COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1509/76

of 24 June 1976

on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Tunisia

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 (1),

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 112/76 of 19 January 1976 concerning imports into the Community of fishery products originating in Tunisia (2) established transitional arrangements for imports of carp, trout and preserved sardines and tunny originating in that country;

Whereas these arrangements apply until the entry into force of a new Agreement between the Community and Tunisia;

Whereas a Cooperation Agreement and an Interim Agreement (3) between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia were signed on 25 April 1976;

Whereas, therefore, from the time of entry into force of the Cooperation Agreement or the Interim Agreement on the advance implementation of certain provisions relating to trade in goods, the transitional arrangements referred to above shall no longer apply;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement and the Interim Agreement contain provisions relating to imports of the fishery products in question, which will not, however, apply to imports of prepared and preserved sardines until an exchange of letters has been concluded;

Whereas, in order to avoid any interruption in trade in the said products between the Community and Tunisia pending the conclusion of that exchange of letters, the arrangements laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 112/76 should continue to apply on a transitional basis to prepared and preserved sardines,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Member States shall maintain in force the import arrangements applied on 31 January 1972 to prepared and preserved sardines falling within subheading 16.04 D of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Tunisia.

2. However, Member States which open tariff quotas under the arrangements referred to in paragraph 1 may increase the quantity of such quotas by not more than 30%.

3. The import arrangements applied to the products specified in paragraph 1 originating in Tunisia shall in no case be less favourable than those applied to like products originating in third countries.

Article 2

1. This Regulation shall apply until the entry into force of the arrangements laid down in the exchange of letters referred to in Article 11 (4) of the Interim Agreement and Article 18 (4) of the Cooperation Agreement between the Community and Tunisia or until 31 December 1976, whichever is the earlier.

2. This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1976.

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(1) Opinion delivered on 18 June 1976 and not yet published in the Official Journal.
(2) OJ No L 20, 28. 1. 1976, p. 53.
(3) OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1976, p. 195.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 June 1976.

For the Council

The President

G. THORN