex 03.02 A II d) | Fillets of coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i> or <i>Gadus virens</i>), salted or in brine | 7 |
| ex 03.02 C | Hard fish roes, salted or in brine | 0 |
| ex 03.03 A I | Tails of crawfish, chilled or frozen, shelled or not | 10 |
| ex 03.03 B I b) | Oysters, fresh (live), weighing no more than 12 g each | 0 |
| ex 03.03 B I b) | Oysters, fresh (live), of the " <i>Crassostrea gigas</i> " variety, weighing more than 100 g each | 0 |
| ex 07.03 E | Mushrooms, excluding cultivated mushrooms, preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions, but not specially prepared for immediate consumption | 0 |
| ex 07.04 B | Mushrooms, excluding cultivated mushrooms, dried, dehydrated or evaporated, whole or in identifiable pieces or slices, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 07.04 B | Sweet red peppers, dried, dehydrated or evaporated, whole, cut or sliced, but not further prepared | 0 |
| ex 07.05 B I | Beans, dried, white of the species <i>Phaseolus Vulgaris</i> | 0 |

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| ex 08.01 A | Dates, fresh or dried, in immediate packings of a net capacity not exceeding 35 kg, for repacking for retail sale (a) | 0 |
| ex 08.01 A | Dates, fresh or dried, intended for processing other than for the production of alcohol (a) | 0 |
| ex 08.09 | Rose-hips, fresh | 0 |
| ex 08.10 A | Bilberries (fruits of <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>), whether or not cooked, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar | 4 |
| ex 08.10 B | Blue-black fruits of the species <i>Vaccinium</i> , other than those of <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> , whether or not cooked, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar | 4 |
| ex 08.10 B | Cranberries (fruits of <i>Vaccinium vitis idaea</i>), whether or not cooked, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar | 0 |
| ex 08.10 B | Red or rose fruits of the species <i>Vaccinium</i> , other than those of <i>Vaccinium vitis idaea</i> , whether or not cooked, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar | 0 |
| ex 08.10 B | Rose-hips, whether or not cooked, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar | 0 |
| ex 08.10 B | Dates, frozen in immediate packings of a net capacity of 5 kg or more, not intended for the production of alcohol (a) | 0 |
| ex 09.04 B I | Paprika, ground, for use in animal feeding-stuffs (a) | 0 |
| 09.10 C I | Saffron, neither crushed or ground | 10 |
| ex 16.04 A II | Hard fish roes, washed, cleaned of adherent organs and simply salted or in brine | 0 |
| ex 16.05 A | Crabs of the "King", "Hanasaki", "Kegani" and "Queen" varieties, simply boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen, in packings of a net capacity of 2 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a) | 0 |
| ex 16.05 A | Crabs, excluding the species " <i>Cancer pegasus</i> ", simply boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen, in packings of a net capacity of 2 kg or more, for repacking for retail sale (a) | 5 |
| 23.07 A | Fish or marine mammal solubles | 0 |

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Annexe au Doc. GUD/139/78

Date : 14.1.1978

1. Ligne budgétaire concernée : Chap. 12, art. 120

2. Intitulé de l'action : Règlement du Conseil portant suspension temporaire des droits autonomes du tarif douanier commun pour un certain nombre de produits agricoles

3. Base juridique : Article 28 du Traité-CEE

4. Objectifs de l'action :

Suspension des droits du TDC pour les produits indiqués sous 2

5.0 Coût de l'action

à la charge du Budget de la CE

non-perception des droits

Impossible évaluer sérieusement
faute de statistiques communau-
taires.

Les indications des seuls Etats
membres demandant la suspension
en cause montrent un coût minimal
de l'action pour la période :

- 1.7 - 31.12.78: 13.353.305 UCE

- 1.1 - 30.6.79 : 4.452.395 UCE