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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

totally suspending the customs duties on certain
industrial products, originating in Malta

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its session of 4/5 June 1973 the Council agreed that Malta should, as from 1 January 1974, receive treatment no less favourable than is enjoyed by countries eligible for the Generalised System of Preferences.

The Commission considers that the most appropriate autonomous measure in this context, and that best adapted to Malta's particular economic situation, would seem to be the total suspension of the customs duties on goods covered by the EEC/Malta Agreement. Further, on account of the Community's very low level, in recent years, of importations of goods originating in Malta, the Commission has refrained from proposing quantitative limits (indicative ceilings or tariff quotas).

Nevertheless, this measure should not cover products in respect of which the Agreement provides for the opening of tariff quotas (textile products falling within tariff heading Nos 55.05, 56.04, 60.05 and 61.01) ; other measures have been proposed separately for these.

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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 by virtue of the Agreement creating an association between the
European Economic Community and Malta (1) the Community applies the
Common Customs Tariff duties, reduced by 70 per cent, to products covered
by this Agreement ; whereas it seems expedient to bring a provisional
improvement to this tariff advantage by means of a total suspension of the
customs duties chargeable on such products ; whereas however this measure cannot
affect the products subject to the tariff quotas provided for in the above mentioned
agreement ;

Whereas in order to avoid the danger of distortion, by importations of such
products, of traditional flows of trade, it is advisable to allow the Commission
Regulatory powers to reintroduce, at any time, the charging of
conventional duties in relation to Malta,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. From 1 January 1973 until 31 December 1973 the Common Customs Tariff
duties and the Customs Tariff duties of the new Member States shall be
totally suspended in respect of products covered by Article 1 of
Annex I to the Agreement creating an association between the European
Economic Community and Malta (1), but excepting products falling within
tariff headings Nos 55.05, 56.04, 60.05 and 61.01.

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(1) OJ No L 61 of 14.3.1971.

Ireland, however, is authorised to charge duties on such products equal to the duties which it charges Member States other than the United Kingdom.

2. The benefit of the suspension provided for in paragraph 1 is confined to products originating in Malta. The rules of origin are those in force for the above-mentioned Agreement at any time.

Article 2

In order to avoid the danger of distortion, by importations of products eligible for the duty suspension provided for in Article 1, of traditional flows of trade, the Commission may at any time by Regulation, reintroduce the charging of customs duties until the end of the calendar year, at the level applicable by virtue of Article 1 of Annex I to the Agreement mentioned in Article 1.

Article 3

This regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President