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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco provides in Article 21 for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota of 50 000 hl for the duty-free importation into the Community of certain wines of designation of origin falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the CCT originating in Morocco. These wines must be put up in containers holding two litres or less. The different qualities of the wines are specified in the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters of 12 March 1977.
- 2. The Regulation makes provision as is usual for the division of the quota volume into two instalments, the first of which is allocated by shares amongst all Member States, while the second constitute the reserve. The allocation of the first instalment is usually based on the statistical data of the last three years and estimates for the period in question.
- 3. In this case, however, neither Community nor national statistical data split up by the types of the wines in question are available and no estimates can be put forward. In these circumstances initial shares should be established for taking into account the possibilities of consumption of these wines in each of the Member States.
- 4. It is proposed that the proposal for a Council Regulation opening the Community tariff quota described above should be approved.

But in order that this tariff measure is also applicable in Greece an adapting protocol must be concluded between Morocco and the Community. Because such a protocol does not exist the tariff measure in question will apply only to the Community of Nine.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treasy establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco (1) stipulates in Article 21 that certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Morocco, specified in the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters of 12 March 1977 (2), shall be imported into the Community free of customs duties within the limits of an annual Community tariff quota of 50 000 hectolitres; whereas these wines must be put up in containers holding two litres or less; whereas the tariff quota in question should therefore be opened for the period 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1982;

Whereas the wines in question are subject to compliance with the free-at-frontier reference price; whereas the wines in question may benefit from this tariff quota on condition that Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3456/80 (4), is complied with;

Whereas it is in particular necessary to ensure equal and uninterrupted access for all Community importers to the abovementioned quota, and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for this quota to all imports of the products concerned into the Member States until the quota has been used up; whereas, having regard to the above principles, the Community nature of the quota can be respected

by allocating the Community tariff quota among the Member States; whereas, in order to reflect most accurately the actual development of the market in the products in question, such allocation should be in proportion to the requirements of the Member States, assessed by reference to both the statistics relating to imports of the said products from Morocco over a representative reference period and the economic outlook for the quota period concerned;

Whereas in this case, however, neither Community nor national statistics showing the breakdown for each of the types of wines in question are available and no reliable estimates of future imports can be made; whereas, in these circumstances, the quota volume should be allocated in initial shares, taking into account demand for these wines on the markets of the various Member States;

Whereas, to take into account import trends for the products concerned in the various Member States, the quota amount should be divided into two instalments, the first being allocated among the Member States and the second held as a reserve intended to cover at a later date the requirements of Member States who have used up their initial share; whereas, in order to guarantee some degree of security to importers in each Member State, the first instalment of the. Community quota should be fixed at a level which could, in the present circumstances, be 50 % of the quota volume;

Whereas the initial shares of the Member States may be used up at different rates; whereas, in order to take this into account and to avoid a break in continuity, any Member State which has used up almost all of its initial share should draw an additional share from the reserve; whereas this should be done by each Member State each time one of its additional shares is almost used up, and so on as many times as the reserve allows; whereas the initial and additional shares must be valid until the end of the quota period; whereas this form of administration requires close collaboration between the Member States and the Commission, and the Commission must be in a position to follow the extent to which

Whereas, since a Protocol as provided for in Article 118 of the 1979 Act of Accession does not exist, the Community must adopt the measures referred to in Article 119 of the Act; whereas the tariff measure concerned will, therefore, apply to the Community of Nine;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 264, 27. 9. 1978, p. 2.

<sup>(\*)</sup> OJ No L 65, 11. 3. 1977, p. 2.

