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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
concerning the import of certain wine products
originating in Greece.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Various Greek wine products are currently imported into the Community under preferential conditions which are not identical in all Member States (see annex).

On 28 April 1977 the period of 2 years following the declaration of harmonisation expires (art. 36 paragraph 1 of the Agreement). On this date the obligation for the Community to maintain the import regime of Protocol 14 of the Athens Agreement in the six original members of the Community ceases.

Upon the same date regulation No 124/77, which provides for the import regime into the "Three", expires.

Work upon the development of harmonisation of wine policies between Greece and the Community is at an advanced stage but it is unlikely that it will be concluded in time for the Council of Association decision upon the regime to take over from the existing systems, that expire on 28 April 1977, to become effective from this date.

To avoid an interruption in trade it is proposed that, whilst awaiting the decision of the Council of Association, a common import regime for the nine Member States be adopted to be applicable from 29 April 1977 until the decision of the Council of Association enters into force.

The regime takes account of the various interests involved and the traditional patterns of trade.

Annex : Preferential regimes currently
applied upon wines originating in Greece

Importing country	R e g i m e
Benelux	Duty free
France	- quality wines 50 % CCT quota 7.000 hl. p.a. - Samos wines, duty free
Italy	quality wines 50 % CCT quota 4.700 hl. p.a.
Germany	- Wines for processing, duty free, quota 228.700 hl. p.a. - Wines not for processing, duty free quota 78.000 hl. p.a.
Denmark	500 hl. p.a.)
Ireland	500 hl. p.a.)
U.-K.	6.000 hl. p.a.)

at intra rate
of duty of
1.1.1975

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No _____/77
 OF
 concerning the import of certain wine products
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas, in accordance with Protocol 14 of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Greece (2) the Community applies specific tariff and quota arrangements for the import of certain wine products into the Community as originally constituted; whereas Article 6 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the Accession of new Member States to the Community (3) provides for tariff quotas valid until 31 December 1976 with respect to these Member States; whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 124/77 of 18 January 1977 concerning the import of certain wine products originating in Greece into the three ^{new} Member States (4) provides that measures similar to those in Article 6 of the said Interim Agreement shall apply until 28 April 1977 in the new Member States;

Whereas these specific tariff and quota arrangements currently applied in the different Member States will be replaced by the uniform rules of the common organization of the market for wine products from 29 April 1977, the Community having declared on 28 April 1975, in accordance with Article 35 of the said Association Agreement, that the basic provisions for implementing the Common Agricultural Policy have been laid down for the products in question;

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2) OJ No 26, 18.2.1963, p. 294/63

3) OJ No L 123, 15.5.1975, p. 2

4) OJ No L 21, 25.1.1977, p. 1

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Whereas work preparatory to the decision provided for in Article 35 of the said Agreement is still in progress and the Council of Association has not yet, under Article 36 (1) thereof, determined the arrangements to apply to the products in question after 28 April 1977;

Whereas, pending the decision of the Council of Association under Article 35 or Article 36 (1) of the said Agreement, and in order to avoid any disturbance in the export of the products in question originating in Greece to the Community, it is necessary to establish for these products special import arrangements;

Whereas this interim arrangement, which must be uniform for the whole Community, must not jeopardise the protection of the Community market afforded by Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No / (6); whereas the total suspension of the Common Customs Tariff duties, subject to the observance of the reference price, would achieve this purpose;

Whereas, to ensure that the arrangements operate properly, it is necessary to extend to these importations some of the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2506/75 of 29 September 1975 laying down special rules for the importation of products in the wine-growing sector originating in certain third countries (7),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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- 5) OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 1
6) OJ No L
7) OJ No L 256, 2.10.1975, p. 2

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Article 1

Imports into the Community of wine of fresh grapes and of grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol falling within heading 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Greece shall be exempt from customs duties for the quantities that observe the reference price.

Article 2

For the purposes of the arrangements provided for in Article 1, Articles 1, 2, 3 (1) and (2) and 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 2506/75 as regards preferential tariff concessions shall apply mutatis mutandis and the free-at-frontier reference price shall be for the purposes of this Regulation, the reference price referred to in Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) 816/70 less the countervailing charge actually levied.

Article 3

In the event of transitional measures being necessary to facilitate the introduction of the arrangements provided for by this Regulation, such measures shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 7 of Regulation 24 on the progressive establishment of a common organization of the market in wine (8), as last amended by the Council Decision of 1 January 1973 adjusting the documents concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Communities (9). They shall remain applicable until 1 July 1977 at the latest.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 April 1977.

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

Done at

For the Council,

The President.

8) OJ No 30, 20.4.1963, p. 989/62

9) OJ No L 2, 1.1.1973, p. 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : 8.2.1977

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Chapter 12

2. ACTION : Draft proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) concerning the import of certain wine products originating in Greece.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43 of the Treaty

4. OBJECTIVES : Setting up of a provisional import regime for certain wine products from Greece.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ()	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR ()
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)			
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.			
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (CUSTOMS CUSTOMS DUTIES)	-6,0 Mio U.A.	- 4,0 Mio U.A.	
-NATIONAL			

YEAR YEAR YEAR

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS (1)

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION Non application of customs duties.
 Quantity 400.000 hl.
 Average duty 15 U.A./hl.
 Period of application 1977 : from 29.4.1977

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? YES/NO

~~6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER FROM OTHER CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ?~~ ~~YES/NO~~

~~6.2 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?~~ ~~YES/NO~~

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ? (1) YES/NO

COMMENTS : (1) The financial implications of the provisional regime for the following periods depends upon the decision of the EEC-Greece Association Council decision regarding the contractual regime.