REGULATION (EEC) No 2412/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 24 July 1973

concerning imports of rice from the Arab Republic of Egypt

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Article 9 of Annex I to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter called 'the Agreement') provides that, subject to the condition that the Arab Republic of Egypt shall apply a special export charge on rice falling within heading No 10.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, the import levy shall be reduced by 25% of the average level of levies applicable during a reference period, subject to a fixed annual limit; whereas Article 2 (2) of the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt following the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community raises that limit to 32 000 metric tons;

Whereas by Article 9 (2) of Annex I to the Agreement such special charge is to be reflected in the import price of the rice; whereas, in order to ensure that these arrangements are correctly applied, measures should be adopted whereby the importer is required, at the time when the rice is imported, to furnish proof that the spcial export charge has been levied by the Arab Republic of Egypt;

Whereas, pursuant *inter alia* to the exchange of letters annexed to the Agreement aforesaid, these arrangements require rules for their implementation;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The levy on imports into the Community of rice falling within heading No 10.06 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in and coming from the Arab Republic of Egypt shall be the levy calculated in accordance with Article 11 of Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC [1] of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice, as last amended by the Act [2] of Accession, less an amount, to be fixed by the Commission each quarter, equal to 25% of the average of the levies applied during the reference period referred to in Article 4.

Article 2

Article 1 shall apply to all imports in respect of which the importer can furnish proof that the special export charge has been levied by the said Arab Republic of Egypt in accordance with Article 9 (2) of the Agreement.

Article 3

Where in any year the Commission finds that imports effected under the foregoing provisions during that year have reached a total of 32 000 metric tons, it shall suspend application of Article 1 for the remainder of the year in question.

Article 4

Rules for the application of this Regulation, in particular as regards the period by reference to which the amount is to be fixed by which the levy is to be reduced, shall be adopted under the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Regulation No 359/67/EEC.

Article 5

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

It shall apply as from the entry into force of the Agreement.

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[1] OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
[2] OJ Special Edition No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD