

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 as regards the period of suspension of the application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons originating in certain Mediterranean countries

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Among the proposals which the Commission presented to the Council on the fixing of prices for certain agricultural products and certain related measures (COM (81) 50 final) is a proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for Community citrus fruit and Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables; this proposal provides for the maintenance for the marketing year 1981/82 of the granting of financial compensation for lemons. The Commission must therefore propose the extension over the same period of the suspension of the application of the agreed price for imports of fresh citrus fruit into the Community pursuant to certain agreements concluded with the Mediterranean countries.

The Commission therefore proposes to the Council that Council Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 of 24 February 1976, as last amended by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2144/80, suspending application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons originating in certain Mediterranean countries be extended until 31 Mai 1982.

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**THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,**

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No⁽²⁾ provides, for the 1981/82 marketing year, for financial compensation measures for lemons; whereas such measures led to the adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 471/76⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2144/80⁽⁴⁾, which provides for the suspension of application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons originating in

certain Mediterranean countries; whereas, at present, such suspension should be extended to 31 May 1982,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The second paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 shall be replaced by the following:

"It shall apply until 31 May 1982."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 June 1981.

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 C
(2) OJ No L
(3) OJ No L 38, 3. 3. 1976, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 209, 12. 8. 1980, p. 4.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 23.1.1981

BUDGET HEADING : Chapter 12

APPROBIATIONS : 6.274 MECU

TITLE : Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation No (LEQ) 471/76

LEGAL BASIS : Article 43 and 113 of the Treaty

AIMS OF PROJECT :

Extension until 31 May 1982 of the suspension of the application of the conventional price to imports of fresh lemons from certain Mediterranean countries.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (81)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (82)
	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS) - NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION - OTHER RECEIPTS - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	negligible	negligible

	1983	1984	
0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE			
1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			
Measure expires 31.5.1982			

2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

Experience acquired during the application of the system of the conventional price showed that the exporting countries concerned try to observe the conventional price in order to avoid having to pay all the customs duties on import. Since 1976 the Community has refrained from applying this system in respect of certain Mediterranean countries. Renewal of the suspension of this system for a further year therefore involves no significant effect on receipts from customs duties. Imports of fresh lemons originating in these countries amounted to :

1977 - 159.821 t. ; 1978 - 195.016 t. ; 1979 - 187.926 t.

3.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROBIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

YES/NO

YES/NO

3.1 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROBIATIONS BE NECESSARY ?

YES/NO

OBSERVATIONS :

