COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 126/77

of 18 January 1977

extending the period of validity of Regulations (EEC) No 1509/76 and (EEC) No 1522/76 on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Tunisia and Morocco respectively

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 1509/76 of 24 June 1976 on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Tunisia (2), and Council Regulation (EEC) No 1522/76 of 24 June 1976 on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Morocco (3) provided for transitional arrangements for the said imports to apply until 31 December 1976 at the latest ;

Whereas the conditions which gave rise to these transitional arrangements still exist for the products concerned ;

Whereas the present arrangements for these products should therefore be temporarily extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1509/76 and Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1522/76, the date '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '30 June 1977'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 January 1977.

For the Council

The President

Anthony CROSLAND

(1) OJ No C 6, 10. 1. 1977, p. 164.
(2) OJ No L 169, 28. 6. 1976, p. 11.
(3) OJ No L 169, 28. 6. 1976, p. 45.