REGULATION (EEC) No 3579/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 28 December 1973

on the increase in volume of the supplementary Community tariff quota for ferro-silicon falling within subheading No 73.02 C 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 Regulation (EEC) No 2729/72 [1], the Council opened and allocated among the Member States, for the year 1973, a duty-free conventional Community tariff quota of 20 000 metric tons of ferro-silicon falling within subheading No 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, in view of current Community production potential, the said quota volume will not suffice to cover the import requirements of certain Member States for ferro-silicon from third countries; whereas it is therefore desirable to increase the volume of the said quota, while however limiting the increase to 7 000 metric tons in view of the need not to jeopardize future expansion of this production sector in the Community; whereas for the same reasons the quota duty applicable within the framework of the said increase should be set at 7 %,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The volume set out in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2729/72 shall be increased to 27 000 metric tons; within the framework of this increase the quota duty shall be suspended at the level of 7 %.

Article 2

The share assigned to Benelux under Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2729/72 shall be increased to 22 500 metric tons.

Article 3

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, 28 December 1973.

For the Council
The President
Ove GULDBERG

[1] OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 62.