

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION

amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1279/77
suspending the application of indicative ceilings
established by Regulations (EEC) No 3230/76, (EEC)
No 3231/76, (EEC) No 3233/76, (EEC) No 3234/76
and (EEC) No 3235/76 for the imports of certain
products originating in Austria, Finland, Norway,
Portugal and Sweden

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Protocol 1 to the Agreement between the Community and Portugal provides that imports of certain products originating in Portugal and subject to progressive reductions in customs duties shall, from the entry into force of the Agreement in 1973, be subject to annual indicative ceilings above which customs duties can be reintroduced.

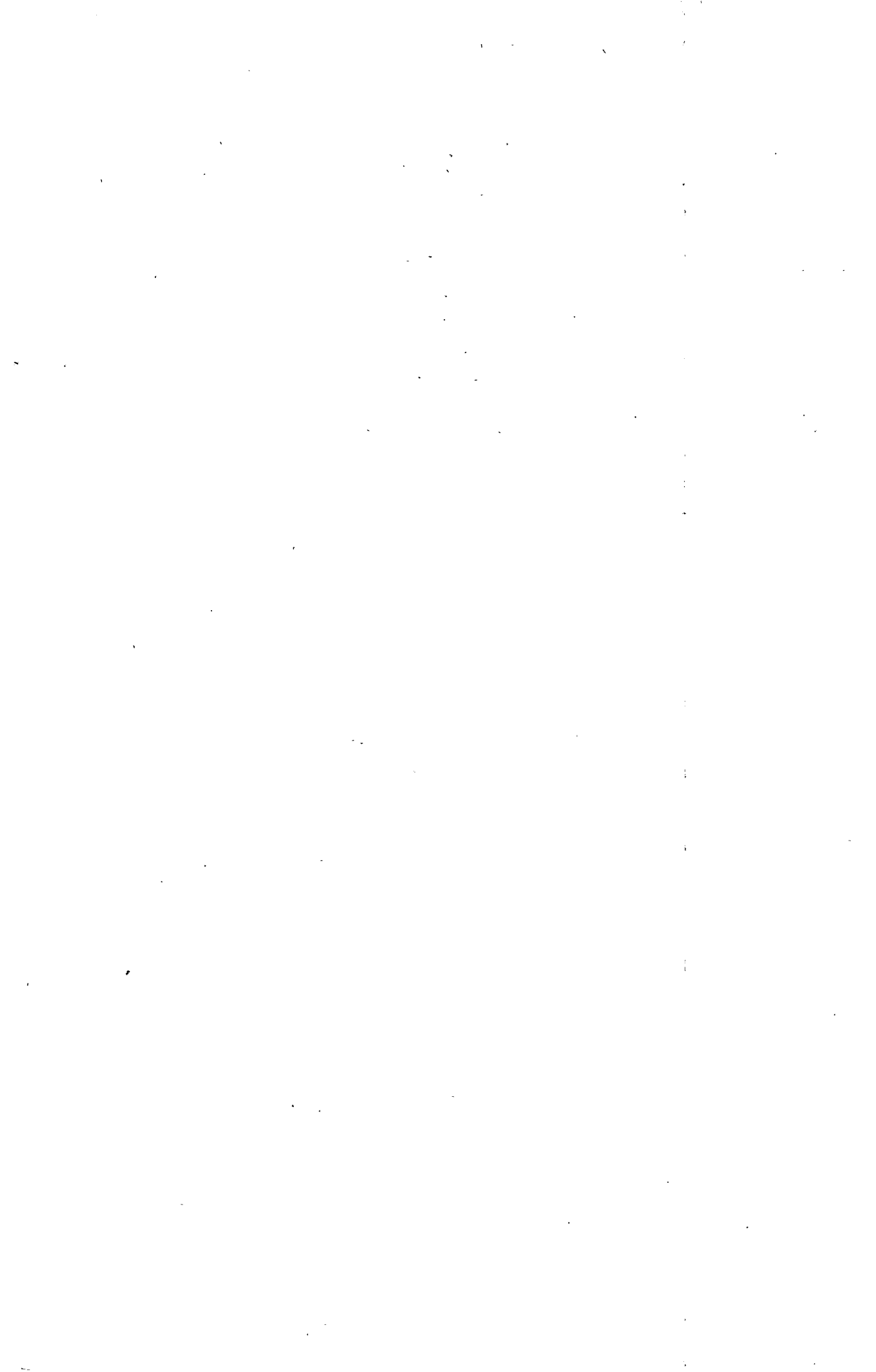
Provision is also made in Protocol 1 that if, for two successive years, imports of a product subject to a ceiling are less than 90% of the level fixed, the Community shall suspend application of this ceiling. As Community totals of amounts set off against the ceilings for 1975 and 1976, drawn up on the basis of monthly communications from the Member States, showed that imports of certain products did not reach 90% in those years, the Community suspended, by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1279/77, application of the ceilings already fixed for 1977.

Investigations have shown, however, that in 1976 the communications of some of the Member States concerning a certain product were erroneous, and that imports had in fact exceeded 90% of the level fixed.

The Community is therefore obliged to establish the ceiling for this product once again, and to amend the abovementioned regulation accordingly.

This is the subject of the present proposal for a regulation.

ANNEX : Proposal for a Council Regulation.



Proposal for
Council Regulation (EEC)

amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1279/77 suspending the application of indicative ceilings established by Regulations (EEC) No 3230/76, (EEC) 3231/76, (EEC) No 3233/76, (EEC) No 3234/76 and (EEC) No 3235/76 for the imports of certain products originating in Austria, Finland, Norway, Portugal and Sweden

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Protocol 1 annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Portugal, the Community has, by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1279/77¹, suspended the application of the ceilings for imports of certain products;

Whereas it has been found that, in 1976, the communications from the Member States relating to the quantities to be set off against the ceiling established for a certain product were erroneous; whereas the corrected figures do not justify the suspension by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1279/77 of the application of the said ceiling; whereas the above Regulation should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Order Number I P 5 is hereby deleted from the first subparagraph of Article 1(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1279/77.

¹OJ L 148, 16.6.1977, p. 2.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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,

For the Council

The President