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REGULATION (EEC) No 555/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 4 March 1974

totally suspending the customs duties on certain industrial products originating in Malta

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, by virtue of the Agreement [1] establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta, the Community applies the Common Customs Tariff duties, reduced by 70 %, to products covered by this Agreement; whereas it seems advisable provisionally to increase this tariff advantage by means of the total suspension of the customs duties applicable to such products; whereas, however, this measure cannot affect the products subject to the tariff quotas provided for in the abovementioned Agreement;

Whereas, in order to avoid the danger of disrupting traditional patterns of trade by imports of such products, provision should be made to enable the Commission to reintroduce at any time, by means of a Regulation, the levying of conventional duties in respect of Malta,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Until 31 December 1974, the Common Customs Tariff duties and the customs tariff duties of the new Member States shall be totally suspended in respect of products falling within Chapters 25 *et seq* of the Common Customs Tariff covered by the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta, pursuant to Article 1 of Annex I thereto, with the exception of products falling within heading Nos 55.05, 56.04, 60.05 and 61.01.

Ireland, however, shall be authorized to apply to such products duties equal to those which it applies to Member States other than the United Kingdom.

2. The suspension referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply solely to products originating in Malta. The rules of origin shall be those in force at the time as regards the implementation of the above Agreement.

The rule whereby the condition requiring sufficient processing is waived in respect of products originating in the Community as originally constituted shall not, however, apply in the case of the abovementioned products when they undergo in Malta only insufficient working or processing as defined in items 1 to 6 of list A, annexed to the Protocol to the aforesaid Agreement.

Article 2

In order to avoid disrupting traditional trade patterns by imports of products benefiting from the duty suspension provided for in Article 1, the Commission may, by means of a Regulation, reintroduce the levying of customs duties at any time up to the end of the calendar year, at the level applicable in pursuance of Article 1 of Annex I to the aforesaid Agreement.

Article 3

The suspension of customs duties laid down in this Regulation shall be introduced for 1974.

This Regulation shall enter into force on the thirtieth 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 March 1974.

For the Council
The President
W. SCHEEL

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[1] OJ No L 61, 14. 3. 1971, p. 3.