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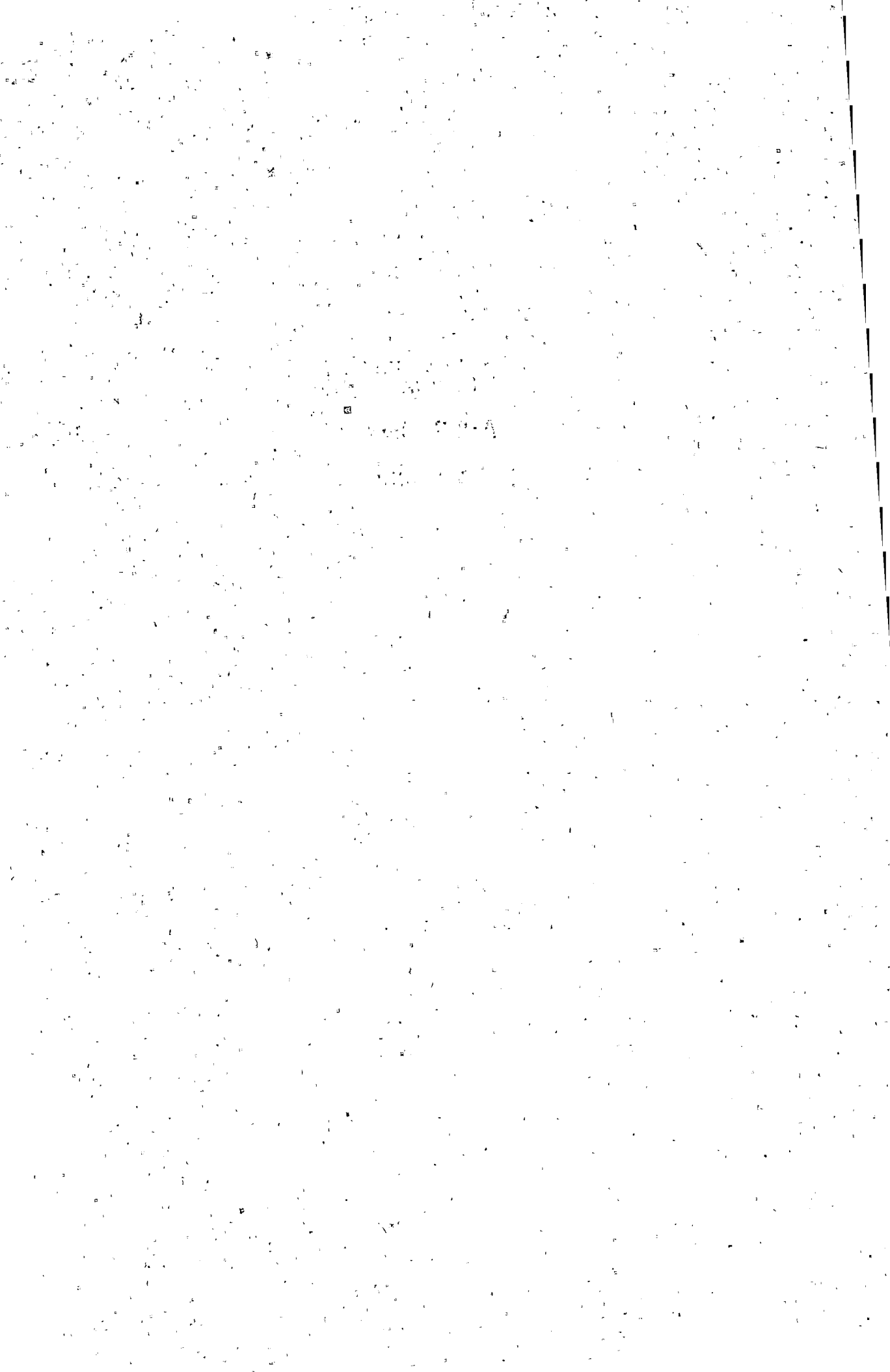
## COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

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

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(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.

3. The proposed measures are in most cases confined to six months because of the difficulties of estimating the evolution of the basic factors. In one case the duty suspension is restricted to two months for seasonal reasons.

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 :

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod ( <i>Gadus morrhua</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) 1	Fillets of cod ( <i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i> ), fresh, chilled or frozen
ex 03.01 B II a) and b) 7	Fillets of hake, fresh, chilled or frozen
ex 03.02 A I c)	Anchovies ( <i>Engraulis</i> sp.p.) salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, in barrels or other containers of a net capacity of 10 kg or more
03.02 A I e)	Salmon, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces
20.07 B II a) 1	Unfermented orange juice without added alcohol, whether or not containing added sugar, of a specific gravity of 1.33 or less at 15° C and of a value not exceeding 30 EUA per 100 kg net weight

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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 and consumers in the Community;

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

Whereas, taking account of the difficulties involved in accurately assessing  
the development of the economic situation 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 on the products listed in the  
Annex hereto shall be suspended at the level indicated in respect of each  
of them.

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These suspensions shall be apply:

- from 1 January to 28 February 1978 for the product listed in Table I.
- from 1 January to 30 June 1978 for the products listed in Table II.

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 Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

## ANNEX

TABLE I

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Rate of autonomous duty
ex 03.01 B I q)	Sardinops sagax or ocellata (pilchards), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a)	4%

TABLE II

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 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets 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)	Coalfish (Pollachius virens or Gadus virens), salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a)	7%
ex 03.02 A II d)	Fillets of herring, dried, salted or in brine, intended for the processing industry (a)	0%
ex 16.04 B	Salmon, in packings of a net capacity of 5 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a)	0%
ex 16.04 C II	Spiced and salted herrings, packed in barrels, intended for the processing industry (a)	0%
ex 16.04 C II	"Herring-flaps", prepared or preserved in vinegar, in barrels or other packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a)	0%
23.07 A	Fish or marine mammal solubles	0%

(a) This suspension is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.

