COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 720/80

of 26 March 1980

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain dried grapes, falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus

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 Supplementary Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (1), lapsed on 31 December 1979;

Whereas, pending the entry into force of the Transitional Protocol to the Association Agreement, it is necessary to extend the arrangements that the Community applies to trade with the Republic of Cyprus within the context of the Association with that country;

Whereas Article 4 of the Supplementary Protocol provides for the opening of a duty-free Community tariff quota of certain dried grapes, falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus;

Whereas it is necessary in particular to ensure to all Community importers equal and uninterrupted access to the abovementioned quota and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for that quota to all imports of the products concerned into all Member States until the quota has been used up; whereas, however, since the tariff quota involved is of a relatively low volume and the period of application is very short, it seems possible to allocate the whole quota volume to the Community reserve and to provide for the possibility of those Member States in which needs might arise drawing appropriate quantities from that reserve; whereas the shares thus drawn from the reserves must be valid until the end of the quota period; whereas this method of management requires close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission and the latter must in particular be able to monitor the rate at which the quota is used up and inform the Member States thereof;

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, all transactions concerning the administration of shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 March 1980, the Common Customs Tariff duty for the following products, originating in Cyprus, shall be totally suspended within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 125 tonnes:

CCT heading No	Description
08.04	Grapes, fresh or dried:
	B. Dried:
	I. In immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less

2. The volume of the tariff quota referred to in paragraph 1 shall constitute a reserve.

3. If the need should arise for the products in question in a Member State, the latter shall draw an appropriate share from the reserve, providing that the size of the reserve so permits.

4. The shares drawn pursuant to paragraph 3 shall be valid until 31 March 1980.

Article 2

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that shares drawn pursuant to Article 1 are opened in such a way that imports may be charged without interruption against their accumulated shares of the Community quota.

2. Each Member State shall ensure that importers of the said goods established in its territory have free access to the shares allocated to it.

3. Member States shall charge imports of the said goods against their shares as and when the goods are entered with customs authorities for free circulation.

(1) OJ No L 172, 28. 6. 1978, p. 2.

4. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 3.

Article 3

At the request of the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports actually charged against their shares.

Article 4

The Member States and the Commission shall collaborate closely in order to ensure that this Regulation is complied with.

Article 5

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 1980.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1980.

For the Council

The President

G. MARCORA