REGULATION (EEC) No 227/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 31 January 1973

authorizing the new Member States to take over national subdivisions for certain agricultural products within the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community (1), signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972;

Having regard to the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties;

Whereas, in accordance with the terms of the first subparagraph of Article 60 (3) of the said Act, the new Member States shall apply the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature by 1 February 1973 at the latest in respect of agricultural products covered by a common organization of the market; whereas, however, pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 60 (3), the new Member States may be authorized to take over existing national subdivisions within the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature in order to carry out progressive moves towards alignment with the Common Customs Tariff or the elimination of duties in the Community to the extent that no difficulties arise in the application of the Community rules;

Whereas for the products subject to customs duty, with the exception of products coming under a common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables, beef and veal and fisheries, such an authorization is justified and does not create any difficulties; whereas this is also the case for the products referred to in Article 61 of the said Act in respect of which a component is levied on imports to ensure the protection of the processing industry; whereas the new Member States should be authorized to take over in respect of the abovementioned products national subdivisions within the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In respect of agricultural products covered by a common organization of the market where this involves the application of customs duties on imports from third countries, with the exception of those falling within the common organizations for fruit and vegetables, beef and veal and fisheries, and in respect of the products covered by Article 61 (1) of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, the new Member States shall be authorized to take over within the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature the national subdivisions that are indispensable for carrying out the progressive moves towards alignment with that Tariff or the elimination of duties in the Community under the conditions laid down in the said Act.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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 Brussels, 31 January 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.