COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 348/76

of 17 February 1976

on measures to be taken owing to the difficulties affecting potato supplies

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 103 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, owing to the very poor potato harvest in the Community in 1975, that product is at present in short supply on the market; whereas this situation is causing a very sharp increase in potato prices and supply difficulties in some regions of the Community and may cause an increase in the cost of living;

Whereas this situation is aggravated by the export of potatoes to non-member countries, encouraged, in some non-member countries, by import subsidies; whereas it is necessary, in order to ensure that the Community is supplied, that a tax should be imposed temporarily on exports of that product to non-member countries; whereas, moreover, provision should be made for the possibility of adjusting the amount of this tax to take account of changing prices on the Community market and on the world market and of any import subsidies granted by non-member countries;

Whereas this Regulation shall not affect the measures taken in accordance with Article 10 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2603/69 of 20 December 1969 establishing common rules for exports [1],

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. A tax shall be levied on exports to non-member countries of non-certified seed potatoes falling within subheading ex 07.01 A I and of potatoes falling within subheading 07.01 A III of the Common Customs Tariff. The amount of this tax shall be 25 units of account per 100 kilogrammes.

However, the Commission may amend this amount to take account of changing prices on the Community market and the world market and of subsidies granted by non-member countries on imports of the products described in the first subparagraph.

2. The Commission shall, after consulting the Member States, adopt detailed rules for the application of this Article and may take any interim measures necessary.

3. This Article is without prejudice to the possibility of Member States forbidding the exportation to non-member countries of the products referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply to operations in respect of which customs export formalities have been completed from the day following that of its entry into force and until 30 June 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

J. HAMILIUS

[1] OJ No L 324, 27. 12. 1969, p. 25.