

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff
duties on a number of agricultural products

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In the first quarter of this year, the Commission, with the assistance of the Economic Tariff Questions Group, examined all requests, submitted by Member States, for temporary suspension of common customs tariff duties, including the requests for prolongation of the suspensions currently in force.
2. The attached proposal concerns a number of agricultural products. The proposal for industrial products is being prepared.
3. Requests for suspension relating to the above products were examined in the light of the criteria defined in the Commission communication to the Council and the Member States, concerning autonomous tariff suspensions (cf. O.J. No. C 235 of 13.9.89, p. 2).

As a result of this examination, the Commission deems it justifiable to suspend the duty on those products listed in the Annex to the attached draft Regulation.

4. As stated in Article 1 of the aforementioned draft Regulation, the proposed period of validity is 6 months or 12 months, depending on the case.

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 192
of 1992

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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 proposal from 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 *one* case 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 accurately short-term trends in the economic situation in the rele-

vant sectors, suspension measures should be taken only temporarily by fixing their period of validity 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 Annex hereto shall be suspended at the level indicated against each of them.

These suspensions shall be valid

- from 1 July to 31 December 1992 for the products mentioned in Table I,
- from 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993 for the products mentioned in Table II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1992.

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

Done at , 1992.

For the Council
The President

ANNEX
TABLE I

CN code	TARIC	Description of goods	Autonomous duties (%)
1 03026520 03037520 ex03041898 ex03049897	#60 #31	Dogfish of the species <i>Squalus acanthias</i> , fresh, chilled or frozen	6
2 ex03026998 ex03037998	#30 #30	Sturgeons, fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing (a) (b)	0
3 ex03026998	#40	Lump fish (<i>Cyclopterus lumpus</i>) with roe, fresh or chilled, for processing (a)	0
4 ex03026998 ex03037998	#50 #40	Red Snapper (<i>Lutjanus purpureus</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing (a) (c)	0
5 ex03027000 ex03038000	#10 #20	Hard fish roes, fresh, chilled or frozen	0
6 ex03031000	#10	Salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus spp.</i>), frozen and headless, for the processing industry for manufacture into pastes or spreads (a)	0
7 ex03038000	#10	Soft roe, frozen, for the manufacture of deoxyribonucleic acid or protamine sulphate (a)	0
8 ex03052000	#10	Hard fish roes, salted or in brine	0
9 ex03061990 ex03062990	#10 #10	Krill for processing (a)	0
20 ex16041100 ex16042010	#20 #20	Pacific salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus spp.</i>), for the processing industry for manufacture into pastes or spreads (a)	0
21 ex16043090	#10	Hard fish roes, washed, cleaned of adherent organs and simply salted or in brine, for processing (a)	0
22 ex16051000	#11 #19	Crabs of the species 'King' (<i>Paralithodes camchaticus</i>), 'Hakasaki' (<i>Paralithodes brevipes</i>), 'Kagani' (<i>Eriocratus isenbeckii</i>), 'Queen' and 'Snow' (<i>Chionoecetes spp.</i>), 'Red' (<i>Geryon quinque-dens</i>), 'Rough stone' (<i>Neolithodes asperrimus</i>), <i>Lithodes antarctica</i> , 'Mud' (<i>Scylla serrata</i>), 'Blue' (<i>Portunus spp.</i>), simply boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen, in immediate packings of a net content of 2kg or more	0
23 ex16053000	#10	Lobster flesh, cooked, for the processing industry for the manufacture of butters based on lobster, or of pastes, pâtés, soups or sauces (a) (c)	0

TABLE II

CN code	TARIC	Description of goods	Autonomous duties (%)
10 ex07102100	#10	Peas in pods, of the species <i>Pisum sativum</i> of the variety <i>Hortense axiphius</i> , frozen, of a thickness not exceeding 6mm, to be used, in their pods, in the manufacture of prepared meals (a) (C)	0
12 ex07119050	#14 #92	Mushrooms, excluding mushrooms of the species <i>Agaricus spp.</i> , provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water, or in other preservative solutions, but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, for the food-canning industry (a)	0
13 ex07123000	#17 #24	Mushrooms, excluding mushrooms of the species <i>Agaricus spp.</i> , dried, whole or in identifiable slices or pieces, for treatment other than simple repacking for retail sale (a) (C)	0
14 ex07133300	#20	Beans, white, dried, of the species <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> , of which not more than 2% by weight are retained by a screen with apertures of a diameter of 8mm, for use in the food-canning industry (a)	0
15 ex08041000	#11 #21	Dates, fresh or dried, for the processing industry, other than for the production of alcohol (a)	0
16 ex08041000	#12 #22	Dates, fresh or dried, for packing for retail sale into immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 11kg (a)	0
17 ex08104050	#10	Fruit of the species <i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i> , fresh	0
18 08119050 08119070 ex08119090	#35	Fruit of the genus <i>Vaccinium</i> , whether or not cooked, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	0

(a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

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

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

The suspension is not allowed for products intended, in addition, to undergo treatment (or operations) qualifying for suspension where such treatment (or operations) is (are) carried out at retail or catering level. The suspension of customs duties shall apply only to fish intended for human consumption.

(c) However, the suspension is not allowed where processing is carried out by retail or catering undertakings.

FINANCIAL RECORD

1. Budget line concerned : Chap. 12 Art. 120
2. Title of the tariff measure concerned : Draft proposal for a Council Regulation, temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on a number of agricultural products
3. Legal basis : Art. 28 of the Treaty
4. Objective : suspension of CCT duties on the abovementioned products
5. Cost of this tariff-measure :
To be borne by the EEC-budget :
 - for the same exercise in 1991, the loss of own resources was expected to be of the order of 23 400 000 ecus (of P.E. E/391/91 COM(91) 103 of 25.03.1991)
 - for the current exercise, based on the Community statistics available, a reasonable estimate for the cost of the operation for the period covered by the attached draft Regulation would be of the order of 24 570 000 ecus.

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