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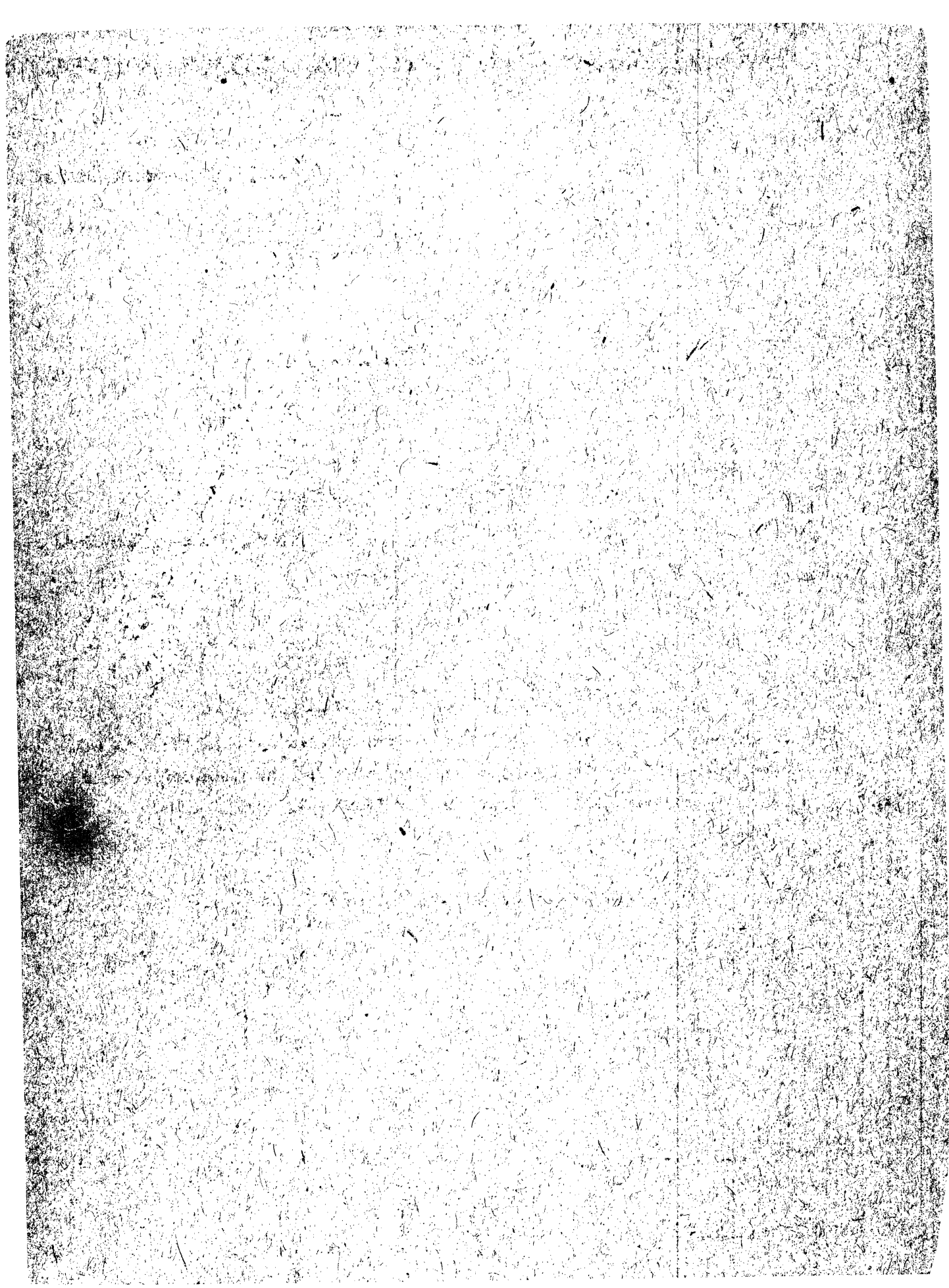
temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in the Customs Tariff on certain industrial products

Proposal for a

## REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

temporarily and temporarily suspending the customs duties applicable to the Community in originally constituted on a number of industrial products imported from the new Member States

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its meetings 24/25 July and 10/11 September 1975, the Joint Group of Government Experts which meets under the aegis of the Commission to study economic problems relating to the Common Customs Tariff, examined :
  - (a) the advisability of extending the suspensions of duties which are due to expire on 31 December 1975, and
  - (b) new applications submitted by certain Member States for the suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products as from 1 January 1976.
  
2. The applications submitted relate to products in respect of which the Member States concerned consider that a provisional reduction of autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff is justified for economic reasons, owing to the non-existence or inadequacy of production in the Community.

Most of these products are raw materials intended for processing industries or are considered as such. They are in particular basic substances for the chemical industry. Account was taken of the possibility of substituting other products already manufactured in the Community and of the importance to the Community of the proposed measure.

