

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 191/75
as regards the subsidized importation of sugar

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 191/75 of 21 January 1975 the Council has provided for the subsidized imports of an quantity of 200.000 tonnes of sugar in addition to the 200.000 tonnes already provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 2931/74.
When the former Regulation was adopted the Council permitted further 100.000 tonnes to be imported later in accordance with the rules of application to be determined.
2. Despite the interruption of the invitations to tender during one week in order to revise the different systems, the invitation to tender has attributed on 12 March 1975 out of the 200.000 tonnes a total quantity of 112.800 tonnes which is distributed as follows:
 - Italy : 56.800
 - United Kingdom : 13.900
 - Belgium : -
 - The Netherlands: 9.500
 - Ireland: -
 - Germany: 32.620
 - France: -

The weighted average of the granted subsidy for these quantities amounts to 24,295 units of account per 100 kilograms. Maintaining this rhythm the additional quantity will certainly be entirely attributed by the partial invitations to tender envisaged for 18 and 26 March.

3. The situation of the regions with the largest deficits is extremely critical at this time of the year. The needs to meet the envisaged deficit in the deficit regions can be estimated as follows in respect of the 60 days following 12 March:
 - Italy 157.000 tonnes
 - United Kingdom 67.000 tonnes
 - The Netherlands 7.000 tonnes.

By virtue of these conditions and the experience gained the Commission proposes that the remaining 100.000 tonnes should be added to fill up the additional quantity of 300.000 tonnes without modifying the import conditions.

4. In respect of the financial consequences the Commission proposal stated in the Document COM (75) 9 final of 10 January 1975 concerned an additional quantity of 300.000 tonnes. The Council preferred to divide the quantity into two parts: 200.000 tonnes to be imported at once and 100.000 tonnes to be decided upon later.

From a Commission point of view the total costs of the quantities in question will not, according to the possible predictions, exceed the estimations laid down in the document mentioned above.

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Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 1009/67/EEC¹ of 18 December 1967 on the common organization of the market in sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2476/74², and in particular Article 16 (3) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 608/72³ of 23 March 1972 laying down rules to be applied in cases of considerable price rises on the world sugar market, and in particular Article 2 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2931/74⁴ of 18 November 1974 on the introduction of a subsidy on imports of white and raw sugar, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2931/74 limited subsidized imports during the first stage to 200 000 metric tons; whereas the same Article provides that the Council shall decide upon later stages in the light of experience and of the effectiveness of that measure;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 191/75⁵ of 20 January 1975 provides for the subsidized importation of an additional quantity of 200 000 metric tons of sugar;

Whereas present estimates of Community sugar supplies indicate a shortfall for the coming weeks, particularly in certain regions of the Community; whereas, in these circumstances provisions should be made for the subsidized importation of a further 100 000 metric tons of sugar;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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- 1) OJ No 308, 18. 12.1967, p.1
 - 2) OJ No L 264, 1.10.1974, p.70
 - 3) OJ No L 75, 28.3.1972, p.5
 - 4) OJ No L 311, 22.11.1974, p.8
 - 5) OJ No L 20, 25.1.1975, p.39

Article 1

The text of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 191/75 is replaced by the following:

The quantity specified ~~in Article~~ 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2931/74 is hereby increased by 300 000 metric tons.

Article 2

Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 191/75 is replaced by the following:

"1. Imports qualifying for a subsidy by virtue of the increase specified in Article 1 may be limited wholly or in part to the deficit regions of the Community".

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council