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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1657/93

of 24 June 1993

temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain industrial products intended to equip the free zones of the Azores and Madeira

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Whereas the Council, in its Decision 91/315/EEC (3), set up a programme of options specific to the remote and insular nature of Madeira and the Azores (Poseima);

Whereas in the context of the overall programme of measures established in that Decision to stimulate the economic and social development of the abovementioned autonomous regions, it was stipulated that free zones could be an appreciable instrument of economic development in the regions concerned; whereas it may be appropriate to adopt specific customs measures regarding the arrangements applicable to the free zones of the Azores and Madeira;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1604/92 of 15 June 1992, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2504/88 on free zones and free warehouses (4), provided that processing operations carried out in the free zones of these autonomous regions should not be subject to the economic conditions laid down in the inward processing arrangements;

Whereas in a request submitted on 4 March 1992 and supplemented on 22 October 1992 and 20 January 1993, the competent Portuguese authorities asked to be granted an exemption from Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products intended to equip the free zones of the Azores and Madeira;

Whereas, upon detailed examination of the situation, such a measure appears likely to give the required boost to the development of economic activities in the said free zones;

Whereas, in order to avoid directly affecting the functioning of the common market, a time limit must be set for this measure and suitable action taken to ensure that the products for which a suspension is granted are intended solely to equip the said free zones;

Whereas the Commission must be informed of the volume of imports involved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to products listed in the Annex shall be suspended in full until 31 December 2000.

2. The suspension referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply solely to products intended to equip the free zones of the Azores and Madeira.

3. The competent Portuguese authorities shall adopt the provisions necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph 2 pursuant to the relevant Community provisions on end-use, in particular the charging of Common Customs Tariff duties when the products in question are transported to other parts of the Community's customs territory.

They shall inform the Commission of these measures at the earliest opportunity.

Article 2

With respect to the products referred to in Article 1, the competent Portuguese authorities shall inform the

(1) OJ No C 116, 27. 4. 1993, p. 11.
(2) Opinion delivered on 28 May 1993 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(3) OJ No L 171, 29. 6. 1991, p. 10.
(4) OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 30.

Commission, no later than 15 March of each year, of the volume of imports for which the tariff suspension has been granted during the preceding year.

Article 3

During the year 2000, the Commission, after consulting the competent Portuguese authorities, shall examine the effects of the measures adopted on the development of the free zones of the Azores and Madeira and shall, if necessary, submit appropriate proposals.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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 Luxembourg, 24 June 1993.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX

Order No	CN code	Description
18.0300	6804	Millstones, grindstones, grinding wheels and the like, without frameworks, for grinding, sharpening, polishing, trueing or cutting, hand-sharpening or polishing stones, and parts thereof, of neutral stone, of agglomerated natural or artificial abrasives, or of ceramics, with or without parts of other materials
18.0302	7308	Structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading No 9406) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, lock-gates, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frameworks, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, shutter, balustrades, pillars and columns), or iron or steel ; plates, rods, angles, shapes, sections, tubes and the like, prepared for use in structures, of iron or steel
18.0304	7309 00	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of iron or steel, of a capacity exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment
18.0306	7310 other than 7310 21 10	Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers, for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of iron or steel, of a capacity not exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment, other than cans of a kind used for preserving food and drink
18.0308	7311 00	Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel
18.0310	7322	Radiators for central heating, not electrically heated, and parts thereof, of iron or steel ; air heaters and hot air distributors (including distributors which can also distribute fresh or conditioned air), not electrically heated, incorporating a motor-driven fan or blower, and parts thereof, of iron or steel
18.0312	7610	Aluminium structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading No 9406) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing framework, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, balustrades, pillars and columns) ; aluminium plates, rods, profiles, tubes and the like, prepared for use in structures
18.0314	7611 00 00	Aluminium reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or hest-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment
18.0316	7612	Aluminium casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers (including rigid or collapsible tubular containers), for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity not exceeding 300 litres, whether or not heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment
18.0318	7613 00 00	Aluminium containers for compressed or liquefied gas
18.0320	8202	Hand saws ; blades for saws of all kinds (including slitting, slotting or toothless saw blades)
18.0322	8203	Files, rasps, pliers (including cutting pliers), pincers, tweezers, metal cutting shears, pipe-cutters, bolt croppers, perforating punches and similar hand tools
18.0324	8204	Hand-operating spanners and wrenches (including torque meter wrenches but not including tap wrenches) ; interchangeable spanner sockets, with or without handles

