COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3517/80

of 22 December 1980

establishing ceilings and Community surveillance of imports of certain products originating in Malta (1981)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the provisions of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta (1) will lapse on 31 December 1980;

Whereas, pending the entry into force of a new Protocol, it is necessary on the basis of Regulation (EEC) No 3508/80 (2), to extend until 30 June 1981 the arrangements which the Community applies to trade with Malta within the context of the Association with that country;

Whereas the abovementioned Additional Protocol makes provision for the total abolition of customs duties in respect of the products to which the Agreement applies; whereas, however, for a number of products exemption from duties is subject to ceilings above which the customs duties applicable to third countries may be reintroduced; whereas the ceilings to be applied in the first half of 1981 should therefore be determined; whereas the application of ceilings requires that the Community be regularly informed on imports of the products in question originating in Malta; whereas it is therefore desirable that imports of these products be subjected to a system of surveillance;

Whereas, since a Protocol as provided for in Article 118 of the 1979 Act of Accession does not exist, the Community must adopt the measures referred to in Article 119 of that Act; whereas the tariff measure concerned will, therefore, apply to the Community of Nine;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of an administrative procedure based on charging imports of the products in question against the ceilings at Community level as and when the products are entered with customs authorities for home use; whereas this administrative procedure must make provision for the possibility of customs tariff duties being reintroduced as soon as the ceilings are reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close and particularly rapid cooperation between the Member States and the Commission and the latter must in particular be able to follow the progress of quantities charged against the ceilings and keep the Member States informed; whereas this cooperation has to be particularly close since the Commission must be able to take the appropriate measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties if one of the ceilings is reached,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 30 June 1981, imports into the Community of Nine of the products listed in the Annex originating in Malta shall be subject to annual ceilings and Community surveillance.

The description of the products referred to in the first subparagraph, their tariff headings and statistical numbers and the ceilings shall be as set out in the Annex.

2. Quantities shall be charged against the ceilings as and when products are entered with customs authorities for home use accompanied by a movement certificate in accordance with the rules contained in the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation annexed to the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta (3).

Goods may be charged against the ceiling only if the movement certificate is submitted before the date on which customs duties are reimposed.

(1) OJ No L 304, 29. 11. 1977, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 367, 31. 12. 1980.
(3) OJ No L 111, 28. 4. 1976, p. 3.

The extent to which a ceiling is used up shall be determined at Community level on the basis of the imports charged against it in the manner defined in the preceding subparagraphs.

The Member States shall inform the Commission at the intervals and within the time limits specified in paragraph 4 of imports effected in accordance with the above procedures.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may adopt a Regulation reimposing until the end of the calendar year the customs duties applicable to third countries.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission not later than the 15th day of each month statements of the quantities charged during the preceding month. If the Commission so requests, they shall provide such statements for periods of 10 days and forward them within five clear days of the end of each 10-day period.

Article 2

The Commission shall take all appropriate measures, in close cooperation with the Member States, for the purposes of applying this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1981.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1980.

For the Council

The President

J. SANTER

ANNEX

List of products subject to import ceilings in 1981

Serial No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code (1980)	Level of ceiling (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
I M 1	55.05	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale	55.05-all Nos	729
I M 2	55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton	55.09-all Nos	60
I M 3	56.04	Man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste), carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning	56.04-all Nos	486
I M 4	60.05	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized	60.05-all Nos	131
I M 5	61.01	Men's and boys' outer garments	61.01-all Nos	495