COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2302/77

of 18 October 1977

on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for rosin, including 'brais résineux', falling within subheading 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff (1978)

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 draft Regulation submitted by the Commission,

Whereas the production in the Community and in Greece of rosin falling within subheading 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff is currently insufficient to meet the requirements of the processing industries in the Community; whereas, consequently, Community supplies of products of this type currently depend to a considerable extent on imports from third countries;

Whereas, under Decision No 1/75 of the Association Council on the application of paragraph 3 of Protocol 10 to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Greece, the Community may open autonomous tariff quotas for rosin provided that, for the Community as a whole, the annual quotas do not exceed 25 % of the Community's imports from third countries not associated with or linked to it by a preferential agreement during the last year for which statistics are available; whereas the most urgent Community requirements for the products in question should be met immediately on the most favourable terms; whereas a nil duty Community tariff quota should therefore be opened within the limits of the above amount;

Whereas, in 1976, the imports of rosin from third countries not associated with or linked to the Community by a preferential agreement were as follows:

	(tonnes)
Benelux	15 961
Denmark	259
Germany	26 443
France	9 767
Ireland	214
Italy	10 206
United Kingdom	21 199
Total	84 049

Whereas 25 % of this total represents 21 013 tonnes;

Whereas, in view of the negligible size of such a quota in comparison with the Community's requirements, a system of utilization should, without derogating from the Community nature of the tariff quota, be provided, based on a single allocation between the Member States; whereas this allocation should be calculated by the same method as is used to establish a total quota of 25 % of the imports of each Member State from the same third countries; whereas, calculated in such a manner, this allocation should be 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 shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period 1 January to 31 December 1978, the Common Customs Tariff duty for rosin, including 'brais résineux', falling within subheading 38.08 A shall be totally suspended within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 21 013 tonnes.

Article 2

The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be allocated as follows among the Member States:

	(tonnes)
Benelux	3 990
Denmark	65
Germany	6 611
France	2 442
Ireland	54
Italy	2 551
United Kingdom	5 300

Article 3

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

2. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports of the product 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 1978.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 18 October 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET