

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending partially the autonomous  
Common Customs Tariff duties on certain types of  
fish

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Community's processing industry for fish is not sufficiently supplied with cod, haddock, and hake by Community fishermen. Denmark especially has become dependant on imports of these fish from third countries (see indications for the first half-year 1979 in the annex to this explanatory memorandum). The Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to these fish (15/18 %) reduce the competitiveness of the industry concerned compared with the prices of suppliers of finished products from third countries which are cheaper. Furthermore the rise in the prices should be met. For these reasons Denmark has requested a duty suspension for the fish in question.

Weighing the interests of Community fishermen and those of the Community's processing industry the Commission thinks that a duty suspension to a level of 9 % is appropriate. The Commission therefore proposes in the attached Regulation that the present duty suspension which expires on 31 December 1979 should be prolonged for a new period of six months.

ANNEX

CCT Heading No.	Description of goods	CCT-Rate	Suspended rate of duty	Total needs of Denmark	Danish catches and supplies from other Member States	Imports of Denmark from third countries
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod ( <i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i> ) fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry	15	9	72.500 t 41.400.000 ECU	57.500 t 32.800.000 ECU	15.000 t 8.600.000 ECU
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry	15	9	13.500 t 8.650.000 ECU	8.150 t 5.400.000 ECU	5.000 t 3.250.000 ECU
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry	15	9	3.500 t 4.500.000 ECU	1.000 t 1.200.000 ECU	2.500 t 3.200.000 ECU
ex 03.01 B II a) and 8 II b)	Filletts of hake, fresh, chilled or frozen intended for the processing industry	18/15	9	1.200 t 1.500.000 ECU	450 t 550.000 ECU	750 t 950.000 ECU

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European 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 the amount of fish of certain species  
landed by the Community fishery fleet is currently inadequate to meet  
the needs of the Community processing industry;

Whereas, in view of such supply difficulties, it is advisable to suspend  
at the level of 9% from 1 January to 30 June 1980, the autonomous Common  
Customs Tariff duties on the fish concerned.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

From 1 January to 30 June 1980 the autonomous Common Customs Tariff  
duties on the products listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall  
be suspended at the level of 9 %.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1980.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applica-  
ble in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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CCT heading No.	Description
ex 03.01 B I h)	Cod ( <i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i> ), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing (a) (b)
ex 03.01 B I k)	Haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing (a) (b)
ex 03.01 B I q)	Hake, fresh, chilled or frozen, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for processing (a) (b)
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 1	Fillets of cod ( <i>Gadus morrhua</i> or <i>Gadus callarias</i> ), fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing (a) (b)
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 3	Fillets of haddock, fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for processing (a) (b)
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Fillets of hake, fresh, chilled or frozen intended for processing (a) (b)

(a) The suspension of duty shall apply to fish intended to undergo any treatment unless they are intended to undergo exclusively one or more of the following operations:

- cleaning, gutting, heading, tailing
- cutting (excluding filleting or cutting of frozen blocks)
- sampling, sorting
- labelling
- packing
- icing
- freezing
- deep freezing
- thawing, separation.

It shall not apply to products on which otherwise qualifying treatments are carried out at retail or catering level. The suspension shall apply only to fish intended for human consumption.

(b) Checks upon the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.