

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75  
renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges  
on beef and veal products originating in  
the African, Carribean and Pacific States.

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Since the Lome Convention came into force the Community has adopted special measures consisting of a 90% reduction in non-tariff charges on imports of beef and veal from certain ACP countries provided that an export tax of a similar amount is paid when the meat is exported from the ACP countries concerned. These measures expire on 31 December 1978.

A mission sent by the Commission to Botswana and Swaziland to check on the situation confirmed that meat-producers' incomes could be seriously affected if these special measures were reduced or abolished.

Therefore, in view of the independence of the economy of the ACP states concerned on these exports and in particular of the problems inherent in Botswana's geographical and geopolitical position, the Commission considers that the present arrangements should be continued.

The Commission is aware that on several occasions certain Member States have asked for changes in the current measures. The checks made in the ACP countries concerned have, however, shown that there would be administrative and practical difficulties in replacing the current measures by new ones, particularly when the Lome Convention is close to expiry (1 March 1980).

The Commission therefore considers that, for the period 1 January 1979 to the expiry of the Lome Convention, the current measures which have proved their worth and which still seem the most suitable means of attaining the desired aims should once more be extended. The purpose of the proposal of a regulation annexed hereto is to propose that these measures be extended.

Draft proposal for  
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extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75  
 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges  
 on beef and veal products originating in  
 the African, Carribean and Pacific States.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas certain signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lome are  
 traditional suppliers of beef and veal to the Community; and whereas  
 production of beef and veal is an essential factor in their economies,  
 which are highly dependent upon these exports; whereas, since the States  
 concerned are the Least developed among the States which export beef  
 and veal to the Community, special measures could contribute to main-  
 taining a regular flow of imports;

Whereas this situation has been taken into account by Council Regulation  
 (EEC) No 3328/75 of 18 December 1975 renewing the arrangements for the  
 reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in  
 the African, Carribean and Pacific States <sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by  
 Regulation (EEC) No 2570/77 <sup>(3)</sup>; whereas, as a result, provided the ACP  
 States apply an export tax of a corresponding amount, there is partial  
 compensation of the import charges other than customs duties in respect  
 of the products referred to in Article 1 (a) of Council Regulation  
 (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the  
 market in beef and veal <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 425/  
 77 <sup>(5)</sup>; whereas the arrangements set up by Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75  
 expire on 31 December 1978;

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(1) OJ No C

(2) OJ No L 329, 23.12.1975, p. 4

(3) OJ No L 300, 24.11.1977, p. 1

(4) OJ No L 148, 28. 6.1968, p.24

(5) OJ No L 61, 5. 3.1977, p. 1

Whereas, to take into account the vital importance which the beef and veal sector has for the abovementioned countries, these measures should be extended from 1 January 1979 to 1 March 1980 for the ACP States which export beef and veal to the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/78 is hereby amended as follows :

1. Article 2 shall read :

"Article 2

The reduction provided for in Article 1 shall be limited:

- from 1 January to 31 December 1979 to a quantity of 27,532 tonnes, expressed in terms of boned meat, allocated as follows:

Botswana	17,360 tonnes
Kenya	130 tonnes
Madagascar	6,956 tonnes
Swaziland	3,086 tonnes

- from 1 January to 1 March 1980 to a quantity of 4,595 tonnes, expressed in terms of boned meat, allocated as follows :

Botswana	2,895 tonnes
Kenya	25 tonnes
Madagascar	1,160 tonnes
Swaziland	515 tonnes"

2. In the second paragraph of Article 4 "31 December 1978" shall read "1 March 1980"

ARTICLE 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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 : 3.10.78

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Chapter 10 (Own resources)

2. ACTION : Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) extending the period of validity of regulation (EEC) N° 3328/75 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in ACP States.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43

4. OBJECTIVES : Partial compensation of import charges for beef and veal originating in ACP States, through a reduction in non-tariff import charges, conditional upon the application of an equivalent export tax

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	Period of 12 months	FINANCIAL YEAR (79)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (80)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)			
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.			
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
(1)	- 33 MU.A	- 33 MU.A	- 5,6 MU.A

YEAR ....1979..... YEAR ....1980..... YEAR .....

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS - 33 MU.A - 5,6 MU.A

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION Estimated quantity: 1979 - 27.400t. 1980 - 4.595 tons. Estimated reduction of non-tariff import charges :1.208 UA/ton (the reduction noted between 1.1 and 30.9.1978 varied between 848 and 1.872 EUA/ton.)

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? YES/NO

6.1 ~~FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGETS ?~~ YES/NO X

6.2 ~~FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTERS OF FUTURE BUDGETS ?~~ YES/NO X

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ? YES/NO

COMMENTS :

(1) Non-perception of part of the levy which would have been destined for the Community budget.