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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

extending Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 suspending  
application of the condition to which the importation into  
the Community of certain types of citrus fruit originating  
in Spain or in Cyprus is subject by virtue of the Agreements  
between the Community and those countries

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following the entry into force of the new Agreements between the European Economic Community and certain countries in the Mediterranean area (Israel, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan), the observance of the specified price on the Community market is no longer required for the tariff reduction on imports into the Community of fresh oranges and of mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids originating in those countries.

With regard to Spain and Cyprus, pending the revision of the Agreements currently linking those countries to the Community special unilateral provisions were adopted, under which the application of the specified price for the abovementioned products was suspended by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 of 28 October 1977. This Regulation expires on 31 December 1977.

Work on the revision of these Agreements is now under way within the Community institutions. However, the time required for a Council decision on negotiating directives and, once agreement has been reached on these directives, the time required for the negotiations, are such that, even if there were a favourable outcome, the technical delays necessary for applying the measures adopted under a negotiated agreement from 1 January 1978 would be too short.

As a precautionary measure, therefore, and pending the adoption of these directives and the conclusion of an agreement, steps must be taken forthwith to extend, until the end of 1978, Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77, which suspends the specified price for certain types of citrus fruit originating in Spain or Cyprus.

The Commission is therefore presenting to the Council this proposal for a regulation, with a view to extending the suspension in question.

Proposal for  
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extending Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 suspending application of the condition to which the importation into the Community of certain types of citrus fruit originating in Spain or in Cyprus is subject by virtue of the Agreements between the Community and those countries

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 of 28 October 1977 suspending application of the condition to which the importation into the Community of certain types of citrus fruit originating in Spain or in Cyprus is subject by virtue of the Agreements between the Community and those countries<sup>(1)</sup> expires on 31 December 1977,

Whereas the negotiations on the consolidation of the Agreements currently in force with Spain and Cyprus have not yet been completed and whereas it is therefore necessary, in order to avoid any change in the arrangements applicable to trade in the products in question, to extend the term of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 on the suspension of the specified price for certain types of fresh citrus fruit falling within subheading 08.02 A I or ex B of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Spain or in Cyprus,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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(1) OJ No L 277 of 29.10.1977, p.6

Article 1

The second paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"It shall apply until 31 December 1978".

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

For the Council

The President

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

DATE : 24.11.1977

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Article 681 (Fruit and Vegetable intervention).

2. ACTION : Extension of the period of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2365/77 suspending application of the condition to which the importation into the Community of certain types of citrus fruit originating in Spain or in Cyprus is subject by virtue of the Agreements between the Community and those countries.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43.

4. OBJECTIVES : Extension of the period of validity of the suspension of the application of provisions concerning the respect of the "agreed" price.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (77)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (78)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDING/INTERVENTIONS)	+ p.m.		+ p.m.
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.			
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
-NATIONAL			

	YEAR ...1979.....	YEAR ...1980.....	YEAR ...1981.....
5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE	+ p.m.	+ p.m.	+ p.m.
5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS			

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? **YES**

6.1 **NO**

6.2 **NO**

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ? **YES**

COMMENTS : It is unlikely that the measure would encourage citrus imports and influence the internal market for these products.