

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 of 30 March 1976, on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories, provides for the total or partial exemption from import duties for such products for the duration of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé.

The aim of the attached proposed regulation modifying Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 is to provide an import system specific to fresh and refrigerated tomatoes originating in the ACP States or the OCT.

Because of the way in which production has evolved, tomatoes now have a significant economic interest for certain ACP States, notably, at present, Senegal. Production in these countries in 1976/1977 was around 4.500 tonnes, of which 634 tonnes were exported to the Community ; in the medium term (1980/1981) this is expected to rise to about 1.500 tonnes.

Given that, in general, tomatoes originating in the ACP States are delivered outside the Community's production and marketing season the Community could allow these products to benefit from a 60 % reduction in customs duties under the CCT during the period 15 November to 30 April without adversely affecting the internal price levels for Community-produced tomatoes.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 of 30 March 1976 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories (1), provides for the total or partial exemption from import duties for such products ; whereas, because of the significance of fresh and refrigerated tomatoes for the economies of these States, countries and territories, this product should be allowed to benefit from a partial exemption of customs duties for a fixed period of the year ;

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(1) OJ No L 85, 31.3.1976, p. 2.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 the following paragraph is hereby added :

" 3. The products listed below shall be imported subject to customs duties equal to 40 % of the Common Customs Tariff duties :

CCT heading No.	Description of goods
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled : M. Tomatoes : ex I : from 1 November to 14 May : - from 15 November to 30 April

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 43rd 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.

