REGULATION (EEC) No 3457/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 December 1973

increasing the Community tariff quota for certain eels falling within subheading No ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas, by Council Regulation No 2727/72 (1), the Council opened and allocated among the Member States a Community Tariff quota for 1973 of 5 300 metric tons of fresh eels (live or dead), chilled or frozen, whether intended for preservation in brine or for the industrial manufacture of products falling within heading No 16.04, falling — subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities — within subheading No ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas in fixing the quota at 5 300 metric tons, account was taken of the fact that Community production was expected to increase considerably in 1973; whereas it has become apparent that there has thus far been only a slight increase and that total Community requirements in the products in question are higher than was originally estimated; whereas further requirements amounting to some 2 500 metric tons are not covered by Community production; whereas it therefore seems desirable to increase the initial quota to 7 800 metric tons; whereas such an increase would not jeopardize the efforts being made to extend Community production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quota provided for in Article 1 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2727/72 is increased from 5 300 to 7 800 metric tons.

Article 2

1. The quota shares allocated to the Member States by Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/72 are altered to the following amounts:

Germany	4 300 metric tons
Benelux	1 900 metric tons

2. The Community reserve provided for in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/72 is increased from 1 000 to 1 100 metric tons.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 17 December 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD

(1) OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 58.