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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2994/76

of 9 December 1976

increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1976 by Regulation (EEC) No 2876/75 for certain plywoods of coniferous species falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 28 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in Regulation (EEC) No 2876/75 [1], the Council opened and allocated among the Member States, for certain plywoods of coniferous species falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff, a Community tariff quota with zero duty, the volume of which was fixed at a level of 635 000 m^3 ;

Whereas, on the basis of the most recent data on these products for 1976, it may be estimated that the additional imports from non-member countries required by the Community will amount to 50 000 m^3 ; whereas the size of the quota should be increased by this quantity to take account of these requirements ; whereas, in order to safeguard the Community character of the tariff quota in question, the proposed increase should be added to the Community reserve set up under the abovementioned Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The volume of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 2876/75 for certain plywoods of coniferous species falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby increased from 635 000 to 685 000 m^3.

2. This increase of 50 000 m^3 shall be added to the reserve set up by virtue of Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2876/75 which is thus increased from 20 200 to 70 200 m^3.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day after 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, 9 December 1976.

For the Council

The President

P. J. J. MERTENS

(1) OJ No L 292, 12. 11. 1975, p. 1.