3. The requests of the new Member States to suspend Common Customs Tariff duties are based, not only on the economic reasons mentioned, but also on the following considerations :

From 1 January 1974 the new Member States have no longer the power to suspend autonomously their duties without limitations. Their duties can only be suspended in respect of the difference between their duties and the Common Customs Tariff duties. If it appears necessary to suspend a duty beyond this limit, the Common Customs Tariff duty has to be suspended.
  
4. The above mentioned Group favoured unanimously the total or partial suspension of duties on the products which are the subject of the draft Regulation annexed hereto.

5. Having regard to the results of this work it appears appropriate to the Commission to propose to the Council the suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed in the annex to the following regulation.
  6. As regards the duration for the proposed suspensions of duties, it will be seen that a six month period from 1 January to 30 June 1976 or a twelve month period from 1 January to 31 December 1976 is proposed for the products concerned.
  7. In view of the above-mentioned suspension duties in the Common Customs Tariff the new Member States are obliged to suspend the corresponding duties in their tariffs in accordance with Article 39, paragraph 2 of the act concerning the Condition of Accession and the Adjustments of the Treaties.
  8. The Group also examined the possibility of suspending the Common Customs Tariff duty on the products listed in the table annexed hereto. It was not possible to reach an unanimous opinion on the subject because of the unfavourable opinions, based on economic considerations, which were expressed by one or other of the Member States.
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CCT heading No	Description of goods
28.01 C	Bromine
ex 28.21	Dichromium trioxide for production of chromium metal or chromium carbide
ex 29.16 D	dl-2-(3-phenoxyphenyl)-propionic acid and its salts
ex 29.31 B	1,2-Bis-( N'-methoxycarbonylthioureido)-benzene
ex 29.35 Q	1,2-Dimethyl-3,5-diphenylpyrazolium methylsulfate
ex 29.39 E	Medroxyprogesterone acetate
ex 29.44 C	Cephazoline and its salts
ex 29.44 C	Salts of Cephaloridin, of cephalothin and of cephalixin
ex 35.04	Soya protein isolate, having an isoelectric point of 4,8 plus or minus 0,4 and which contains not less than 94% by weight of protein (N x 6,25) on a dry basis
ex 39.19 G	Compound catalysts consisting of silver uniformly fixed on aluminium oxide
ex 39.03 B V a) 2	Hydroxypropylcellulose
ex 44.22	Used casks and barrels of oak, whether assembled or not; staves and heads, being parts of such casks and barrels
62.03 A I, B I a) and B I b)	Used sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of goods
ex 81.04 G	Electrolytic manganese, of 99,5% minimum purity, for the aluminium industry
ex 85.21 D II	Digital displays consisting of a printed circuit board of a size not exceeding 30 millimetres by 90 millimetres with a single line of digits, not less than 3 in number comprising light emitting diodes manufactured from gallium-based semiconductor compounds mounted thereon; the line of digits having a protective cover of translucent plastic
ex 88.02 B II c)	Mechanically propelled aircraft of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg

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temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in  
the Common Customs Tariff on certain industrial products

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 in the Community of the products referred to in  
the present Regulation is at present inadequate or non-existent within the Community  
industries in the Community;

Whereas it is the Community's interest to suspend the autonomous  
Common Customs Tariff duties only partially in certain cases, parti-  
cularly because of the existence of Community production and in other  
cases to suspend duties 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, 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 for the products listed  
in the Tables annexed to this Regulation shall be suspended at the  
level indicated in respect of each of them.

These suspensions shall be applicable :

- from 1 January to 30 June 1976 for the product listed in Table I;
- from 1 January to 31 December 1976 for the products listed in Table II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1976.

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 in the CCT
ex 85.13 B	Sonic consisting of a box approximately 12 inches square and 2 inches thick, the top being shaped in the form of a cradle to receive a telephone handset, incorporating a lamp to indicate the state of call. This modem (MODulator/DEModulator) converts teleprinter keyboard signals for transmission by telephone line or radio for reconversion to keyboard signals on a distant teleprinter	0%

