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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 as regards the inclusion of seedless table grapes falling within CN code ex 0806 10 15

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 of 5 March 1990 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT), the products concerned are accorded total or partial exemption from import duties within the European Union (EU) until 29 February 2000, the date of expiry of the Lomé Convention.

The attached proposal for a Regulation seeks to determine, in response to a request by the ACP States, special import arrangements applicable to seedless table grapes (CN code ex 0806 10 15) originating in those countries.

This product is of particular economic importance to Namibia, an ACP country.

Since the supply of table grapes originating in the ACP States occurs, for the most part, outside the periods in which this product is produced and marketed in the EU, the EU could feasibly accord in respect of the product in question full reduction of import duties over the period from 15 November to the end of February, subject to quantitative limits, without in any way jeopardizing the pricing of the product within the EU.

As regards the impact of this measure on small businesses in the EU, indications are that there will be no immediate economic effects, though the longer-term situation cannot be foreseen.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 of 5 March 1990 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT)[1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 235/94[2], accords the products in question total or partial exemption from import duties;

Whereas, on account of the economic importance of seedless table grapes for certain ACP States, this product should be accorded a full reduction of customs duties, subject to quantitative limits, over the period from 15 November to the end of February;

Whereas these arrangements take account of the possibilities offered by the Community market for out-of-season products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

1 OJ No L 84, 30.3.1990, p. 85.
2 OJ No L 30, 3.2.1994, p. 12.

Article 1

The product mentioned hereafter shall be inserted in Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 715/90:

CN code	Description (%)	Reduction %	Quota (TQ) Reference quantity (RQ) (T)
0806	Grapes, fresh or dried:		
0806 10	- fresh:		
	-- table grapes:		
	--- from 1 November to 14 July:		
ex 0806 10 15	---- other:		
	- Seedless table grapes:		
	- from 15 November to 31 December	100	TQ 450
	- from 1 January to end of February	100	RQ 50

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the first day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at

For the Council
The President

Financial Statement	[redacted]

1. BUDGET HEADING : 1 000	APPROPRIATIONS : ECU 1 023.4 million

2. TITLE : Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 by extending its coverage to include seedless table grapes falling within CN code ex 0806 10 15 originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 113 of the Treaty

4. AIMS

Reduction of customs duties over the period from 15 November to the end of February on 500 tonnes of table grapes

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (94)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (95)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)			
- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES			
- OTHER			
5.1 REVENUE			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)	p.m.	p.m.	-
- NATIONAL			

	1996	1997	1998	1999
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE	-	-	-	-

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

Loss of revenue
500 tonnes x ECU 500/tonne = ECU 250 000

Customs duties = 18%

ECU 250 000 x 18% = ECU 45 000 x 1.207 (DR) = ECU 0.05 million (B)

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.2 WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY ?

YES/NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY ?

YES/NO

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