REGULATION (EEC) No 3246/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 20 December 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3499/73 authorizing the United Kingdom to suspend temporarily customs duties on certain flax and flax tow imported from other Member States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty [1] on the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 59 (4) of the Act annexed thereto ;

Whereas by virtue of Article 59 (4) of the Act the United Kingdom has by Regulation (EEC) No 3499/73 [2] of 21 December 1973, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1465/74 [3], been authorized to suspend until 31 December 1974 customs duties on hackled or otherwise processed but not spun flax and flax tow imported from other Member States ;

Whereas the United Kingdom has applied for an extension until 31 December 1975 of this suspension ; whereas this suspension will have a favourable effect on trade between the Member States ; whereas this request by the United Kingdom should therefore be granted ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Flax and Hemp,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3499/73 the date '31 December 1974' is replaced by '31 December 1975'.

Article 2

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 Brussels, 20 December 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 357, 28. 12. 1973, p. 47.
(3) OJ No L 156, 13. 6. 1974, p. 10.