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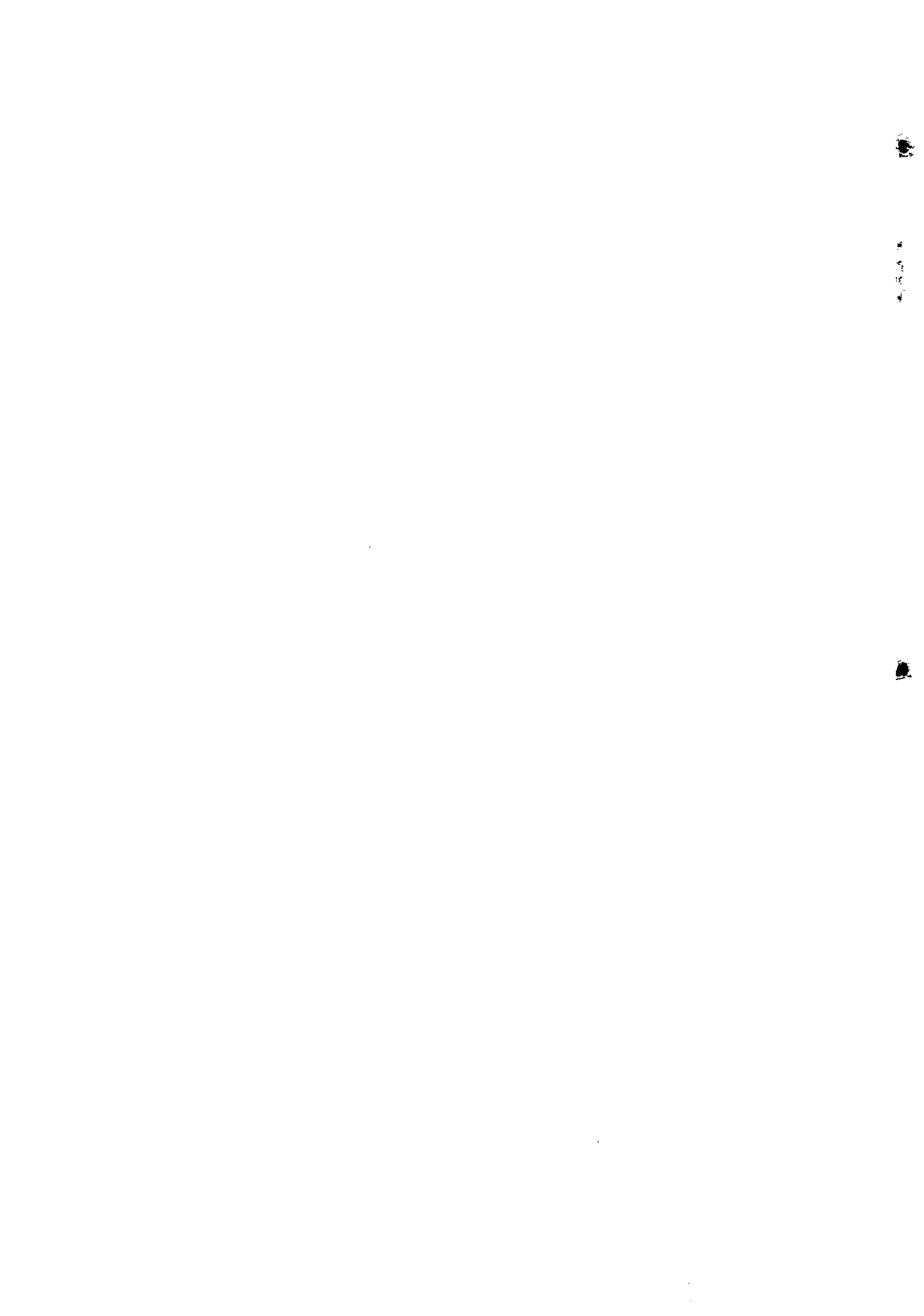
Brussels, 14 September 1981

Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 fixing quality standards for flowering  
bulbs, corms and tubers

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers.

On 2 February 1981 the Commission put forward a proposed Council Regulation aimed at amending Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage.

The object of this proposal was to allow intervention at trade level in flower-bulbs complying with the quality standards but of a minimum size lower than that set out in the standards.

However, a number of delegations within the Council could not agree to this proposal; during the discussions, alternatives to the proposed Regulation were put forward which should better achieve the objectives set out in the proposal.

Following the discussions within the Council, the Commission has drawn up this proposal, providing for quality standards for bulbs intended for reproduction, with a view firstly to facilitating trade in these products and secondly to allow the Member States, in accordance with the decisions of the Court of Justice, to carry out intervention in these products so that the market may be better stabilised.



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amending Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers,

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage(1), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/68, amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2530/80(3), fixed quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers intended for delivery to consumers or for export to non-member countries;

Whereas there is substantial trade within the Community products intended for propagation; whereas quality standards should therefore be laid down for those products;

Whereas surveys have shown that stabilisation of the market in flowering bulbs could be more effectively achieved at lower cost by reducing the available quantities of small bulbs intended for propagation; whereas, in accordance with the judgments of the Court of Justice, establishment of quality standards will make it possible to implement a national intervention system for this purpose,

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(1) OJ No L 55, 2.3.1968, p. 1

(2) OJ No L 71, 21.3.1968, p. 1

(3) OJ No L 259, 2.10.1980, p. 6

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The following subparagraph is hereby added to Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 :

"Bulbs and corms intended for purposes other than those referred to in the first subparagraph may not be sold within the Community unless:

- a) they comply with the provisions set out in the first subparagraph of title II of the Annex;
- b) each unit pack contains a minimum number of bulbs determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 234/68;
- c) the packages bear the following particulars, legibly and indelibly marked:

Identification

Vendor: name and address or code mark;

Nature of produce

Bulbs and corms for propagation."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels,