

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

temporarily suspending the autonomous duties under  
the Common Customs Tariff on certain industrial  
products

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its meetings 10 September and 9 October 1974, the Joint Group of Government Experts which meets under the aegis of the Commission to study economic problems relating to the Common Customs Tariff, examined :
  - (a) the advisability of extending the suspensions of duties which are due to expire on 31 December 1974, and
  - (b) new applications submitted by certain Member States for the suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products as from 1 January 1975.

2. The applications submitted relate to products in respect of which the Member States concerned consider that a provisional reduction of autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff is justified for economic reasons, owing to the non-existence or inadequacy of production in the Community.

Most of these products are raw materials intended for processing industries or are considered as such. They are in particular basic substances for the chemical industry. Account was taken of the possibility of substituting other products already manufactured in the Community and of the importance to the Community of the proposed measure.

3. The requests of the new Member States to suspend Common Customs Tariff duties are based, not only on the economic reasons mentioned, but also on the following considerations :

From 1 January 1974 the new Member States have no longer the power to suspend autonomously their duties without limitations. Their duties can only be suspended in respect of the difference between their duties and the Common Customs Tariff duties. If it appears necessary to suspend a duty beyond this limit, the Common Customs Tariff duty has to be suspended.

4. The above mentioned Group favoured unanimously the total or partial suspension of duties on the products which are the subject of the draft Regulation annexed hereto.

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5. Having regard to the results of this work it appears appropriate to the Commission to propose to the Council the suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed in the annex to the following regulation.
6. As regards the duration for the proposed suspensions of duties, it will be seen that a six month period from 1 January to 30 June 1975 or a twelve month period from 1 January to 31 December 1975 is proposed for the products concerned.
7. In view of the above-mentioned suspension duties in the Common Customs Tariff the new Member States are obliged to suspend the corresponding duties in their tariffs in accordance with Article 39, paragraphe 2 of the act concerning the Condition of Accession and the Adjustments of the Treaties.
8. The Group also examined the possibility of suspending the Common Customs Tariff duty on the products listed in the table annexed hereto. It was not possible to reach an unanimous opinion on the subject because of the unfavourable opinions, based on economic considerations, which were expressed by one or other of the Member States.

CCT heading No	Designation of goods
1	2
ex 28.21	Chromium oxide intended for metallurgical use only
ex 29.01 D II	Styrene
ex 29.02 C	Decabromobiphenyl
ex 29.04 C I	Butane-1,3-diol
29.14 A II a)	Acetic acid
ex 29.14 A II c) 1	Vinyl acetate
29.14 A III	Acetic anhydride
ex 29.16 D	<u>dl</u> -2-(3-Phenoxyphenyl)propionic acid and its salts
ex 29.22 B II	1,2-Diaminoethane (ethylenediamine)
ex 29.26 A I	<u>o</u> -Benzoicsulphimide (saccharine)
ex 29.35 A	2-Choropyridine (purified)

1	2
ex 29.35 Q	1,6-Hexanolactam ( <i>caprolactam</i> )
ex 29.35 Q	Amprolium hydrochloride
ex 29.35 Q	Tiabendazole
ex 29.35 Q	4-Nitrobenzyl 7-amino-3-methyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylatehydrochloride
ex 29.35 Q	Indomethacin (1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methylindol-3-ylacetic acid)
ex 29.35 Q	6-Hexanolide ( <u>epsilon</u> -caprolactone)
ex 29.39 D II	Triamcinolonehexacetonide
ex 30.03 A II b) and ex 30.03 B II b)	The following substances derived from human blood : gamma-globulin (including that which can be administered intravenously), 20 % human albumin, human fibrinogen, preserved serum
ex 39.01 C III	Polyhexanolide (polycaprolactone)
ex 39.01 C VII	Polyphenylene sulphide
ex 39.02 C X	Copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate, with a vinyl chloride content of not less than 89 % and not more than 93 % by weight
ex 39.02 C XIV a)	Polyacrylic acid, cross-linked to a small degree by adding just under 1 % of another monomer
ex 39.02 C XIV a)	Copolymer of vinylidene chloride and hexafluoropropylene in one of the forms mentioned in Note 3 (a) and (b) of Chapter 39
ex 41.02 B	Hides and skins of bovine cattle, not further prepared than tanned
ex 41.02 B	Leather of East India kip, whole, whether or not the heads and legs have been removed, weighing each more than 4.5 kg net not further prepared than vegetable tanned, whether or not having undergone further preservative treatment with oil but obviously unsuitable for immediate use in the manufacture of leather articles
ex 51.01 A	Yarn of <u>poly</u> -phenylenediamine and terephthalamide fibres
ex 56.01 A	Man-made fibres (discontinuous) not carved, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning, of polypropylene not exceeding 0.9 tex
ex 59.03	"Oil-absorbing bonded fibre fabrics" made from aliphatic polyolefin fibres with a minimum buoyancy of 99 %