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18.0326	8205	Hand tools (including glaziers' diamonds), not elsewhere specified or included; blow lamps; vices, clamps and the like, other than accessories for and parts of, machine tools; anvils; portable forges; hand or pedal-operated grinding wheels with frameworks
18.0328	8207	Interchangeable tools for hand tools, whether or not power-operated, or for machine-tools (for example, for pressing, stamping, punching, tapping, threading, drilling, boring, broaching, miling, turning or screw driving), including dies for drawing or extruding metal, and rock drilling or earth boring tools
18.0330	8208 other than 8208 40 00	Knives and cutting blades, for machines or for mechanical appliances other than agricultural, horticultural or forestry machines
18.0332	8209 00	Plates, sticks, tips and the like for tools, unmounted, of sintered metal carbides or cermets
18.0334	8210 00	Hand-operated mechanical appliances, weighing 10 kg or less, used in the preparation, conditioning or serving of food or drink
18.0336	8303 00	Armoured or reinforced safes, strong-boxes and doors and safe deposit lockers for strong-rooms, can or deed boxes and the like, of base metal
18.0338	8304 00 00	Filing cabinets, card-index cabinets, paper trays, paper rests, pen trays, office-stamp stands and similar office or desk equipment, of base metal, other than office furniture of heading No 9403
18.0340	8402	Steam or other vapour generating boilers (other than central heating hot water boilers capable also of producing low pressure steam); super-heated water boilers
18.0342	8403	Central heating boilers other than those of heading No 8402
18.0344	8404	Auxiliary plant for use with boilers of heading No 8402 or 8403 (for example, economizers, super-heaters, soot removers, gas recoveres); condensers for steam or other vapour power units
18.0346	8405	Producer gas or water gas generators, with or without their purifiers; acetylene gas generators and similar water process gas generators, with or without their purifiers
18.0348	8406	Steam turbines and other vapour turbines
18.0350	8407	Spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines
18.0352	8408	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines)
18.0354	8409	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the engines of heading No 8407 or 8408
18.0356	8413	Pumps for liquids, whether or not fitted with a measuring device; liquid elevators
18.0358	8414	Air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors and fans; ventilating or recycling hoods incorporating a fan, whether or not fitted with filters
18.0360	8415	Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated
18.0362	8416	Furnace burner for liquid fuel, for pulverized solid fuel or for gas; mechanical stokers, including their mechanical grates, mechanical ash dischargers and similar appliances
18.0364	8417	Industrial or laboratory furnaces and ovens, including incinerators, non-electric
18.0366	8418	Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading No 8415

