



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**establishing certain measures concerning imports of processed agricultural
products from Switzerland in order to take account of the results of the Uruguay
Round negotiations in the agricultural sector**

(presented by the Commission)

Explanatory memorandum

1. The Council Decision of 22 December 1994 concerning the conclusion of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations (1986-1994) was implemented for certain agricultural products on 1 July 1995. These agreements provide for the application of specific amounts to processed agricultural products in place of the previous variable components.
2. The existing free trade agreement with Switzerland contains a protocol specifically relating to processed agricultural products. This protocol currently provides only for variable components to be applied, upon import, to certain processed agricultural products. These variable components have been replaced by specific amounts following the implementation of the agreements on agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations. In order to avoid disturbing traditional trade flows and to maintain the existing level of reciprocal preferences, it has proved necessary to make certain technical adjustments by introducing reduced specific amounts.
3. All the changes necessary to implement the results of the Uruguay Round negotiations have been negotiated with Switzerland and will be incorporated in the existing Protocol. However, in view of the fact that these negotiations will not be completed by 1 July 1997, it is necessary to adopt autonomous measures in order to maintain the existing level of reciprocal preferences pending the conclusion of the negotiations.

For these reasons, the Commission proposes that the Council adopt the following Regulation.

**Proposal Council Regulation (EC) No/ of
establishing certain measures concerning imports of processed agricultural
products from Switzerland in order to take account of the results of the Uruguay
Round negotiations in the agricultural sector**

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, under the preferential agreement between the European Community and Switzerland, concessions regarding certain processed agricultural products have been granted on a reciprocal basis;

Whereas, further to Council Decision 94/800/EC of 22 December 1994 concerning the conclusion on behalf of the European Community, as regards matters within its competence, of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations (1986-1994)¹, certain concessions regarding processed agricultural products have been amended as from 1 July 1995;

Whereas as a result certain aspects of the agreement concluded with Switzerland, and in particular the protocol concerning processed agricultural products annexed to this agreement, should be adjusted in order to maintain the existing level of reciprocal preferences;

Whereas to that end negotiations are still in progress with Switzerland with a view to the conclusion of amendments to this protocol; whereas, however, it is not possible to conclude these negotiations in time in order to implement the necessary adjustments on 1 July 1997;

Whereas in those circumstances it is appropriate for the European Community to adopt autonomous measures in order to maintain the existing level of reciprocal preferences, pending the conclusion of negotiations;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ No L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 1.

Article 1

1. From 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, the basic amounts to be taken into account in the calculation of the agricultural components and the additional duties applicable at importation into the Community of goods originating in Switzerland shall be those mentioned in the annex to this Regulation.
2. The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 16 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93², suspend application of the measures provided for in paragraph 1 if Switzerland discontinues the application of its reciprocal measures in favour of the Community.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 July 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, ...

For the Council

²OJ No L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18

**ANEXO - BILAG - ANHANG - ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ - ANNEX - ANNEXE
-ALLEGATO - BIJLAGE - ANEXO - LIITE - BILAGA**

