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REGULATION (EEC) No 160/72 OF THE COMMISSION

of 25 January 1972

establishing Community surveillance over imports of unwrought lead, other than bullion lead, from countries listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70[1] of 25 May 1970 establishing common rules for imports from third countries, and in particular Articles 7 and 8 thereof;

After consultation within the Committee provided for in Article 5 of that Regulation;

Whereas Community production of lead from ore originating in the Community has shown a marked decline over the last few years, although consumption has not decreased;

Whereas, over the same period, Community lead supplies have relied increasingly on imports of lead ore and unwrought lead;

Whereas the position of the lead industry in the Community has deteriorated over the last few months, in particular because the price of lead on the London Metal Exchange (LME), on which the price of Community lead is based, has fallen while in other parts of the world the price of lead is appreciably higher;

Whereas it is therefore necessary, in order that developments on the unwrought lead market may be followed closely, with particular reference to the threat of injury to Community lead producers, that basic details of importations of unwrought lead be rapidly available;

Whereas in these circumstances the interests of the Community require that the imports in question be placed under surveillance, by means of an import document as provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70; whereas, having regard to the nature of the product in question and to the particular characteristics of the lead trade, the period of validity for that document should be six months;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into the Community of unwrought lead, other than bullion lead, falling within subheading No 78.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff shall be subject to Community surveillance in accordance with the procedures provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70. Such surveillance shall apply to imports from all the countries listed in Annex II to that Regulation.

Article 2

Import documents shall be valid for not more than six months.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and shall expire on 31 January 1973. It shall take effect from 1 February 1972.

[1] OJ No L 124, 8.6.1970, p. 6.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 January 1972.

For the Commission

The President

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