COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

COM(89) 350 final Brussels, 13 July 1989

Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for beer made from malt originating in Malta (1990)

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Agreement between the European Economic Community and Talta as amended by the Complementary Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Malta provides for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota at zero duty for imports into the Community of 5,000 hlof beer made from malt falling within CN code no 2203 00 and originating in Malta.

It is, therefore, appropriate to open the tariff quota in question for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1990.

- 2. Within the limits of the tariff quota, Spain and Portugal will apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the Protocol to the Agreement between the EEC and Malta consequent on the accession of Spain and Portugal.
 - 3. Concerning the management of this quota it is proposed that the entire quota volume be held as a Community reserve to which all Member States will have access in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 3 of the proposal for a Regulation.

This is the purpose of the attached proposal.

ANNEX: Proposal for a Regulation

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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 the Supplementary Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta (1) provides, in an Exchange of Letters annexed to the said Protocol, that beer made from malt falling within CN code 2203 00, originating in Malta, may be imported into the Community free of duty within the limits of an annual Community tariff quota of 5 000 hectolitres; whereas the tariff quota in question should therefore be opened for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1990.

whereas in the context of the said quota, the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic will apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the said Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community (2);

Wheres equal and continuous access to the quota should be ensured for all Community importers and the rates laid down for the quota should be applied consistently to

all imports of the product in question into all the Member States until the quota is exhausted; whereas it is

whereas, it is appropriate to take the necessary measures to ensure efficient Community administration of this tariff quota while offering the Member States the opportunity to draw from the quota volume the necessary quantities corresponding to actual imports; whereas this method of administration requires close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission:

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united within and jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any operation concerning the administration of the quota

may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1990, the customs duty applicable to imports into the Community of beer made from malt originating in Malta shall be suspended at the levels indicated below and within the limits of Community tariff quotas as shown below:

Order No	CN code	Description	Amount of quota (hi)	Quota duty (%)
09.1451	2203 00	Beer made from malt	5.000	Exemption

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 81, 23. 3. 1989, p. 2. (4) OJ No L 81, 23. 3. 1989, p. 11.

Within the limits of this tariff quota, the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic shall apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Protocol to the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and Malta consequent on the accession of Spain and Portugal.

Article 2

The tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be administered by the Commission, which may take any appropriate measure with a view to ensuring the efficient administration thereof.

Article 3

If an importer presents, in a Member State, a declaration of entry into free circulation including a request for preferential benefit for a product covered by this Regulation, and if this declaration is accepted by the customs authorities, the Member State concerned shall draw, from the tariff quota, by means of notification to the Commission, a quantity corresponding to these needs.

The requests for drawing, with the indication of the date of acceptance of the said declaration, must be communicated to the Commission without delay.

The drawings are granted by the Commission on the basis of the date of acceptance of the declaration of entry into free circulation by the customs authorities of the Member State concerned, to the extent that the available balance so permits.

If a Member State does not use the quantities drawn, it shall return them as soon as possible to the tariff quota.

If the quantities requested are greater than the available balance of the tariff quota, allocation shall be made on a pro rata basis with respect to the requests. Member States shall be informed by the Commission of the drawings made

Article 4

Each Member State shall ensure that importers of the product concerned have equal and continuous access to the quota for such time as the residual balance of the quota volume so permits.

Article 5

The Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely to ensure that this Regulation is complied with.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1st January 1990.

It shall apply with effect from 1 April 1989.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

FICHE FINANCIERE

- 1. Ligne budgétaire concernée : Chap. 12 art. 120
- 2. Base juridique : art. 113 du traité
- 3. Intitulé de la mesure tarifaire: Proposition de règlement du Conseil portant ouverture, et mode de gestion d'un contingent tarifaire communautaire de bières de malt, relevant du code NC 2203 00, originaires de Malte (1990).
- 4. Objectif: Exécution d'une obligation contractuelle (Accord CEE/Malte).
- 5. Mode de calcul:

Codes NC : 2203 00
Volume du contingent : 5 000 hl

Droit à appliquer : 0%
Droit de la NC. : 7,2%

Prix Ø : 47,16 ECU/hl

6. Perte de recettes :

La perte de recettes à inscrire pour l'année 1990 s'élève à 16 978 ECU.

En 1989 une perte de 12 733 ECU a été inscrite.

FICHE D'IMPACT SUR LA COMPETITIVITE ET L'EMPLOI

Cette proposition est formulée en conformité avec un engagement contractuel de la Communauté. L'impact découlant de cette concession a été pris en considération lors de la prise de décision d'adoption de ce contingent et il n'aura pas un caractère sérieux sur la compétitivité et l'emploi dans la Communauté.

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