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# COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2162/76

**of 2 September 1976**

**maintaining in effect the rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European State-trading countries are subject to authorization**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 of 19 December 1969 establishing common rules for imports from State-trading countries [1], and in particular Article 7 thereof,

After consulting the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of the said Regulation,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 1887/76 [2], the Commission established rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European State-trading countries were made subject to authorization ;

Whereas the difficulties which justified the establishment of these safeguard measures still prevail on the Italian market only ;

Whereas the consultations held in the meantime with Hungary, Poland and Romania on the basis of the protocols of accession of these countries to GATT have resulted in mutually acceptable solutions ;

Whereas for the Italian market only these measures should therefore be maintained until 31 December 1976 in respect of Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and the USSR ;

Whereas the safeguard measures thus maintained in respect of these third countries can be rescinded should those same countries enter into consultations with the Community and should these consultations result in mutually satisfactory solutions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

The rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European State-trading countries are subject to authorization which were adopted by Regulation (EEC) No 1887/76 shall remain applicable until 31 December 1976.

*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, 2 September 1976.

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. van der STOEL

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[1] OJ No L 19, 26. 1. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 206, 31. 7. 1976, p. 79.