REGULATION (EEC) No 987/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 9 April 1973

increasing the amount of the Community tariff quota for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff for 1972

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Whereas the Council, in Regulation (EEC) No 2776/71 [1] and Regulation (EEC) No 2742/72 [2], opened and allocated among the Member States a Community tariff quota for 1972 of a total of 1 161 000 metric tons of newsprint falling within subheading 48 01 A of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, on the basis of the supply situation of the Community as regards newsprint, zero-duty Community tariff quotas are opened where it is established that all supply possibilities on the internal market have been exhausted; whereas the Council considered it could meet the existing situation at the time it decided to increase the quota initially provided for 1972 by 20 000 metric tons;

Whereas, however, it became apparent that during the last few days of 1972 the supply requirements from outside the Community exceeded by an appreciable amount the previous estimates, in particular in the case of the Benelux countries; whereas importers were unable to establish the exact size of the increase of the quota, decided on 19 December 1972 and published only on 28 December 1972, before the end of the period to which the quota applied, and therefore imported corresponding amounts of newsprint for which they paid customs duties;

Whereas it therefore seems justifiable to increase, with retroactive effect, the 1972 Community tariff quota for newsprint by an amount equivalent to that imported in these exceptional circumstances;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quota amount fixed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2776/71 and increased pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2742/72 shall be raised from 1 161 000 metric tons to 1 164 500 metric tons.

Article 2

The quota-shares allocated to the Member States in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2776/71 and amended pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2742/72 shall be amended as follows:

Benelux	281 500 metric tons

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 Luxembourg, 9 April 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

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[1] OJ No L 287, 30. 12. 1971, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 143.