

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3814/81 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for prepared or preserved sardines falling within sub-heading 16.04 D of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Morocco

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The 1978 agreement between the Community and Morocco 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.

2. The current quotas apply to the period from 1 January to 31 March 1982 and cover quantities, equivalent to one quarter of the annual volumes (3 500 tonnes duty free and 1 500 tonnes at a duty of 10%).
3. 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 quotas be extended to 30 September 1982 and that the volumes and the various dates be adjusted accordingly.

This is the purpose of the attached proposal.

IMPORTS OF PREPARED OR PRESERVED SARDINES ORIGINATING
IN MOROCCO
in tonnes

MEMBER STATES

	1978	1979	1980
Benelux	1.335	1.190	1.310
Denmark	105	3	4
Germany	1.626	2.022	1.335
Greece	578	169	0
France	6.603	7.100	8.020
Ireland	42	5	1
Italy	88	33	38
United Kingdom	1.531	3.173	2.971
EC	11.908	13.722	13.679

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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 3814/81¹ the Community opened Community
tariff quotas for prepared or preserved sardines falling within sub-heading
16.04 D of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Morocco; whereas this
tariff measure, which is valid until 31 March 1982, was taken pending conclu-
sion of the exchange of letters provided for by Article 19 of the Cooperation
Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco²; 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 these tariff quotas and to adjust the volumes and the various
dates accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3814/81 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, "31 March 1982" is replaced by "30 September 1982" and
"3 500 tonnes" is replaced by "10 500 tonnes".

(1) OJ No L 383, 31.12.1981, p. 31

(2) OJ No L 264, 27.9.1978, p. 21

2. In Article 1 (2), "31 March 1982" is replaced by "30 September 1982" and "1 500 tonnes" is replaced by "4 500 tonnes".
3. In Article 2, paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:
"2. A first instalment of each quota shall be shared among the Member States; the respective shares, which subject to Article 5 shall be valid until the end of the period specified in Article 1, shall be as follows:

Member States	(tonnes)	
	Article 1 (1)	Article 1 (2)
Benelux	720	307
Denmark	20	10
Germany	930	400
Greece	145	62
France	4 060	1 740
Ireland	10	4
Italy	30	12
United Kingdom	1 435	615
	<hr/> 7 350	<hr/> 3 150

3. The second instalment of each quota, that is, 3 150 and 1 350 tonnes respectively, shall constitute the reserve."
4. 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".
5. 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

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