COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES



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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL DECISION** 

on the common position of the Community within the EC-Turkey Association Council relating to the arrangements applicable to certain processed agricultural products

(presented by the Commission)

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. The tariffs applied by the Community following the Uruguay Round have the effect of increasing the amount levied by the Union on the agricultural component of the duties applicable to pasta products.
- 2. These tariffs restrict the access for such pasta products from Turkey to the Community market.
- 3. The Customs Union Agreement provides for the maintenance, by Turkey, of nonagricultural protection in relation to certain goods mentioned in Annex 6 of the Decision No 1/95, of the EC-Turkey Association Council, based on Article 21 of the said Decision.
- 4. It is, therefore, in the interests of Turkey and the Union to open on a reciprocal basis tariff quotas expressed in terms of value in order to increase trade in processed agricultural products. These quotas will involve, for the Union, a reduction in the agricultural component on pasta products to the level of the tariff applied by Turkey and, for Turkey the non-application to certain goods of the three year derogation (from 1/1/1996) provided for in Article 21 of Decision No 1/95 as well as annex 6 table 1 of the same decision.

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# on the common position of the Community within the EC-Turkey Association Council relating to the arrangements applicable to certain processed agricultural products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the tariffs applied by the Community to pasta products have led to a significant increase in the agricultural component compared with the level immediately prior to the period of application of the Uruguay Round agreements;

Whereas Turkey applies to certain processed agricultural products a transitional protection additional to that resulting from the transposition of the agricultural protection; whereas these measures apply in particular to certain processed agricultural products covered by Chapter 19 of the Combined Nomenclature;

Whereas the establishment of reciprocal concessions between the Community and Turkey, within the limits of annual quotas in terms of value for the processed agricultural products concerned, will help to develop trade in accordance with the objectives of the Customs Union;

#### HAS DECIDED:

To adopt as a common position within the EC-Turkey Association Council the attached draft Decision.

# Draft Decision of the EC-Turkey Association Council

of ...

# on the arrangements applicable to certain processed agricultural products

# The Association Council

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Turkey, and in particular Article 22(3) thereof,<sup>1</sup>

Whereas Decision No 1/95 of the Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union<sup>2</sup> sets out the arrangements applicable to processed agricultural products;

Whereas in order to encourage the development of trade in accordance with the objectives of the Customs Union, annual quotas in terms of value should be established in respect of certain pasta products, for the Community, and certain processed agricultural products covered by Chapter 19 of the Combined Nomenclature, for Turkey;

## HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## Article 1

The Community shall apply, within the limits of an annual quota of ECU 2.5 million, to the goods listed in the table in Annex I, the specific duty specified therein.

## Article 2

Turkey shall apply, within the limits of an annual quota of ECU 2.5 million, to the goods listed in the table in Annex 2, the agricultural components specified therein. The amounts given in the table in Annex 2 shall replace the amounts specified, for the corresponding goods, within the limits of this quota, by Annex 6, Table 1, of Decision 1/95.

#### Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on......

It shall apply from 1.11.1996.

For the EC-Turkey Association Council

#### The President

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ No L 293, 29.12.1972, p. 68.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ No L 35, 13.2.1996, p. 1.

# Annex 1

Tariff quotas and duties on imports into the Community of goods originating from Turkey

CN code	Duty applicable (ECU/100 kg)					
1902 11 00	10.67					
1902 19	10.67					

Annex 2

The tariff quotas and duties on imports into Turkey of goods originating from the Community are as follows:

CN code	Duty applicable (ECU/100 kg)
1902 20 91	2.61
1902 20 99	7.41
1902 30 10	10.67
1902 30 90	4.21
1902 40 90	4.21
1904 10 10	6.19
1904 10 90	19.94
1904 20 10	*
1904 90 10	44.21
1904 90 90	11.11
1905 90 20	18.74
1905 90 60	*
1905 90 90	*

\* The amount is set out in Annex 4 to the Decision No 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union (OJ No L 35, 13.2.1996, p.1)

	FINANCIAL ST	<b>ATEME</b>	NT								
	BUDGET HEADING: Article 10 Item 1000 APPROP						RIATIONS: ECU 864 million				
	TITLE: Draft Decision of the EC-Turkey Association Council on reciprocal concessions relating to the arrangements applicable to certain processed agricultural products										
	LEGAL BASIS: Article 113; Article 22(3) EC-Turkey Association Council agreement										
	AIMS OF PROJECT: Following Union tariff fixing in Uruguay Round, to improve access to the Community market for Turkish pasta under CN Codes 1902 11 and 1902 19										
	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS		PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS		CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR		FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR				
0.	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION - OTHER										
1.	REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)		- 1 242 000		 						
).1.	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED REVENUE										
2.	Volume of 1994 imports (4 866 tonnes) multiplied by loss of revenue following introduction of reduced agricultural component (ECU 362/t-ECU 106.7/t) = maximum loss of revenue ECU 1 242 000										
).	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET? NO										
CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRE BUDGET?							Т	NO			
<u>.</u>	IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?   WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?							NO			
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Compared with the situation prior to 30.6.95 there is an increase in revenue:											
[reduced agricultural component (ECU 106.7/t) - average agricultural component 1994-95 (ECU 33.55/t)] *											

[reduced agricultural component (ECU 106.7/t) - avera Volume imports 1994 (4 866 tonnes) = ECU 335 948

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