COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2688/77

of 5 December 1977

increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1977 by Regulation (EEC) No 2931/76 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A 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 of the Commission,

Whereas, for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff, a duty-free Community tariff quota, the amount of which was fixed at 2 311 000 tonnes, was opened by the Council and allocated among the Member States by Regulation (EEC) No 2931/76 [1]; whereas by that Regulation, the benefit of the tariff quota in question was extended to certain types of paper which, apart from the criterion of watermarks, correspond to the definition of newsprint given in the Additional Note to Chapter 48 of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, on the basis of the most recent data on this product for 1977, it can be estimated that the additional imports from non-member countries required by the Community amount to 200 000 tonnes; whereas the size of the quota should be increased by this quantity to take account of the requirements noted; whereas, in order to safeguard the Community character of the tariff quota in question, the volume of the proposed increase should be allocated to the Community reserve set up pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 2931/76,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The volume of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 2931/76 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby increased from 2 311 000 to 2 511 000 tonnes.

2. This increase of 200 000 tonnes shall be allocated to the Community reserve set up by virtue of Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2931/76 which is thus increased from 124 000 to 324 000 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 5 December 1977.

For the Council

The President

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[1] OJ No L 334, 3. 12. 1976, p. 7.