1	2
ex 69.09 B	Catalyst supports, consisting of porous cordierite ceramic pieces of roughly circular or oval cross-section with parallel sides, having an overall volume of not less than 240 millilitres and not more than 11,100 millilitres, and having a minimum dimension of not less than 90 millimetres and a maximum dimension of not more than 480 millimetres, having not less than 28 continuous channels per hundred square millimetres running parallel to the main axis of symmetry, the total channel cross-section area being not less than 60 per cent and not more than 80 per cent of the whole cross-section area
ex 88.02 B I a)	Helicopters of an empty weight of 1,000 kilogrammes or less, equipped with one piston engine
ex 88.05 B	Ground flying trainers of the following types : - Boeing 737 "Atkins and Merrill" - DC 10 "Link-Miles"

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic  
Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof ;

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission ;

Whereas production in the Community of the products specified in this  
Regulation is at present inadequate or non-existent and producers are  
thus unable to meet the needs of user industries in the Community ;

Whereas it is in the interest of the Community to suspend the autonomous  
Common Customs Tariff duties only partially in certain cases where some  
Community production already exists while suspending them totally in  
other cases ;

Whereas, in view of the difficulty of assessing accurately short-term  
economic trends in the sectors concerned, these measures of suspension  
should be taken only temporarily, their term of validity being fixed by  
reference to the interests of Community production ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed in  
the Tables annexed to this Regulation are hereby suspended at the levels  
indicated in respect of each of the said products.

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These suspensions shall apply as follows ;

- from 1 January to 30 June 1975 for the products listed in Table I ;
- from 1 January to 31 December 1975 for the product listed in Table II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1975.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

TABLE I

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Rate of autonomous duty under the CCT.
ex 29.02 A III	Vinyl bromide	total suspension
ex 29.03 B II	Nitromethane	total suspension
ex 29.15 A IV a)	Sebacic acid	total suspension
ex 29.15 C III	Tetrachlorophthalic anhydride	total suspension
ex 29.27	(-)-2-Acetamido-2-vanillyl-propionitrile	total suspension
ex 29.29	(-)-2-(3,4-Dihydroxybenzyl)-2-hydrazinopropionic acid	total suspension
ex 29.35 Q	(-)-1- <u>tert</u> Butylamino-3-(4-morpholino-1,2,5-thiadiazol-3-yloxy)propan-2-ol	total suspension
ex 29.35 Q	2-Picolin	total suspension
ex 29.35 Q	Methyl 3-amino-5,6-dichloropyrazine-2-carboxylate	total suspension
32.01 A	Tanning extracts of wattle (Mimosa)	total suspension
ex 32.01 D	Tanning extracts derived from gambier and myrobalan fruits	total suspension
ex 32.07 B	Polycarbonate with a carbon black content of not less than 22 % and not more than 28 % by weight	total suspension
ex 38.03 B	Acid-activated montmorillonite which, when examined by X-ray powder diffraction, shows four principal lines corresponding to crystal interplanar spacings (d various) of 0.44, 0.40, 0.33 and 0.25 nanometres, the line corresponding to 0.40 nanometre being the most intense	total suspension
ex 39.01 C VII	Polyimide foils whether or not in rolls	total suspension
ex 51.01 A	Yarn wholly of poly glycollic acid	total suspension
ex 56.01 A	Synthetic textile fibres of aromatic polyamides obtained by polycondensation of <u>m</u> -phenylenediamine and <u>isophthalic</u> acid	total suspension

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1	2	3
ex 90.01 B	Material consisting of a polarising film, supported on one or both sides by transparent material	total suspension

TABLE II

1	2	3
ex 29.38 B II	<u>D</u> and <u>DL</u> -Calcium pantothenate	3.5 %