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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3955/87 on the conditions
governing imports of agricultural products

originating in third countries

following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station

(presented by the Commission)

JUSTIFICATION

The purpose of this proposal is to extend by two years the system for checking compliance with the maximum permitted levels of radioactivity in agricultural products, fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 3955/87 following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station.

This is justified by the fact that the reasons prevailing when this Regulation was adopted are still valid, and radioactive contamination in certain agricultural products from some third countries still in fact exceeds the maximum permitted levels of radioactivity laid down in the above-mentioned Regulation.

The group of experts referred to in Article 31 of the Euratom Treaty, who were consulted on this matter at their meeting of 21 and 22 June 1989, agreed that Regulation 3955/87 should be extended.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 3955/87 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station.

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 Council Regulation (EEC) No 3955/87⁽¹⁾ fixed maximum permitted levels of radioactivity for agricultural products originating in third countries and intended for human consumption with which imports of the products concerned must comply and in connection with which checks are carried out by the Member States; and whereas this Regulation shall only apply until 22 December 1989;

Whereas the reasons prevailing when this Regulation was adopted are still valid, particularly on account of the fact that radioactive contamination in certain agricultural products originating in the third countries worst affected by the accident still exceeds the maximum permitted levels of radioactivity laid down in the above-mentioned Regulation;

Whereas the Commission consulted the group of experts referred to in Article 31 of the Euratom Treaty, who favoured extending the period of validity of this Regulation;

Whereas it is advisable to extend the Regulation currently in force for a period of two years in order to avoid trade disturbances which might still exist in the absence of common provisions.

(1) OJ No L 371, 30.12.1987, p. 14

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3955/87 is amended as follows.

"The Regulation shall expire on 31 December 1991."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 31 December 1989.

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

Done at

For the Council

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