

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

extending for the fourth time Regulations (EEC) No. 2313/71 and (EEC) No. 2823/71 partially and temporarily suspending Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2313/71 on the temporary partial suspension of the Common Customs Tariff duties on wine originating in and coming from Algeria, and Regulation (EEC) N° 2823/71 on the temporary partial suspension of the Common Customs Tariff duties on wine originating in and coming from Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey were adopted by the Council, pending the introduction of a definitive system, so as to avoid any interruption in the flow of wine exports from those countries into the Community and without thereby prejudicing the interests of Community producers.

These Regulations, amended by Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1942/74, are only applicable until 31st August, 1975. It is possible that, notably with Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, where negotiations are at an advanced state, that the definitive regimes for these products can be concluded and published, within the Overall Mediterranean Approach, before this date, but even if this is so their application by the Customs authorities will not be immediately possible. Consequently the Commission suggests to the Council the extension of the period of validity of these regulations until, at the latest 31st August 1976 by adopting this proposed regulation. The regulation would cease to be valid upon the entry into force of the definitive regimes.

From previous trade figures it is estimated that prolongation of the partial suspension of the customs duties referred to above for one year, that is from 1st of September 1975, to 31st August, 1976, would involve an amount of 16 millions of U.A. in non-collected duties.

FINANCIAL INCIDENCE

On the basis of import figure available concerning the year 1973, the financial incidence is about 16 Millions U.A..

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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 proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2313/71 (1) and (EEC) N° 2823/71 (2), as last extended by Regulation (EEC) N° 1942/74 (3); set up a provisional system, pending the adoption of a definitive system, established a provisional system for the importation of wines from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey into the Community; whereas since the definitive system has not yet been adopted, the provisional system must be extended under the same conditions as those which applied when it was set up, so as to avoid any interruption in the flow of wine exports from those countries into the Community; that the period of validity must be limited to the date when the definitive regime enters into force.

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(1) OJ N° L 244, 30.10.1971, p. 10
(2) OJ N° L 285, 29.12.1971, p. 51
(3) OJ N° L 204, 26.07.1974, p. 1

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The second paragraph of article 2 of Regulation (EEC) N° 2313/71 shall be replaced by the following text :

"It shall be applicable for Algeria until the entry into force of the definitive tariff regime for that country for the products in question, and, at latest, until 31 August 1976".

2. The second paragraph of article 2 of Regulation (EEC) N° 2823/71 shall be replaced by the following text :

"It shall be applicable, for each of the countries concerned, until the entry into force, of the definitive tariff regime for the products in question, and, at latest, until 31 August 1976".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities .

It shall apply with effect from 1 September 1975.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

The President