Montantes básicos, considerados par calcular los elementos agrícolas reducidos y derechos adicionales, aplicables a las importaciones en la Comunidad Basisbeløb taget i betragtning ved beregningen af de nedsatte landbrugs elementer og tillægsgold anvendelig ved indførsel i Fællesskabet Grundbeträge, die bei der Berechnung der ermäßigten Agrarteilbeträge und Zusatzzölle, anwendbar bei der Einfuhr in die Gemeinschaft berücksichtigt worden sind Βασικά ποσά που ελήφθησαν υπόψη για τον υπολογισμό των μεταβλητών στοιχείων και πρόσθετων δασμών που εφαρμόζονται στα αγροτικά στοιχεία κατά την εισαγωγή στην Κοινότητα Basic amounts taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties, applicable on importation into the Community Montants de base, pris en considération lors du calcul des éléments agricoles réduits et droits additionnels applicables à l'importation dans la Communauté Importi de base, presi in considerazione per il calcolo degli elementi agricoli e dei dazi addizionali applicabili all'importazione nella Comunità Basisbedragen, in aanmerking genomen bij de berekening van de verlaagde agrarische elementen en aanvullende invoerrechten, geldend bij invoer in de Gemeenschap Montantes de base tomados em consideração aquando do cálculo dos elementos agrícolas reduzidos e dos direitos adicionais aplicáveis à importação na Comunidade Yhteisöön tulevaan tuontiin sovellettavia alennettuja maatalousosia ja lisätulleja laskettaessa huomioon otettavat perusmäärät Grundpriser som beaktas vid beräkning av minskade jordbruksbeståndsdelar och tilläggstull som skall utgå på import till gemenskapen	ecus/ECU/Ecu/ ecu/écus/ecua/ 100 kg
Trigo blando / Blod hvede / Weichweizen / Μαλακό σιτάρι / Common wheat / Blé tendre / Grano tenero / Zachte tarwe / Trigo mole / Tavallinen vehnä / Vete	9,771
Trigo duro /Hård hvede / Hartweizen /Σκληρό σιτάρι / Durum wheat / Blé dur /Grano duro /Durum tarwe / Trigo duro /Durumvehnä / Durumvete	15,168
Centeno/ Rug / Roggen /Σίκαλη /Rye /Seigle / Segala / Rogge / Centeio / Ruis /Råg	11,900
Cebada / Byg / Gerste / Κριθάρι /Barley/ Orge / Orzo / Gerst / Cevada / Ohra / Korn	11,900
Maiz / Majs / Mais / Καλαμπόκι / Maize / Maïs / Granturco / Maïs / Milho / Maissi / Majs	11,040
Arroz descascarillado de grano largo / Ris, afskallet, langkornet / Reis, langkörnig, geschält / Αποφλοιωμένο ρύζι μακρόσπερμο / Long-grain husked rice / Riz décortiqué à grains longs / Riso semigreggio a grani lunghi / Langkorrelige gedopte rijst / Arroz em películas de grãos longos / Pitkäjyväinen esikuorittu riisi / Ris, skalat långkornigt	33,850
Leche desnatada en polvo / Skummetmælkspulver / Magermilchpulver / Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη / Skimmed-milk powder / Lait éréme en poudre / Latte scremato in polvere / Magere-melkpoeder / Leite desnatado em pó/ Rasvaton maitojauhe / Skummjölkspulver	133,700
Leche entera en polvo / Sodmælkspulver / Vollmilchpulver / Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη / Whole-milk powder / Lait entier en poudre / Latte intero in polvere / Vollemelkpoeder / Leite inteiro ein pó / Rasvainen maitojauhe / Mjölkpulver	167,100
Mantequilla / Smør / Butter / Βούτυρο / Butter / Beurre / Burro / Boter / Manteiga / Voi / Smör	242,900
Azúcar blanco / Hvidt sukker / Weißzucker / Λευκή ζάχαρη / White sugar / Sucre blanc / Zucchero bianco / Witte suiker / Açúcar branco / Valkoinen sokeri / Vitt socker	47,200

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1.	BUDGET HEADING: Article 120	APPROPRIATIONS:			
2.	TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing certain measures concerning imports of processed agricultural products from Switzerland in order to take account of the results of the Uruguay Round negotiations in the agricultural sector				
3.	LEGAL BASIS: Article 113				
4.	AIMS OF PROJECT: To maintain the existing level of reciprocal preferences for processed agricultural products during the implementation of the agreements concluded in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations in the agricultural sector				
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ()	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR ()	
5.0.	Expenditure - charged to the EC budget (refunds/intervention) - national administration - other				
5.1.	Revenue - own resources of the EC (levies/customs duties) - national				
5.0.1.	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				
5.1.1.	ESTIMATED REVENUE				
5.2.	METHOD OF CALCULATION:				
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.	IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?				YES/NO
6.3.	WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?				YES/NO
OBSERVATIONS:		The Regulation as proposed does not have any financial impact since the specific duties to be applied are essentially the same as those currently in force. In view of the fact that the Regulation provides for a standstill based on an average of the variable components applied during 94/95 to maintain the traditional trade flows, the customs duties are not changing significantly.			

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