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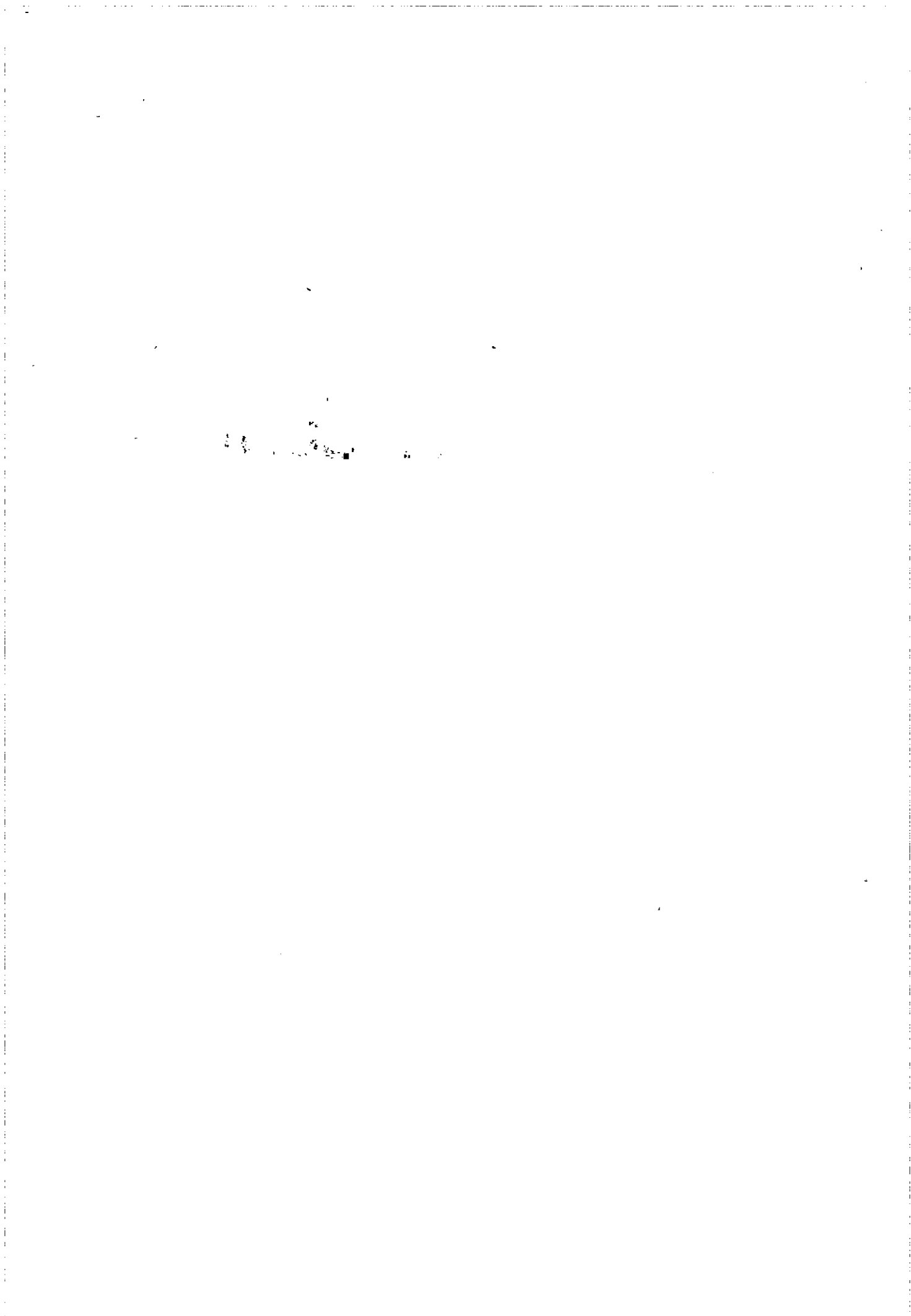
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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

maintaining in effect the rules whereby  
imports into Italy of electric filament  
lamps originating in certain European  
State-trading countries are subject to  
import authorizations

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### Explanatory Memorandum

The Commission, by Regulation (EEC) No. 1887/76 (1), subjected the imports of electric filament bulbs originating in certain European State-trading countries (Bulgaria, German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and USSR) to a system of import authorizations. The system was continued by Regulation (EEC) No 2162/76 (2) and extended for a year by Regulation (EEC) No 3205/76 (3) which expires on 31 December 1977.

During a meeting of the competent consultative committee, the Italian delegation asked that the measure should be extended for a further period of one year because of the continuing crisis in this sector of the Italian industry and the injury which would be caused to the Italian producers if the system of quotas now in force should be abolished.

According to information furnished to the Commission by the Italian authorities, it seems that the average unit prices of imports into Italy of bulbs from the Eastern area countries concerned are lower than those of bulbs originating in the Community or third countries or those made in Italy. In addition, the average prices of imports from the German Democratic Republic and Czechoslovakia will be less in 1977 than in 1976.

In these conditions, after consultation with the Committee provided for by Regulation 109/70, the Commission proposes to the Council :

- that the system of import authorization into Italy of electric filament bulbs originating in certain European State-trading countries should be extended until 31 December 1978

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(1) OJ No L 206, 31.7.1976, p. 79

(2) OJ No L 242, 3.9.1976, p. 1.

(3) OJ No L 362, 31.12.1976, p. 2

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authorizations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 of 19 December 1969  
establishing common rules for imports from State-trading countries (1),  
and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of the  
said Regulation,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 1887/76 of 29 July 1976 (2) the Commission  
established rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps  
originating in certain European State-trading countries were made subject  
to authorization;

Whereas by Regulations (EEC) No 2162/76 (3) and No 3205/76 (4) the Council  
maintained these rules in effect until 31 December 1977;

Whereas the economic difficulties which justified the introduction of these  
protective measures remain present on the Italian market;

Whereas in particular electric filament lamps originating in certain State-  
trading countries continue to be imported into Italy at prices notably below  
the price of similar Italian products and which are such that serious injury  
has been caused to the producers in this region of the Community or threatens  
to be caused if the measures now in force are not extended.

(1) OJ No L 19, 26.1.1970, p. 1  
(2) OJ No L 206, 31.7.1976, p. 79  
(3) OJ No L 242, 3.9.1976, p. 1  
(4) OJ No L 362, 31.12.1976, p. 1

Whereas these measures should consequently be maintained in effect until 31 December 1978 for the Italian market in respect of Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and the USSR;

Whereas the safeguard measures thus maintained in respect of these third countries can be rescinded should those same countries enter into consultations with the Community and should these consultations result in mutually satisfactory solutions.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European State-trading countries are subject to authorization, which <sup>were</sup> adopted by Regulation (EEC) No 1887/76 and confirmed by Regulations (EEC) No 2162/76 and 3205/76 shall continue to apply until 31 December 1978.

The total quantity of products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the year 1978 shall not exceed the following amounts :

Nimexe code	Description	Origin	Quantity (items)
85.20-15	Electric filament lamps exceeding 28 volts	Bulgaria	420.000
		German Democratic Republic	2.130.000
		Czechoslovakia	4.200.000
		USSR	1.365.000

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

Handwritten mark or signature