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on measures to be taken owing to the difficulties affecting
potato supplies

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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PROPOSAL

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of

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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, owing to the very poor potato harvest in the Community in 1975,
that product is at present in short supply on the market; whereas that
situation is causing a very sharp increase in potato prices and supply
difficulties in some regions of the Community;

Whereas the said situation is aggravated through the export of potatoes to
non-member countries, in some cases encouraged by import subsidies; whereas,
in order to ensure that the Community is supplied, a tax should be temporarily
imposed on exports of potatoes to non-member countries; whereas, furthermore,
provision should be made for adjusting the amount of that tax to take account
of changing prices on the Community market and the world market and of any
import subsidies granted by non-member countries; whereas, in addition, that
tax should be made subject to the provisions of Commission Regulation (EEC)
No 645/75 of 13 March 1975 laying down common detailed rules for the application
of the export levies and charges on agricultural products⁽¹⁾;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. A tax shall be levied on exports to non-member countries of potatoes
falling within subheading No 07-01 A.III of the Common Customs Tariff. The

(1) OJ No L 67, 14.3.1975, p. 16

amount of that tax shall be 18 units of account per 100 kilograms.

However, the Commission may adjust that amount to take account of changing prices on the Community market and the world market and of subsidies granted by non-member countries on imports of the products described in the first subparagraph. The Commission may also take any interim action necessary for the application of this Regulation.

2. The provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 645/75 shall apply to the export tax referred to in the first paragraph.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities. It shall apply to operations in respect of which customs export formalities have been completed from (following day) until 30 June 1976.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council