COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2719/76

of 25 October 1976

on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff (1977)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas a Community tariff quota for dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less, falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, should be opened for 1977 at a duty of 1·2%; whereas the volume of this quota should be limited to 15% of Community imports in 1973 from third countries not associated with the Community nor linked to it by a preferential agreement; whereas, on this basis, the volume of the quota is fixed at 8 373 metric tons; whereas the duties to be applied by the new Member States within the said tariff quota should be calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession;

Whereas, in view of the comparatively low volume of the quota compared with the needs of the Community, a system for its utilization based on a single allocation among Member States should be provided, without derogating from the Community nature of the tariff quota; whereas, in accordance with the needs forecast by each Member State, the shares may be determined as set out in Article 2;

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united within and jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any measure concerning the administration of the quotas allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. During the period 1 January to 31 December 1977 a Community tariff quota of 8 373 metric tons shall be opened for dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff.

2. Within the limits of this tariff quota, the Common Customs Tariff duty shall be suspended at the level of 1·2%.

3. The new Member States shall, within the said tariff quota, apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession.

Article 2

The tariff quota set out in Article 1 shall be divided among the Member States as follows:

	(metric tons)
Benelux	791
Denmark	335
Germany	2 335
France	572
Ireland	280
Italy	31
United Kingdom	4 029

Article 3

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that importers of the products in question established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to them.

(1) OJ No C 259, 4. 11. 1976, p. 37.

2. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports of the products in question entered with the customs authorities for home use.

Article 4

At the Commission's request, Member States shall inform it of the imports actually charged against their shares.

Article 5

Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely to ensure that this Regulation is complied with.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 25 October 1976.

For the Council

The President

A.P.L.M.M. van der STEE