REGULATION (EEC) No 880/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 26 March 1973

fixing certain basic duties

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community [1], signed on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 33 of the Act annexed thereto;

Whereas, under Article 31 (1) of the Act, the successive reductions provided for in Article 32 of the Act in respect of customs duties on imports into the Community as originally constituted of products in free circulation in the new Member States are to be applied to basic duties which are the duties actually applied on 1 January 1972; whereas these provisions apply *inter alia* to products falling within Chapter 91 of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, for these products and from 1 January 1973, the Community has implemented the third instalment of the reductions in duties arising out of the tariff agreements concluded following the Geneva Trade Conference (1964–67);

Whereas, for the purpose of maintaining Community preference as provided in the second subparagraph of Article 33 of the Act the duties actually applied on 1 January 1972 should be replaced, as basic duties for the products aforesaid, by the duties as reduced on 1 January 1973;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The basic duties to which the successive reductions provided for in Article 32 of the Act are to be applied shall, for imports of products falling within Chapter 91 of the Common Customs Tariff into the Community as originally constituted, be the Common Customs Tariff duties applicable on 1 January 1973.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

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[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.