REGULATION (EEC) No 304/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 4 February 1974

extending the period of application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 228/72 on imports into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Morocco

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ;

Whereas the arrangements for the importation into the Community of fishery products originating in Morocco, as laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 1705/71 [1], do not cover trout, carp, preserved sardines or tunny, since no Community import arrangements have as yet been established for such products ;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 228/72 [2] the Council laid down transitional arrangements for the importation of such products originating in Morocco ;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 2828/72 [3] the Council, in order to avoid disrupting trade in these products between the Community and Morocco, extended these transitional arrangements ; whereas there are still no Community arrangements in force for the importation of the products in question into the Community ; whereas, to avoid any disruption in the trade in these products between the Community and Morocco, the transitional arrangements should therefore be again extended ;

Whereas provision should be made to ensure that the arrangements applied by Member States to the importation of the products in question originating in Morocco be no less favourable than those applied from 1 January 1974 to the like products originating in other third countries, taking account of the provisions of the Act of Accession,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 228/72, the date '31 December 1973' shall be replaced by the date '31 December 1974'. However, the arrangements applied to the import of those products originating in Morocco to which Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 228/72 applies may in no case be less favourable than those applied to the like products originating in other third countries.

Article 2

The import arrangements provided for in this Regulation shall be extended for the duration of 1974.

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, 4 February 1974.

For the Council

The President

W. SCHEEL

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(1) OJ No L 176, 5. 8. 1971, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 28, 1. 2. 1972, p. 8.
(3) OJ No L 298, 31. 12. 1972, p. 15.