

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

suspending the application of indicative ceilings for imports  
of certain products originating in certain EFTA countries  
established by the Regulations (EEC) Nos 3230/76, 3231/76,  
3233/76, 3234/76 and 3235/76 . . .

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Austria, .

- 1.1 Protocols No 1 to the Agreements between the Community and/Finland, Norway, Portugal and Sweden provide that imports of certain products originating in those countries and subject to progressive reductions in customs duties shall, from the entry into force of these Agreements in 1973, be subject to an annual indicative ceiling above which customs duties can be reintroduced.

The Community has accordingly, fixed, under Council regulations, the ceilings applicable in 1977 to imports of a number of products. (Regulations (EEC) Nos 3230/76, 3231/76, 3233/76, 3234/76 and 3235/76, see OJ No L 367 of 31.12.1976).

- 1.2 However, provision is made in the Protocols No 1 that, if, for two successive years, imports of a product subject to a ceiling are less than 90% of the level fixed, the Community shall suspend application of this ceiling. The Community totals of amounts set off against the ceilings for 1975 and 1976 show that imports of certain products did not reach 90% in those years. This being so, the Community is obliged to suspend application of the ceilings already fixed for 1977 and to amend the above mentioned Regulations accordingly.

- 2.1 It is submitted that the proposal for the Council regulation annexed hereto be approved, i.e. providing for :

suspension of the application of the indicative ceiling to which imports of certain products originating in the EFTA countries are subject.

- 2.2 This is the subject of the present proposal for a Regulation (see Annex).



Proposal for

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No .../77

of .....

suspending the application of indicative ceilings established by Regulations (EEC) Nos 3230/76, 3231/76, 3233/76, 3234/76 and 3235/76 for the imports of certain products originating in Austria, Finland, Norway, Portugal and Sweden

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Protocol 1 annexed to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Portugal and the Kingdom of Sweden, the Community has, by Regulations (EEC) Nos 3230/76, 3231/76, 3233/76, 3234/76 and 3235/76 (1), established the indicative ceilings applicable in 1977 to imports of certain products originating in those countries; whereas provision is made under the said Protocols that if, for two successive years, imports of a product subject to a ceiling are less than 90 % of the amount fixed, the Community shall suspend the application of this ceiling;

Whereas the Communities' statistical summaries for 1975 and 1976 show that imports of certain products which are subject to ceilings have not reached 90 % of the ceilings indicated; whereas, therefore, the Community should suspend application of the ceilings valid for imports of the products in question for 1977; whereas, however, it is desirable to keep under review the development of these imports by statistical supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. The application of the indicative ceilings established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3230/76 shall be suspended during 1977 for the imports of the products indicated under Serial No I A 1 of Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

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(1) OJ No L 367 of 31.12.1976

2. The application of the indicative ceilings established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3231/76 shall be suspended during 1977 for the imports of the products indicated under Serial Nos I SF 1, I SF 8, I SF 10 and I SF 13 of Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

3. The application of the indicative ceilings established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3233/76 shall be suspended during 1977 for the imports of the products indicated under Serial Nos I N 1, I N 5, I N 9 and I N 10 of Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

4. The application of the indicative ceilings established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3234/76 shall be suspended during 1977 for the imports of the products indicated under Serial Nos I P 2, I P 5 and I P 10 Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

5. The application of the indicative ceilings established by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3235/76 shall be suspended during 1977 for the imports of the products indicated under Serial Nos I S 2, I S 3, I S 6, I S 7, I S 8, I S 13, I S 17 and I S 20 of Annex I to the said Regulation.

These imports shall remain under Community supervision.

#### *Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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 Brussels,

*For the Council*  
*The President*