COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3174/83

of 10 November 1983

re-establishing the levying of customs duties on lactic acid and its salts and esters, falling within subheading 29.16 A I and originating in China, to which the preferential tariff arrangements set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3377/82 apply

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3377/82 of 8 December 1982 applying generalized tariff preferences for 1983 in respect of certain industrial products originating in developing countries (1), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 1 of that Regulation, duties on the products listed in Annex B originating in each of the countries or territories listed in Annex C shall be totally suspended and the products as such shall, as a general rule, be subject to statistical surveillance every three months on the reference base referred to in Article 11 ;

Whereas, as provided for in Article 11, where the increase of preferential imports of these products, originating in one or more beneficiary countries, causes, or threatens to cause, economic difficulties in the Community or in a region of the Community, the levying of customs duties may be re-established once the Commission has had an appropriate exchange of information with the Member States ; whereas for this purpose the reference base to be considered shall be, as a general rule, 138 % of the highest maximum amount valid for 1980 ;

Whereas, in the case of lactic acid and its salts and esters, falling within subheading 29.16 A I, the individual ceiling was fixed at 226 550 ECU ; whereas, on 8 November 1983, imports of these products into the Community, originating in China, reached that ceiling after being charged thereagainst ; whereas the exchange of information organized by the Commission has demonstrated that continuance of the preference threatens to cause economic difficulties in a region of the Community ; whereas, therefore, customs duties in respect of the products in question must be re-established against China,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

As from 14 November 1983 the levying of customs duties, suspended pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3377/82, shall be re-established on imports into the Community of the following products originating in China :

CCT heading No	Description
29.16 A I (NIMEXE code 29.16-11)	Lactic acid and its salts and esters

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 10 November 1983.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 363, 23. 12. 1982, p. 1.