COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 8/81

of 1 January 1981

on the disposal by the Hellenic Republic of raw tobacco stocks existing in Greece and coming from harvests prior to accession

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the 1979 Act of Accession, and in particular Article 72 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 88 of the Act lays down that any stock of tobacco existing in Greece and coming from harvests prior to accession must be entirely disposed of by, and at the expense of, the Hellenic Republic;

Whereas the first harvest subject to the common organization of the market is the 1981 harvest;

Whereas the tobacco stocks withdrawn from the market, existing at present in Greece, belong to, or are held by, the EOK (National Tobacco Bureau); whereas a survey has been made by the Greek authorities of stocks from harvests prior to the 1980 harvest; whereas it is at present possible to do no more than estimate stocks from the 1980 harvest;

Whereas these stocks may be disposed of in accordance with Greek legislation, subject to provisions allowing the Commission to maintain the balance of the Community market;

Whereas, having regard to the large stocks to be disposed of, it should be laid down that the quantities which may be put up for sale during a given period may not exceed a certain ceiling; whereas, for those reasons, it is necessary to provide a sufficiently long period for disposal; whereas it seems appropriate to fix a six-year period for disposing of these stocks, to begin as from accession,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation lays down general rules for applying the provisions of Article 88 of the Act of Accession.

Article 2

1. This Regulation applies to raw tobacco within heading No 24.01 of the Common Customs Tariff

— originating in Greece,

— coming from the 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 harvests and belonging to, or held by, the EOK.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, the Hellenic Republic shall communicate to the Commission, not later than 31 July 1981, the quantities of tobacco from the 1980 harvest bought in or held by the EOK, broken down by variety, and the date of the last withdrawal of tobacco by the EOK.

3. The data relating to the stocks from harvests prior to the 1980 harvest and the estimates for the 1980 harvest are contained in the Annex hereto.

Article 3

1. The disposal of the stocks referred to in Article 2 (1) shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Greek legislation and subject to the provisions of this Regulation.

Disposal shall be managed in such a way that no disturbance of the Community market takes place.

2. The stocks referred to in Article 2 (1) shall be disposed of before 1 January 1987.

3. The quantity to be disposed of each year may not exceed one fifth of the total of the quantities and estimate contained in the Annex.

Each year the Commission may reduce or increase this quantity by up to 17 %, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 4.

4. The stocks shall be disposed of on the markets of third countries. However, each year the Commission shall determine, on the basis of all the information at its disposal and of the information supplied by the Hellenic Republic, in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 3, whether the stocks to be disposed of for the year in question may be put on the Community market, and if so the quantities and varieties thereof.

5. Every three months, the Hellenic Republic shall communicate to the Commission the quantities disposed of, their destinations and the prices obtained.

Article 4

The detailed rules for implementation of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 [1].

Article 5

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, 1 January 1981.

For the Council

The President

D. F. VAN DER MEI

[1] OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.

ANNEX

EOK stocks (in tonnes)

Harvest and variety	Packed	Leaf	Total
1976			
Basma	2 394·7	—	2 394·7
Katerini	1 249·7	—	1 249·7
Kabakoulak traditional	4 808·1	—	4 808·1
Kabakoulak non-traditional	4 243·4	—	4 243·6
Myrodata Agrinion	264·9	59·0	323·9
Zichnomyrodata	87·4	—	87·4
Mavra	1 452·5	—	1 452·5
Total	14 500·9	59·0	14 559·9
1977			
Basma	2 010·4	—	2 010·4
Katerini	2 035·0	—	2 035·0
Kabakoulak traditional	6 692·4	—	6 692·4
Kabakoulak non-traditional	6 995·2	1 491·0	8 486·2
Myrodata Agrinion	988·0	—	988·0
Zichnomyrodata	312·3	—	312·3
Tsebelia	—	2 181·8	2 181·8
Mavra	—	2 399·8	2 399·8
Total	19 033·3	6 072·6	25 105·9
1978			
Basma	698·2	—	698·2
Katerini	1 076·9	—	1 076·9
Kabakoulak traditional	2 406·3	—	2 406·3
Kabakoulak non-traditional	839·8	3 429·5	4·269·3
Myrodata Agrinion	194·6	—	194·6
Zichnomyrodata	26·6	—	26·6
Tsebelia	—	6 949·0	6 949·0
Mavra	—	3 121·0	3 121·0
Total	5 242·4	13 499·5	18 741·9
1979			
Basma	—	3 497·9	3 497·9
Katerini	—	1 749·0	1 719·0
Kabakoulak traditional	—	2 038·4	2 038·4
Kabakoulak non-traditional	—	3 582·3	3 582·3
Myrodata Agrinion	—	1 838·5	1 838·5
Zychnomyrodata	—	64·1	64·1
Tsebelia	—	13 760·4	13 760·4
Mavra	—	2 875·2	2 875·2
Total	—	29 405·8	29 405·8
1980 (estimate)			± 30 000