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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2570/77

of 21 November 1977

extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

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 certain signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé are traditional suppliers of beef and veal to the Community ; whereas the production of beef and veal is an essential factor in their economies which are highly dependant upon these exports ; whereas since the States concerned are the least developed among the States which export beef and veal to the Community, special measures could contribute to maintaining a regular flow of imports ;

Whereas this situation has been taken into account by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 of 18 December 1975 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (2), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2841/76 (3) ; whereas as a result, provided the ACP States apply an export tax of a corresponding amount, there is partial compensation of the import charges other than customs duties in respect of the products referred to in Article 1 (a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 425/77 (5) ; whereas the arrangements set up by Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 expire on 31 December 1977 ;

Whereas, to take into account the vital importance which the beef and veal sector has for the abovementioned countries, these measures should be prolonged from 1 January to 31 December 1978 for the ACP States which export beef and veal to the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Sole Article

In the second paragraph of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 '31 December 1977' shall be replaced by '31 December 1978'.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

(1) OJ No C 266, 7. 11. 1977, p. 46.

(2) OJ No L 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 327, 26. 11. 1976, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(5) OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 1.