

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a
Community tariff quota for salad beetroots falling within
subheading ex 07.01 G IV of the Common Customs Tariff
and originating in Cyprus (1983)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Article 2 of the Protocol concerning the arrangements to be applied during 1983, in the framework of the Decision adopted by the EEC-Cyprus Association Council on 24 November 1980 establishing the process into the second stage of the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (1), provides for the opening of a Community tariff quota for the importation into the Community of 1500 tonnes of salad beetroots originating in Cyprus, falling within subheading ex 07.01 G IV of the Common Customs Tariff.

The customs duties applicable within the limits of this quota are equal to 50% of the duties actually applied to third countries.

2. The date on which this Protocol will enter into force has not yet been decided. However, as in the case of the measures to be taken under article 3 of the said Protocol in respect of textile products, it is proposed to open the tariff quota in question on 1 January 1983 in anticipation and on an autonomous basis.
3. In the absence of representative previous statistics relating to the market for these products it is proposed to place the whole of the quota amount in a Community reserve, to which all Member States will have access under the procedure envisaged in article 1(2).

As the method of administration to be applied by all Member States, the Commission proposes the "greyhound system".

This is the subject of the proposal annexed hereto.

ANNEX : 1 proposal for a Regulation (EEC) of the Council.

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The tariff quota in question is still likely to be modified in the light of the results of the negotiations with Cyprus. Until these results are available, the Regulation proposed will be the instrument which will make it possible to fulfil the possible commitment entered into by the Commission.

The Commission thus reserves the right to amend or even to withdraw its proposal while it is still going through channels in order to adapt it, according to the results of these negotiations.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the Proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 2 of the Protocol concerning the arrangements to be applied during 1983, in the framework of the Decision adopted by the EEC-Cyprus Association Council on 24 November 1980 establishing the process into the second stage of the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (1), provides for the opening of a Community tariff quota of 1500 tonnes of salad beetroots falling within subheading ex 07.01 G IV of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus, at a rate of customs duty equal to 50% of the customs duty in the Common Customs Tariff; whereas, therefore, the Community tariff quota in question should be opened for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1983;

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Whereas it is necessary, in particular, to ensure to all Community importers equal and uninterrupted access to the abovementioned quota and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for that quota to all imports of the products concerned into all Member States until the quota has been used up; whereas, however,

it seems appropriate to avoid allocating it among the Member States, without prejudice to the drawing against the quota volume of such quantities as they may need, under the conditions and according to the procedure specified in Article 1 (2); whereas this method of management requires close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission and the latter must in particular be able to monitor the rate at which the quota is used up and inform the Member States thereof;

Whereas since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united within and jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, all transactions concerning the administration of shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January until 31 December 1983, the Common Customs Tariff duty for salad beetroots, falling within subheading ex 07.01G I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus, shall be suspended at 8.5% within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 1500 tonnes.

Within the limits of this tariff quota, Greece shall apply customs duties calculated in accordance with the 1979 Act of Accession and the Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community.

2. If an importer notifies an imminent importation of the product in question in a Member State and requests the benefit of the quota, the Member State concerned shall inform the Commission and draw an amount corresponding to these requirements to the extent that the available balance of the reserve permits this.

3. The shares drawn pursuant to paragraph 2 shall be valid until the end of the quota period.

Article 2

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that their drawings pursuant to Article 1 (2)

are carried out in such a way that imports may be charged without interruption against their accumulated shares of the Community quota.

2. Each Member State shall ensure that importers of the said goods / access to the quota so long as the residual balance of the quota volume allows this.

3. Member States shall charge imports of the said goods against their drawings as and when the goods are entered for free circulation.

4. The extent to which the quota has been used up shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 3.

Article 3

At the request of the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports actually charged against the quota.

Article 4

The Member States and the Commission shall collaborate closely in order to ensure that this Regulation is complied with.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1983.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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