REGULATION (EEC) No 3458/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 December 1973

on the increase in the Community tariff quota for newsprint falling within subheading No 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff for 1973

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 draft Regulation submitted by the Commission;

Whereas by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2738/72 [1] the Council opened and allocated among the Member States a Community tariff quota of 1 160 000 metric tons of newsprint for 1973, which quota comprises a conventional quota volume of 625 000 metric tons and an autonomous quota volume of 535 000 metric tons;

Whereas, in view of current Community production potential, the abovementioned 1 160 000 metric ton quota does not suffice to cover Community import requirements for newsprint from third countries; whereas it is therefore desirable to increase the said quota by an amount which may at present, in view of the estimates made by each of the Member States, be set at 183 500 metric tons; whereas this amount, the result of a conservative estimate of the situation, does not however exclude the possibility of an adjustment during the tariff period;

Whereas in 1973 the new Member States do not have to make any movement towards alignment of the national tariffs with the Common Customs Tariff as regards the product in question; whereas the increase in a Community tariff quota thus involves no obligation for the new Member States to modify their customs tariffs as regards third countries; whereas therefore it should be provided that only the Member States of the Community as originally constituted should use the tariff quotas and count against their share products imported both from third countries and from the new Member States; whereas the quota must reflect the conditions specified above,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amount specified in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2738/72 is increased to 1 343 500 metric tons.

Article 2

The shares allocated by Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2738/72 to the following Member States shall be amended as follows:

Germany	718 000 metric tons
Benelux	335 000 metric tons
France	280 000 metric tons
Italy	10 500 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. 133.