REGULATION (EEC) No 3464/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 December 1973

on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for rosin, including 'brais résineux' falling within subheading No 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff for 1974

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 the production in the Community and in Greece of resin, falling within subheading No 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff, is now insufficient to meet the requirements of the processing industries in the Community; whereas, consequently, Community supplies of products of this type depend to a considerable extent on imports from third countries;

Whereas by virtue of Protocol No 10 annexed to the Agreement creating an Association with Greece, the Community may open autonomous tariff quotas on condition that these do not exceed annually for the rosins in question 15 % of the total imports in the Community from third countries during the latest year for which statistics are available; whereas urgent Community requirements of the products in question should be met immediately on the most favourable terms; whereas a tax free tariff quota should therefore be opened within the abovementioned limit;

Whereas in 1972 the imports of rosin from third countries were as follows:

Benelux	23 729 metric tons
Denmark	1 800 metric tons
Germany	59 695 metric tons
France	19 087 metric tons
Ireland	14 metric tons
Italy	16 882 metric tons
United Kingdom	17 233 metric tons
	138 440 metric tons

Whereas 15 % of this total represents 20 765 metric tons;

Whereas, in view of the negligible size of such a quota in comparison with the Community's requirements, a system of utilization should, without derogating from the Community nature of the tariff quota, be provided based on a single allocation between the Member States; whereas this allocation should be calculated by the same method as is used to establish a total quota of 15 % of the imports of each Member State from third countries; whereas, calculated in such a manner this allocation should be as follows:

Benelux	3 559 metric tons
Denmark	270 metric tons
Germany	8 954 metric tons
France	2 863 metric tons
Ireland	2 metric tons
Italy	2 532 metric tons
United Kingdom	2 585 metric tons

Whereas since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, are jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union any measure concerning the administration of the shares allocated to that Economic Union may be carried out by one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

During the period from 1 January 1974 to 31 December 1974 the duty of the Common Customs Tariff for resin including 'brais résineux' falling within subheading No 38.08 A shall be totally suspended in respect of a Community tariff quota of 20 765 metric tons.

The tariff quota rate of duty to be applied by the new Member States shall be nil.

Article 2

The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be allocated as follows among the Member States:

Benelux	3 559	metric tons
Denmark	270	metric tons
Germany	8 954	metric tons
France	2 863	metric tons
Ireland	2	metric tons
Italy	2 532	metric tons
United Kingdom	2 585	metric tons

Article 3

1. The Member States shall ensure that importers of the said product established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to them.

2. The extent to which the shares of Member States have been used up shall be determined on the basis of the imports of the product concerned entered for home use.

Article 4

The Member States shall regularly inform the Commission of imports actually charged against their shares.

Article 5

The Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely to ensure that this Regulation is observed.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

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