## ANNEX

TABLE II

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Rate of autonomous duty in the CCT
ex 29.16 A II	<u>L</u> -Malic acid	0%
ex 29.16 D	Prostaglandin E <sub>2</sub>	0%
ex 29.22 E II	1,8-naphtalenediamine	0%
ex 29.23 A II	Dinoprost (INN), trometamol salt	0%
ex 29.23 A II	Bis-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)ether	0%
ex 29.29	1,3-Bis-(4-chlorobenzylideneamino) guanidinium chloride	0%
ex 29.31 B	5-Fluoro-2-methyl-1-(4-methylthio=benzylidende)-inden-3-ylacetic acid	0%
ex 29.35 Q	6-Hexanolide ( <u>epsilon</u> -caprolactone)	8.4%
ex 29.35 Q	5-Ethyl-2-methylpyridine	0%
ex 29.36	Sulphathiazole (INN)	0%
ex 29.38 B II	Panthenol (INN) (pantothenyl alcohol)	0%
ex 29.38 B II	<u>D</u> - and <u>DL</u> -calcium pantothenates	4.7%
ex 29.39 D II	21-Chloro-9 <u>alpha</u> -fluoro-11 <u>beta</u> -hydroxy-16 <u>alpha</u> , 17 <u>alpha</u> -isopropyl=idenedioxypregn-4-ene-3,20-dione	0%
ex 38.19 G	Catalysts consisting of bis-(2-dimethylaminoethyl) ether dissolved in dipropylene glycol	0%
ex 39.01 C III	Polycaprolactone	12.8%
ex 39.02 C VI a) and b)	Copolymers solely of allyl alcohol with styrene which have an acetyl value of not less than 175	0%
ex 41.02 B	Leather of East India kip, whole, whether or not the heads and legs have been removed, weighing each more than 4.5 kg net and not more than 8 kg, not further prepared than vegetable tanned, whether or not having undergone further preservative treatment with oil, but obviously unsuitable for immediate use in the manufacture of leather articles	0%

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CCT heading No	Description of goods	Rate of autonomous duty in the CCT
ex 56.01 A	Synthetic textile fibres of aromatic polyamides obtained by polycondensation of m-phenylene= diamine and <u>isophtalic acid</u>	0%
ex 68.02 B	Artificially coloured granules and chippings	0%
ex 70.19 A IV b)	Glass beads of a diameter of less than 0.1 mm and with a refraction index of 2.26	0%
ex 73.40 B and ex 84.59 B	Integrally forged, rough-turned components with unit weights of more than 150 metric tons or outer diameters of more than 6,000 mm for reactor pressure vessels	0%
ex 76.03	Aluminium alloy strip in coils containing not less than 18% by weight and not more than 23% by weight of tin and not less than 0.7% by weight and not more than 1.5% by weight of copper as the major alloying elements and having a width of not less than 75 mm and not more than 230 mm and a thickness of not less than 3 mm and not more than 6.5 mm	0%
ex 81.04 D I	Chromium, in the form of cathods chips or pellets, which contains not more than 0.10% by weight of total oxygen, not more than 0.001% by weight of aluminium compounds insoluble in boiling 5N hydro=chloric acid and in boiling fuming perchlorid acid, and estimated as Al, intended for the production of alloy for the manufacture of fixed or movable blades of gas turbines and jet engines (a)	0%

(a) The application of this suspension will be subject to the conditions determined by the competent authorities.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission has sent to the Council a draft regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff on a number of industrial products. This regulation provides that, from 1 January to 31 December 1976, the duties in the Common Customs Tariff will be partially suspended, among others, on the following products:

CCT heading	Description	CCT rates of duty	
		autonomous (suspended) %	conventional %
ex 29.35 Q	6-Hexanolide ( <u>epsilon</u> -caprolactone)	8.4 %	10.4 %
ex 29.38 B II	<u>D</u> - and <u>DL</u> -calcium pantothenates	4.7 %	5.8 %
ex 39.01 C III	Polycaprolactone	12.8 %	16 %

For the period mentioned above, the Community as originally constituted by virtue of articles 31 paragraph 1 and 32 paragraph 1 of the act concerning the condition of accession and the adjustment of the Treaties applies to these products imported from the new Member States the following duties :

- on the product of subheading ex 29.35 Q : 2 %
- on the product of subheading ex 29.38 B II : 1.1 %
- on the product of subheading ex 39.01 C III : 3.2 %

The government of the United Kingdom has requested the Commission that by virtue of article 33 paragraph 2 of the act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustment to the Treaties the Community preference for the new Member States should be maintained and that therefore the customs duties applied in the Community as originally constituted should be totally suspended on these product imported from the new Member States.

The Commission considers that it is appropriate to give a favourable response to this request and therefore is proposing to the Council the tariff measure annexed hereto.

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in the Community as originally constituted on a number  
of chemical products imported from the new Member States

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Act of Accession, and in particular the second paragraph  
of Article 33 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No..... of ..... (2) the Council has  
partially suspended the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff on  
a number of chemical products for the period 1 January to 31 December 1976;

Whereas, in order to maintain the Community preference for these products,  
the customs duties applicable in the Community as originally constituted on  
such products imported from the new Member States should be totally suspended  
for the same period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article I

From 1 January to 31 December 1976 the customs duties applicable in the  
Community as originally constituted on the following products imported  
from the new Member States shall be totally suspended :

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(1) OJ No. L 73 of 27 March 1972, page 14.

(2) OJ No.        of

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CCT No

Description

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ex 29.35 Q            6-Hexanolide (epsilon - caprolactone )

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For the Commission  
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