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18.0368	8419	Machinery, plant or laboratory equipment, whether or not electrically heated, for the treatment of materials by a process involving a change of temperature such as heating, cooking, roasting, distilling, rectifying, sterilizing, pasteurizing, steaming, drying, evaporating, vapourizing, condensing or cooling other than machinery or plant of a kind used for domestic purposes; instantaneous or storage water heaters, non-electric
18.0370	8420	Calendering or other rolling machines, other than for metals or glass, and cylinders therefor
18.0372	8421	Centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers; filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus, for liquids or gases
18.0374	8422	Dish-washing machines; machinery for cleaning or drying bottles or other containers; machinery for filling, closing, sealing, capsuling or labelling bottles, cans, boxes, bags or other containers; other packing or wrapping machinery, machinery for serating beverages
18.0376	8423 other than 8423 10 10	Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better), including weight operated counting or checking machines; weighing machine weights of all kinds other than household scales;
18.0378	8423 other than 8424 81 10	Mechanical appliances (whether or not hand-operated) for projecting, dispersing or spraying liquids or powders; fire extinguishers, whether or not charges; spray guns and similar appliances; steam or sand blasting machines and similar jet projecting machines other than watering appliances
18.0380	8425	Pulley tackle and hoists other than skip hoists; winches and capstans; jacks
18.0382	8426	Ships' derricks; cranes, including cable cranes; mobile lifting frames, straddle carriers and works trucks fitted with a crane
18.0384	8427	Fork-lift trucks; other works trucks fitted with lifting or handling equipment
18.0386	8428	Other lifting, handling, loading or unloading machinery (for example, lifts, escalators, conveyors, teleferics
18.0388	8437	Machines for cleaning, sorting or grading seed, grain or dried leguminous vegetables; machinery used in the milling industry or for the working of cereals or dried leguminous vegetables, other than farm-type machinery
18.0390	8438	Machinery, not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter, for the industrial preparation or manufacture of food or drink, other than machinery for the extraction or preparation of animal or fixed vegetable fats or oils
18.0392	8439	Machinery for making pulp of fibrous cellulosic material or for making or finishing paper or paperboard
18.0394	8440	Book-binding machinery, including book-sewing machines
18.0396	8441	Other machinery for making up paper pulp, paper or paperboard, including cutting machines of all kinds
18.0398	8443	Printing machinery; machines for uses ancillary to printing
18.0400	8444 00	Machines for extruding, drawing, texturing or cutting man-made textile materials
18.0402	8445	Machines for preparing textile fibres; spinning, doubling or twisting machines and other machinery for producing textile yarns; textile reeling or winding (including weft-winding) machines and machines for preparing textile yarns for use on the machines of heading No 8446 or 8447
18.0404	8446	Weaving machines (looms)

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18.0406	8447	Knitting machines, stitch-bonding machines and machines for making gimped yarn, tulle, lace, embroidery, trimmings, braid or net and machines for tufting
18.0408	8448	Auxiliary machinery for use with machines of heading No 8444, 8445, 8446 or 8447 (for example, dobbies, Jacquards, automatic stop motions, shuttle changing mechanisms); parts and accessories suitable for use solely or principally with the machines of this heading or of heading No 8444, 8445, 8446 or 8447 (for example, spindles and spindle flyers, card clothing, combs, extruding nipples, shuttles, healds and heald-frames, hosiery needles)
18.0410	8450	Household or laundry-type washing machines, including machines which both wash and dry
18.0412	8451	Machinery (other than machines of heading No 8450) for washing, cleaning, wringing, drying ironing, pressing (including fusing presses), bleaching, dyeing, dressing, finishing, coating or impregnating textile yarns, fabrics or made-up textile articles and machines for applying the paste to the base fabric orother support used in the manufacture of floor coverings such as linoleum; machines for reeling, unreeling, folding, cutting or pinking textile fabrics
18.0414	8452	Sewing machines, other than book-sewing machines of heading No 8440; furniture, bases and covers specially designed for sewing machines; sewing machine needles
18.0416	8453	Machinery for preparing, tanning or working hides, skins or leather or for making or repairing footwear or other articles of hides, skins or leather, other than sewing machines
18.0418	8456	Machine-tools for working any material by removal of material, by laser or other light or photon beam, ultrasonic, electro-discharge, electro-chemical, electron beam, ionic-beam or plasma arc processes
18.0420	8457	Machining centres, unit construction machines (single station) and multi-station transfer machines, for working metal
18.0422	8458	Lathes for removing metal
18.0424	8459	Machine-tools (including way-type unit head machines) for drilling, boring, milling, threading or taping by removing metal, other than lathes of heading No 8458
18.0426	8460	Machine-tools for deburring, sharpening, grinding, honing, lapping, polishing or otherwise finishing metal, sintered metal carbides or cermets by means of grinding stones, abrasives or polishing products, other than gear cutting, gear grinding or gear finishing machines of heading No 8461
18.0428	8461	Machine-tools for planing, shaping, slotting, broaching, gear cutting, gear grinding or gear finishing, sawing, cutting-off and other machine-tools working by removing metal, sintered metal carbides or cermets, not elsewhere specified or included
18.0430	8462	Machine-tools (including presses) for working metal by forging, hammering or die-stamping; machine-tools (including presses) for working metal by bending, folding, straightening, flattening, shearing, punching or notching; presses for working metal or metal carbides, not specified above
18.0432	8463	Other machine-tools for working metal, sintered metal carbides or cermets, without removing material
18.0434	8464	Machine-tools for working stone, ceramics, concrete, asbestos-cement or like mineral materials or for cold working glass

