

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75
renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges
on beef and veal products originating in
the African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Since the entry into force of the provisions of the Lomé Convention, special provisions allowing for a reduction of 90 % in non tariff import charges, compensated by an export tax of a similar amount applied by the ACP countries involved, have been adopted by the Community.

This Community action was guided by the declaration, in the minutes of the signature of the Lomé Convention, to the effect that in the event of a safeguard clause being introduced for products in the beef sector, the necessary steps would be taken to allow a certain volume of exports by the ACP countries to the Community to be maintained, related to their traditional annual export volumes.

A safeguard clause has, in effect, been applied by the Community, during the period in question.

This safeguard clause has been abrogated since 1 April 1977, but it is feared that difficulties will arise for ACP countries exporting beef to the EEC in the event of the system of reduction in force not being extended beyond the date of expiration of 31 December 1977.

It is time that according to the declaration made by the Community, it was stated that in the event of exports suffering a set-back the Community would be willing to enter into consultations with the countries involved in order to examine appropriate measures to rectify the situation. These measures would however take effect too late, after the situation had already deteriorated.

The economic well-being of the ACP countries, which depend heavily upon beef exports, the use which has been made of the reduction granted to allow, through the granting of stability for exports a certain level of producer revenues to be realised, as well as the geographic and geo-political situation of the countries involved, these elements also indicate the opportunity of extending the period of application of the special measures for 1978.

The attached proposal for a regulation envisages this action.

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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 certain signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (2) are
traditional suppliers of beef to the Community; whereas the production
of this product is an essential factor of their economies which are highly
dependant upon these exports; whereas since the States concerned are the
least developed among the States exporting beef to the Community, special
measures might contribute to maintaining a regular flow of imports;

Whereas this situation has been taken into account by Council Regulation
(EEC) No 3328 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 (3) as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No
2841/76 (4), will be result that, provided the ACP States apply an equivalent
export tax, there is a partial compensation of the import charges other
than customs duties in respect of the products referred to in Article 1 (a)

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(1) OJ No
(2) OJ No L 25, 30.1.1976, p. 2
(3) OJ No L 329, 23.12.1975, p. 4
(4) OJ No L 327, 26.11.1976, p. 1

II

(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Regulation extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 5 August 1977)

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,

Whereas certain signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé⁽¹⁾ are traditional suppliers of beef to the Community; whereas the production of this product is an essential factor of their economies which are highly dependent upon these exports; whereas since the States concerned are the least developed among the States exporting beef to the Community, special measures might contribute to maintaining a regular flow of imports;

Whereas this situation has been taken into account by 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⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2841/76⁽³⁾, will result that, provided the ACP States apply an equivalent export tax, there is a partial compensation of the import charges other than

customs duties in respect of the products referred to in Article 1 (a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 425/77⁽⁵⁾, has taken into account this situation, that the arrangements established by this Regulation expire 31 December 1977;

Whereas to take into account the vital importance which the beef sector has for the abovementioned countries, these measures should be prolonged from 1 January to 31 December 1978 for the ACP beef exporting countries,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 the date 31 December 1977 is replaced by the date 31 December 1978.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1976, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 327, 26. 11. 1976, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 1.

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

Notice of invitation to tender No 1292 issued by the Republic of Guinea (Conakry) for a project (No 4100.030.26.08) financed by the Commission of the European Communities, European Development Fund

1. Participation (open invitation to tender)

Participation is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the Member States of the European Economic Community or of the ACP States signatories of the Convention of Lomé. The tenderer shall remain bound by his tender for a period of 60 days as from the final date for the lodging of the tenders.

2. Subject

Supply, in a single lot, of the following metal frame-works:

Thirteen 200 m² covered sheds 8 × 25—5 bays of 5 m), height under roof truss: 4.50 m

Two 250 m² covered sheds (25 × 10—5 bays of 5 m), height under roof truss: 4.50 m

Four 300 m² covered sheds (30 × 10—6 bays of 5 m), height under roof truss: 4.50 m

Two 150 m² covered sheds (15 × 10—3 bays of 5 m), height under roof truss: 3.50 m

Four 120 m² lodgings (10 × 12—2 bays of 5 m), height under roof truss: 3.50 m

Four 90 m² lodgings (10 × 9—2 bays of 5 m), height under roof truss: 3.50 m

Roofing in self-supporting aluminium sections.

3. Invitation to tender dossier

In French only, may be obtained from

(a) Cabinet du Premier Ministre, BP 841, Conakry (Guinée), from which additional information may also be obtained;

(b) Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General for Development, rue de la Loi, 200 — B-1049 Brussels;

(c) Information Offices of the European Communities in:

D-53 Bonn, Zitelmannstraße 22,

The Hague, Lange Voorhout 29,

Luxembourg, Chambre de Commerce, 7, rue Aldice de Gasperi, BP 1503,

F-75782 Paris Cedex 16, 61, rue des Belles-Feuilles,

I-00187 Rome, Via Poli 29,

1004 Copenhagen K, Gammel Torv 4, Post-box 144,

Dublin, 29 Merrion Square,

London W8 4QQ, 20 Kensington Palace Gardens.

4. Tenders should be sent to Cabinet du Premier Ministre, BP 841, Conakry (République de Guinée), to arrive at the latest by 5 p.m. local time on 9 December 1977.

The tenders will be opened in Conakry at 10 a.m. local time on 12 December 1977.