

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
amending Regulation (EEC) No 3815/81 opening, allocating and providing  
for the administration of a Community tariff quota for prepared or  
preserved sardines falling within sub-heading 16.04 D of the Common  
Customs Tariff and originating in Tunisia

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- . The 1978 agreement between the Community and Tunisia provides that prepared and preserved sardines originating in that country may be imported into the Community free of duty subject to the observance of certain minimum prices. The periods and the technical rules for applying this system have to be laid down in an exchange of letters between the contracting parties.

Pending the conclusion of the exchange of letters which will allow the provisions of the 1978 agreement on prepared and preserved sardines to enter into force, the Community has applied a system of annual Community tariff quotas making due allowance for the interests involved.

- . The current quota applies to the period from 1 January to 31 March 1982 and covers a quantity equivalent to one quarter of the annual volume (25 tonnes duty free).
- . Because of difficulties that have not yet been overcome, it seems that the negotiations on the exchange of letters will not be completed for some time. It is therefore proposed that the validity of the current quota be extended to 30 September 1982 and that the volume and the various dates be adjusted accordingly.

This is the purpose of the attached proposal.

IMPORTS OF PREPARED OR PRESERVED SARDINES ORIGINATING IN TUNISIA

MEMBER STATES

	- tonnes -		
	1978	1979	1980
BX	-	-	-
DK	-	-	-
D	-	-	-
G	-	-	-
F	-	50	3
IRL	-	-	-
IT	-	-	-
UK	-	-	-
EC	-	50	3

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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 by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3815/81 (1) the Community opened a Community tariff quota for prepared or preserved sardines falling within subheading 16.04 D of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Tunisia; whereas this tariff measure, which is valid until 31 March 1982, was taken pending conclusion of the exchange of letters provided for by Article 18 of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia (2); whereas it now seems that the negotiations on this exchange of letters will not be completed for some time; whereas it is consequently advisable to extend the validity of this tariff quota and to adjust the volume and the various dates accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3815/81 is hereby amended as follows :

1. In Article 1, "31 March 1982" is replaced by "30 September 1982" and "25 tonnes" is replaced by "75 tonnes".

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(1) OJ No L 383, 31.12.1981, p. 34,

(2) OJ No L 265, 27.9.1978, p. 2

2. In Article 2, paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

"2. A first instalment, amounting to 56 tonnes of the Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1, shall be allocated among the Member States; the shares, which subject to Article 5 shall be valid until the end of the period specified in Article 1, shall be as follows :

	(tonnes)
Benelux	6
Denmark	3
Germany	9
France	23
Ireland	3
Italy	3
United Kingdom	9

3. The second instalment of 19 tonnes shall constitute the reserve."

3. In the first and second paragraphs of Article 5, "1 March 1982" is replaced by "1 August 1982" and "15 February 1982" is replaced by "15 July 1982".

4. In the second paragraph of Article 6, "5 March 1982" is replaced by "5 August 1982".

#### Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of 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