

REGULATION (EEC) No 3473/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 December 1973

establishing Community supervision of imports of certain products originating in Portugal

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 an Agreement ⁽¹⁾ between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic was signed on 22 July 1972;

Whereas Articles 2 and 3 of that Agreement make provision for the progressive abolition of customs duties in respect of the products to which the Agreement applies; whereas by way of derogation from these Articles, Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 1 annexed to the Agreement lay down that, for imports of certain products listed in Annex B to that Protocol, the reduction of duties shall be limited to indicative ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to third countries may be reintroduced; whereas application of this last provision requires that the Community be regularly informed of the trend of imports of the products in question originating in Portugal, whereas it is, therefore, desirable that imports of these products be subjected to a system of supervision;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of an administrative procedure based on setting off imports of the products in question against the indicative ceilings at Community level, as and when these products are submitted to the customs authorities under cover of declarations that they have been made available for consumption; whereas this administrative procedure must make provision for the reintroduction of customs tariff duties as soon as the ceilings have been reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close and particularly rapid cooperation between the Member States and the Commission and whereas the latter must, in particular, be able to follow the progress of amounts set off against the indicative ceilings and keep the Member States informed;

whereas this cooperation must be all the closer since the Commission must be able to take adequate measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties whenever one of the ceilings has been reached;

Whereas, for the products which, in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Agreement, are subject to the normal timetable for the abolition of customs duties it is necessary to follow the trend of imports; whereas to this end the Community should be empowered to take, where appropriate, measures to avoid any prejudice to industry in the Community and whereas it is, therefore, desirable that imports of these products also be subjected to a system of supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January 1974 to 31 December 1974, imports of products originating in Portugal to which annual indicative ceilings are applied in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 and Annex B to Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic shall be subjected to Community supervision.

The description of the products referred to in the preceding subparagraph, their tariff headings and statistic numbers and the levels of the indicative ceilings are given in Annex I.

2. Amounts shall be set off against the indicative ceilings as and when products are submitted to the customs authorities under cover of a declaration that they have been made available for consumption and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol No 3 to the Agreement referred to in paragraph 1.

Goods shall be set off against the indicative ceiling only if the movement certificate has been submitted before the date on which customs duties are reimposed.

The reaching of a ceiling shall be determined at Community level on the basis of imports set off against it in the manner defined in the preceding subparagraphs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 301, 31. 12. 1972, p. 10.

The Member States shall periodically inform the Commission of imports effected in accordance with the above rules.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may issue a regulation reimposing the customs duties provided for in Article 2 (7) of Protocol No 1 to the Agreement until the end of the calendar year.

Article 2

During the period from 1 January 1974 until 31 December 1974, imports of the products referred to in Annex II which originate in Portugal shall be subjected to Community supervision.

The Member States shall periodically inform the Commission of imports of these products; to this

end, only products submitted to the customs authorities under cover of a declaration that they have been made available for consumption and accompanied by a movement certificate conforming to the rules contained in Protocol No 3 to the Agreement referred to in Article 1 shall be taken into consideration.

Article 3

For the implementation of this Regulation the Commission shall take all necessary measures in close cooperation with the Member States.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD

ANNEX I

LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO INDICATIVE CEILINGS UPON IMPORTATION
IN 1974

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	Nimex Code	Level of ceiling — metric tons —
1	2	3	4	5
IP 1	45.02	Natural cork in blocks, plates, sheets or strips (including cubes or square slabs, cut to size for corks or stoppers)	45.02 - all Nos	1 315
IP 2	45.03	Articles of natural cork	45.03 - all Nos	10 815
IP 3	45.04	Agglomerated cork (being cork agglomerated with or without a binding substance) and articles of agglomerated cork	45.04 - all Nos	11 755
IP 4	55.05	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale	55.05 - all Nos	8 460
IP 5	56.07	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste)	56.07 - all Nos	2 395
IP 6	57.10	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03	57.10 - all Nos	3 970
IP 7	59.04	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not	59.04 - all Nos	8 470
IP 8	60.04	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized	60.04 - all Nos	3 025
IP 9	60.05	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized	60.05 - all Nos	730
IP 10	61.01	Men's and boys' outer garments	61.01 - all Nos	915
IP 11	61.02	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments	61.02 - all Nos	280
IP 12	61.03	Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs	61.03 - all Nos	1 060
IP 13	61.04	Women's, girls' and infants' under garments	61.04 - all Nos	90

ANNEX II

LIST OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	Nimexe Code
1	2	3	4
II P 1	44.15	Plywood, blockboard, laminboard, battenboard and similar laminated wood products (including veneered panels and sheets); inlaid wood and wood marquetry	44.15 - all Nos
II P 2	44.18	Reconstituted wood, being wood shavings, wood chips, sawdust, wood flour or other ligneous waste agglomerated with natural or artificial resins or other organic binding substances, in sheets, blocks or the like	44.18 - all Nos
II P 3	48.09	Building board of wood pulp or of vegetable fibre, whether or not bonded with natural or artificial resins or with similar binders	48.09 - all Nos
II P 4	55.08	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton	55.08 - all Nos
II P 5	56.05	Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste), not put up for retail sale	56.05 - all Nos
II P 6	57.06	Yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03	57.06 - all Nos
II P 7	62.02	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles	62.02 - all Nos
II P 8	62.03	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods:	62.03-11, 13, 15, 17
		A. Of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03	
II P 9		B. Of other textile materials:	62.03-95, 96, 97, 98
		II. Other	
II P 10	68.01	Road and paving setts, curbs and flagstones, of natural stone (except slate)	68.01 - all Nos
II P 11	68.03	Worked slate and articles of slate, including articles of agglomerated slate	68.03 - all Nos