

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## DRAFT COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous Common  
Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricul-  
tural products

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The subject of the following draft regulation is the temporary suspension of duties in the Common Customs Tariff for a number of agricultural items, as requested by the Member State.

It is partly a prolongation and partly a new measure.

2. It seems appropriate to the Commission that a duty suspension is justified for the goods listed in the annex to this regulation.

The Commission proposes a total suspension for those products for which Community production does not exist or is minimal.

A partial suspension is proposed in cases where the Community production covers only a part of the requirements. The rate of the partially suspended duty depends on the extent of the possible Community supply to the Community users. The Commission is also looking for the right balance between the interests of the suppliers, users and the consumers in the Community.

It also takes into account the need to protect employment.

3. The proposed measures are confined to a fixed period because of the difficulties of estimating the evolution of the basic factors.
4. For a number of items for which the Member States also requested duty suspensions the Commission does not propose a tariff measure because the necessary conditions are not fulfilled. This concerns the following items :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 01.02 A II b)	Young male bovine animals intended for fattening, of a live weight of 200 kg or less
03.01 A I b)	Salmon, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen
ex 03.01 B I e)	Piked dog-fish ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> ), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod ( <i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i> ), fresh, chilled, whole, intended for processing
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled, whole, intended for processing
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake ( <i>Merluccius</i> spp.) fresh, chilled, whole, intended for processing
ex 03.01 B I q)	Sardinops sagax or ocellata, fresh, chilled or frozen : (a) whole, of a length of 20 cm or more ; (b) headless, of a length of 15 cm or more, intended for processing (a) (b)
ex 03.01 B I q)	Flaps of <i>Sardinops sagax</i> or <i>ocellata</i> , fresh, chilled or frozen, of a length of 12 cm or more, intended for processing
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of hake ( <i>Merluccius</i> spp.), fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing
ex 16.04 C II	Spiced and salted herrings, in immediate packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more
ex 16.04 C II	"Herring-flaps" prepared or preserved in vinegar, in immediate packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more, of which the average weight of 10 "flaps" is greater than 1 kg
ex 16.05 B	Shrimps and prawns of the species " <i>Paranaeidae</i> " boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen or dried, intended for the industrial processing of products falling within heading No 16.05
ex 16.05 B	Lobster flesh to be used by the processing industry for the production of butters based on crustaceans, pates or soup

5. Attention is drawn to the fact that the Council Resolution of 27.6.1974 simplifying the task of the customs administrations (OJ C 79/74) requires the publication of the attached Regulation at least six weeks before this entry into force.

**Draft**  
**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)**

**temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a  
number of agricultural products**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community, and in particular Article 28  
thereof,

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by  
the Commission,

Whereas production in the Community of the  
products specified in this Regulation is currently  
inadequate or non-existent; whereas producers thus  
cannot meet the needs of user industries in the  
Community;

Whereas in certain cases it is in the interest of the  
Community to suspend the autonomous Common  
Customs Tariff duties only partially, particularly since  
the goods in question are produced in the Community  
and in the other cases to suspend them totally;

Whereas, in view of the difficulty of assessing accu-  
rately short-term trends in the economic situation in  
the relevant sectors, suspension measures should be

taken only temporarily by fixing their period of vali-  
dity by reference to the interests of Community  
production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for  
the products listed in the tables annexed hereto shall  
be suspended at the level indicated against each of  
them.

These suspensions shall be applicable:

- from 1 January to 28 February 1982 for  
the products listed in Table I,
- from 1 January to 30 June 1982 for the  
products listed in Table II.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1. January 1982.

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

Done at

*For the Council*  
*The President*

TABLE I

CCT heading No	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
ex 03.02 A I f)	Coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> or <i>Gadus virens</i> ), salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for smoking (a)	8
ex 03.02 A II d)	Fillets of coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> or <i>Gadus virens</i> ), salted or in brine, intended for smoking (a)	9

(a) Checks on their use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

TABLE II

CCT heading No	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
ex 03.02 A I c)	Anchovies ( <i>Engraulis</i> spp), salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, in packings of a net capacity of 8 kg or more	0
ex 03.03 A I	Crawfish heads for the processing industry(a)	0
ex 07.04 B	Sweet red, or green, peppers, dried, dehydrated or evaporated, whole, possibly cut or sliced, but not further prepared	10
ex 07.05 B I	Beans, white, dried, of the species <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	0
ex 08.01 A	Dates, fresh or dried, for packing for retail sale into immediate packings of a net capacity not exceeding 11 kg (a)	0
ex 08.10 D	Dates, frozen, in immediate packings of a net capacity of 5 kg or more, not intended for the production of alcohol (a)	0
ex 16.05 A	Crabs of the species 'King' ( <i>Paralithodes camtchaticus</i> ), 'Hanasaki' ( <i>Paralithodes brevipes</i> ), 'Kegani' ( <i>Erimacrus isenbecki</i> ), and 'Queen' ( <i>Chionoecetes</i> spp), 'Red' ( <i>Geryon quinquegens</i> ) and 'Rough stone' ( <i>Neolithodes asperimus</i> ), simply boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen, in immediate packings of a net capacity of 2 kg or more	0
ex 16.05 B	Shrimps and prawns of the species ' <i>Pandalus borealis</i> ' boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen or dried, intended for the industrial processing of products falling within heading No 16.05 (a)	12

(a) Checks on their use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.