

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

extending the arrangements for imports of beef and veal originating  
in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific States provided for in  
Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In order to mitigate the difficulties experienced by the ACP States in exporting beef and veal to the Community, specific import measures were adopted in the context of an exceptional situation on the Community market in the second half of 1975 and measures were extended for the first time to cover the first six months of 1976 (Council Regulation No 3328/75). The arrangements stipulate that, as partial compensation for the import charges leviable by reason of the current trend of the world market, there should be a reduction in the charges, other than customs duties, on imports of certain quantities of beef and veal, provided that an export tax of a corresponding amount has been applied by the exporting country. These arrangements can be revised or repealed before their expiry date in the event of a change in the import conditions.
  
2. The main exporting country (Botswana) explained during a meeting that these arrangements were the only way of maintaining producer prices, and it was essential that they should continue to apply. Information has been supplied on this point and on Botswana's prices on the world market in relation to those of other suppliers. However, the information available on the price differentials at all stages of marketing is insufficient to allow a full assessment to be made of the extent to which the level of the reduction in import charges is justified.
  
3. Nonetheless, given that these arrangements arose from exceptional conditions resulting from the trend of the market in beef and veal, and since these conditions are not expected to change in the coming months, it is proposed to extend the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 in their entirety for a further period of six months, it being understood that these exceptional measures can be revised or repealed during that period should the market conditions change and give rise to a modification of the arrangements at present in force.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 of 18 December 1975 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (2) applies only until 30 June 1976; whereas the conditions which led to the application of these exceptional measures still exist and it is therefore necessary to extend the arrangements which result therefrom until such time as there is a change in the import conditions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75, the words "every six months" are hereby added after "13 766 metric tons".

Article 2

The second paragraph of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 is hereby amended to read as follows: "It shall remain applicable until 31 December 1976".

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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

(1) OJ No L

(2) OJ No L 329, 23.12.1975, p. 4.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Annex to Doc. ....

Date 30 March 1976

1. Line of the Budget concerned : Chapter 10 (Own Resources)

2. Title of the action : Draft Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) extending the arrangements for imports of beef and veal originating in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific States provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75

3. Legal basis : Article 43

4. Objectives of the action : Partial compensation for the import charges leviable by reason of the trend of the world market in respect of 14.000 t of beef and veal originating in the ACP States by a reduction of (90 %) in non-tariff import charges, provided that an export tax of a corresponding amount has been applied.

5.0 Cost of the action Reduction in charge to the EC Budget levies charge to the national administrations charge to other national sectors	1 - 30.6 during the campaign	current exercise (76 )	following exercise( )
		14 - 18 Million	14 - 18 Million (6 months)

5.1 Estimated costs Year ..... Year ..... Year .....  
measure expires on 31 December 1976

5.2 Method of calculation  
18 Million u.a. (of which 10 - 12 million United Kingdom, 4 - 6 million France) on the basis of the 14.000 t, of which 9.500 t imported into the United Kingdom and 4.500 t into France during the first six months of 1976, and of the amounts fixed for the reduction in import charges for the same period.

~~6.1 Possible financing by credits written into the relative chapter of the current Budget~~

~~Yes No~~

~~6.2 Possible financing by transfers between chapters of the current Budget~~

~~Yes No~~

~~6.3 Necessity for a supplementary Budget Yes No~~

~~6.4 Credits to be written into future budgets~~

Comments : It concerns the non-application of a part of levies which would otherwise accrue to the Community budget.