<sup>(&#</sup>x27;) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

<sup>(\*)</sup> OJ No L 360, 22.12.1980, p.18.

the quota volume has been used up and inform the Member States thereof;

Whereas, if at a given date in the quota period a substantial quantity of its initial share remains unused in any Member State, it is essential that it should return a significant proportion thereof to the reserve, to prevent part of the Community quota remaining unused in one Member State when it could be used in others;

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united in and represented by the Benelux Economic Union, all transactions concerning the administration of the shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

# HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

# Article 1

1. For the period 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1982, a Community tariff quota of 50 000 hectolitres shall be opened for the following products originating in Morocco:

CCT heading	Description
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol:
	C. Other:  — Wines entitled to one of the following designations of origin:
	Berkane, Saïs, Beni M'Tir, Guer- rouane, Zemmour, Zennata of an ac- tual alcoholic strength not exceeding 15 % vol, in containers holding two
	litres or less

- 2. Within this tariff quota the Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to these wines shall be totally suspended.
- 3. The wines in question shall be subject to compliance with the free-at-frontier reference price.

The wines in question shall benefit from this tariff quota on condition that Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 is complied with.

4. Each of these wines, when imported, shall be accompanied by a certificate of designation of origin, issued by the relevant Moroccan authority, in accordance with the model annexed to this Regulation.

#### Article 2

- 1. The tariff quota laid down in Article 1 shall be divided into two instalments.
- 2. A first instalment of the quota shall be allocated among the Member States; the shares, which subject to Article 5 shall be valid up to 30 June 1982, shall be as follows:

	(bectolitres)
Benelux	4 150
Denmark	2 500
Germany	5 000
France	5 000
Ireland	1 700
Italy	2 500
United Kingdom	4 150

3. The second instalment of the quota, amounting to 25 000 hectolitres, shall constitute the reserve.

### Article 3

- 1. If 90 % or more of a Member State's initial share, as specified in Article 2 (2), or of that share less the portion returned to the reserve where Article 5 has been applied, has been used up, that Member State shall, without delay, by notifying the Commission, draw a second share equal to 15 % of its initial share, rounded up where necessary to the next whole number, in so far as the amount in the reserve allows.
- 2. If, after its initial share has been used up, 90 % or more of the second share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall, in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraph 1, draw, a third share equal to 7.5 % of its initial share.
- 3. If, after its second share has been used up, 90 % or more of the third share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall, in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraph 1, draw a fourth share equal to the third.

This process shall continue to apply until the reserve is used up.

4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, Member States may draw smaller shares than those fixed in these paragraphs if there is reason to believe

that those fixed night not be ed up. They shall inform the Commission of their grounds for applying this paragraph.

#### Article 4

The additional share drawn pursuant to Article 3 shall be valid until 30 June 1982.

#### Article 5

Member States shall return to the reserve, not later than 1 April 1982, such unused portion of their initial share as, on 15 March 1982, is in excess of 20 % of the initial amount. They may return a greater quantity if there are grounds for believing that this quantity might not be used in full.

Member States shall notify the Commission, not later than 1 April 1982, of the total imports of the products concerned effected under the Community quotas up to and including 15 March 198 2 and where appropriate, the proportion of their initial share that they are returning to the reserve.

#### Article 6

The Commission shall keep an account of the shares opened by Member States pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 and, as soon as it has been notified, shall inform each State of the extent to which the reserve has been used up.

It shall notify the Member States, not later than 5 April 1981, of the state of the reserve after quantities have been returned thereto pursuant to Article 5.

It shall ensure that the drawing which uses up the reserve is limited to the balance available and, to this

end, shall specify the amount thereof to the Member. State making the final drawing.

#### Article 7

- 1. Member States shall take all measures necessary to ensure that additional shares drawn pursuant to Article 3 are opened in such a way that imports may be charged without interruption against their aggregate shares in the Community quota.
- 2. Member States shall ensure that importers of the products concerned established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to them.
- 3. The Member States shall charge the imports of the products concerned against their shares as and when the products are entered with customs authorities for free circulation.
- 4. The extent to which a Member State has used up its shares shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 3.

## Article 8

At the request of the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports actually charged against their shares.

#### Article 9

The Member States and the Commission shall collaborate closely in order to ensure that this Regulation is observed.

## Article 10

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1981,

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

Done at Luxembourg,

For the Council
The President

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