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18.0436	8465	Machine-tools (including machines for nailing, stapling, glueing or otherwise assembling) for working wood, cork, hard rubber, hard plastics or similar hard materials
18.0438	8467	Tools for working in the hand, pneumatic or with self-contained non-electric motor
18.0440	8468	Machinery and apparatus for soldering, brazing or welding, whether or not capable of cutting, other than those of heading No 8515; gas-operated surface tempering machines and appliances
18.0442	8469	Typewriters and word-processing machines
18.0444	8470	Calculating machines; accounting machines, postage-franking machines, ticket-issuing machines and similar machines, incorporating a calculating device; cash registers
18.0446	8471	Automatic data processing machinesa and units thereof; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media in coded form and machines for processing such data, not elsewhere specified or included
18.0448	8472	Other office machines (for example, hectograph or stencil duplicating machines, addresingd machines, automatic banknote dispensers, coin-sorting machines, coin-counting or wrapping machines, pencil-sharpening machines, perforsting or stapling machines)
18.0450	8477	Machinery for working rubber or plastics or for the manufacture of products from these materials, not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter
18.0452	8478	Machinery for preparing or making-up tobacco, not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter
18.0454	8480	Moulding boxes for metal foundry; mould bases; moulding patterns; moulds for metal (other than ingot moulds), metal carbides, glass, mineral materials, rubber or plastics
18.0456	8581	Electric motors and generators (excluding generating sets)
18.0458	8508 other than 8508 80 80	Electro-mechanical tools for working in the hand, with self-contained electric motor other than hedge trimmers and lawn edge cutters
18.0460	8514	Industrial or laboratory electric (including induction or dielectric) furnaces and ovens; other industrial or laboratory induction or dielectric heating equipment
18.0462	8515	Electric (including electrically heated gas), lasser or other light or photon beam, ultrasonic, electron beam, magnetic pulse or plasma arc soldering, brazing or welding machines and apparatus, whether or not capable of cutting; electric machines and apparatus for hot spraying of metals or sintered metal carbides
18.0464	8526	Radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control apparatus
18.0466	9009	Photocopying apparatus incorporating an optical system or of the contact type and thermo-copying apparatus
18.0468	9010	Apparatus and equipment for photographic (including cinematographic) laboratories (including apparatus for the projection of circuit patterns on sensitised semi-conductor materials), not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter; negatoscopes; projection screens

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18.0470	9017	Drawing, marking-out mathematical calculating instruments (for example, drafting machines, pantographs, protractors, drawing sets, slide rules, disc calculators); instruments for measuring length, for use in the hand (for example, measuring rods and tapes, micrometers, callipers) not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter
18.0472	9024	Machines and appliances for testing the hardness, strenght, compressibility, elasticity or other mechanical properties of materials (for example, metals, wood, textiles, paper, plastics)
18.0474	9026	Instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow, level, pressure or other variables of liquids or gases (for example, flow meters, level gauges, manometers, heat meters), excluding instruments and apparatus of headings No 9014, 9015, 9028 or 9032
18.0476	9027	Instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis (for example, polarimeters, refractometers, spectrometers, gas or smoke analysis apparatus); instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking viscosity, porosity, expansion, surface tension or the like ; instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking quantities of heat, sound or light (including exposure meters); microtomes
18.0478	9028	Gas, liquid or electricity supply or production meters, including calibrating meters therefore
18.0480	9406	Prefabricated buildings