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Proposal on husked rice

The Commission has submitted to the Council a proposal for a regulation instituting a system of reductions of the levy charged on imports of husked rice from non-member countries. The new system will supersede the provisional arrangement adopted by the Commission, which expires at the end of August 1965.

The aim of the proposal is to create an instrument by which it will be possible, when necessary, to prevent imports of husked rice being affected by abnormally low prices for milled rice. During the past year certain non-member countries have been subsidizing exports of milled rice, so that the difference left between the prices of husked and milled rice has been less than the difference that would normally have resulted from the transformation of husked rice into milled rice.

Under the arrangement proposed to the Council, the basic regulation (16/64/CEE) would be applied strictly as long as the difference between the prices of husked and milled rice does not exceed 0.35 units of account per 100 kg when the two prices are expressed in comparable terms. When the ceiling of 0.35 u.a. is exceeded, the levy on imports of husked rice from non-member countries will be reduced so as not to jeopardize imports of this kind of rice.

The proposed measure is applicable in all the Member States for imports from non-member countries, including the associated States. The Commission proposes that the regulation should enter into force on 1 September 1965, and that its application be limited to imports effected before 1 September 1966.

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