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PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73 on the opening of tariff preferences in the form of a partial suspension of customs duties for products made from jute and coir originating in India and products made from jute originating in Bangladesh, in respect of the description of the products and its period of application

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXA
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73¹ of 18 December 1973 opened tariff preferences in the form of a partial and preferential suspension of customs duties:
 - (i) until 31 December 1974, for products made from jute and coir, originating in India,
 - (ii) until 30 June 1974, for products made from jute, originating in Bangladesh.
2. As regards India, the suspension measure in question was decided in advance of the entry into force of the Agreement between the Community and India on, inter alia, manufactured jute products². A discrepancy exists between the description of the jute products given in Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73 above and that given in the Agreement with India: the Regulation in question refers only to jute products proper whereas the Agreement includes products made from jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03.

The object of the proposal for a regulation annexed hereto is, inter alia, to bring the text of Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73 into line with that of the Agreement with India; since the resulting amendment is not substantial, it seemed appropriate to deal with it together with the one set out below.
3. As regards Bangladesh, the preferential suspension of customs duty for jute products was limited to 30 June 1974 since at that time negotiations with that country for the conclusion of an agreement on the products in question were still under way. These negotiations are now almost concluded and as regards the preferential tariff

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¹OJ No L 358, 28 December 1973, p. 130.

²OJ No L 82, 27 March 1974, p. 10.

suspension for jute (and other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03), they will result in measures identical to those taken for India. It is therefore proposed to extend until 31 December 1974 the validity of the measures already in force until 30 June 1974 for Bangladesh in this sector.

4. The attached proposal for a regulation concerns the two measures described in points 2 and 3 above.

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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;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73¹ of 18 December 1973, the Council opened tariff preferences in the form of partial suspension of customs duties for products made from jute and coir originating in India and products made from jute originating in Bangladesh;

Whereas as a result of the entry into force of the agreement between the Community and India covering, inter alia, manufactured jute products², the above Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73 should be amended so that tariff preferences include not only yarn and fabrics of jute proper, but also yarn and fabrics of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03;

Whereas, moreover, for these same jute products, an agreement will shortly be concluded between the Community and Bangladesh; whereas the preferential arrangements introduced in the above Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73 for Bangladesh should therefore be extended until 31 December 1974;

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¹OJ No L 358, 28 December 1973, p. 130.

²OJ No L32, 27 March 1974, p. 10.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. In the table set out in Article 1(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3509/73 of 18 December 1973, the entries:
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| ex 57.06 | Jute yarn |
| ex 57.10 | Woven fabrics of jute: |
| 62.03 | Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods: |
| | ex A. Of jute |

are replaced respectively by:

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| 57.06 | Yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03 |
| 57.10 | Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03: |
| 62.03 | Sacks and bags of a kind used for packing of goods:
A. Of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03 |
2. The date 30 June 1974, appearing in paragraph 3 of the same Article, shall be replaced by the date 31 December 1974.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1974.

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

Done at Brussels,

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For the Council
The President