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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EEC) No 1872/73 OF THE COUNCIL
of 14 May 1973
concluding an Agreement with Spain on certain cheeses

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 Council Decision of 25 May 1970 authorizing the Commission in specific situations to enter into negotiation or consultation with third countries which are Contracting Parties to GATT ;

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission ;

Whereas at the request of Spain the Commission held consultations with that country with a view to re-examining the prices of certain cheeses covered by the Agreement of 5 June 1970 between the European Economic Community and Spain ; whereas the Commission has reached an Agreement with that country in the form of two Exchanges of Letters ;

Whereas the provisions of that Agreement are acceptable ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of two Exchanges of Letters, the texts of which are annexed to this Regulation, is concluded on behalf of the European Economic Community.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall be authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the Exchanges of Letters referred to in Article 1 and to confer on him the powers he requires to bind the Community.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 May 1973.

For the Council

The President

R. VAN ELSLANDE

AGREEMENT

in the form of two exchanges of letters between the European Economic Community and Spain

Geneva, ...

Sir,

Upon the conclusion of the consultations which were held at the request of the Spanish Delegation with a view to modifying the threshold prices fixed by the Agreement of 5 June 1970 between Spain and the European Economic Community for imports into Spain of certain cheeses, I note that the Spanish Delegation and the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities have agreed the following :

— the threshold prices applied by Spain to imports of cheese, inclusive of the regulatory duty,

— the free-at-Spanish frontier prices to be observed before customs clearance, corresponding to the above threshold prices,

— and the customs duties for the tariff headings in question are given below :

Mr Francisco BOTELLA
Head of the Spanish delegation
Technical Deputy Secretary-General
of the Ministry of Agriculture

(pesetas/100 kg)

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G.1 b 5	16 397·80	45 %	(1)
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(1) Variable regulatory duty.

I should be grateful if you would confirm whether you are in agreement with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council
of the European Communities

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