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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
TEMPORARILY AND PARTIALLY SUSPENDING THE AUTONOMOUS
COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF DUTIES ON CERTAIN TYPES OF FISH

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Community's processing industries for fish especially in Denmark, the United Kingdom, Germany and the Benelux countries are not sufficiently supplied with cod, haddock, and hake by Community fishermen. They have become dependant on imports of these fish from third countries (see estimated indications by interested Member States (as far as available) for the first half-year 1979 in the annex to this explanatory memorandum). The Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to these fish (15/18 %) reduce the competitiveness of the industry concerned compared with the prices of suppliers of finished products from third countries which are competitive. Furthermore the rise in the prices should be met. For these reasons Denmark and the United Kingdom have requested that the duty suspension for the fish in question should be prolonged.

Weighing the interests of Community fishermen and those of the Community's processing industries the Commission thinks that a duty suspension to a level of 9% is appropriate. The Commission therefore proposes in the attached Regulation that the Council Regulation (EEC) No 2901/78 of 27 November 1978 temporarily and partially suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain types of fish⁽¹⁾ which expires on 30 June 1979 should be prolonged for a new period of six months.

(1) OJ n° L 349 of 13.12.1978, p. 9.

CCT Heading	Description	CCT rate (%)	Suspended rate of duty (%)	Imports needs from third countries
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod (<i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing	15	9	Denmark:: 15 000 T 8.626.000 EUA United Kingdom: 10 670 T 7 667 000 EUA
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing	15	9	Denmark: 2 500 T 1 437 700 EUA United Kingdom: 2 640 T 2 245 000 EUA
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp.), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing	15	9	Denmark: 2 500 T 1 797 000 EUA United Kingdom: 1 900 T 1 155 000 EUA
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 1	Fillets of cod (<i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing	15/18	9	United Kingdom: 21 010 T 36 619 000 EUA
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 3	Fillets of haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing	15/18	9	United Kingdom: 4 160 T 6 930 000 EUA
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp.), fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing	15/18	9	Denmark: 500 T 718 850 EUA United Kingdom: 1 870 T 1 628 000 EUA Germany: 3 000 T 2 000 000 EUA

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

concerned should be suspended from 1 July to 31 December 1979 at the level of 9%,

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission

Article 1

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament

December

Whereas the amount of the types of fish specified in this Regulation landed by the Community fishery fleet is currently inadequate to meet the needs of the processing industry of the Community;

From 1 July to 31/12 1979, the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on the products listed in the Annex hereto shall be suspended at the level of 9%.

Article 2

Whereas, in view of such supply difficulties, the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on the fish

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1979.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

CCT heading No	Description
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod (<i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing (a) (b)
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(a) The duty suspension shall apply to fish intended to undergo any treatment unless they are intended to undergo exclusively one or more of the following treatments:

- cleaning, gutting, simple cutting,
- sorting,
- labelling,
- simple packing,
- icing,
- freezing,
- deep freezing,
- thawing,
- retailing,
- catering.

The duty suspension shall apply only to fish intended for human consumption.

(b) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.