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## COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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### Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 e of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Algeria (1978/79)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

COM(78) 77 final.

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Agreements to be concluded between the European Economic Community 1.1 and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria provides in Article 20 for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota for the dutyfree importation into the Community of certain wines of designation of origin falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the CCT originating in Algeria. The volume of the quota for the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979 is fixed by the Agreement and is 400 000 hectolitres of which 170 000 hl is for wines in bulk and 230 000 hl for wines in bottle. In order to qualify for this system the wines in bulk must be put up in accordance with a series of requirements. According to the provisions the wines in bulk may be transported only in containers of a capacity not exceeding 25 hectolitres. However, on account of various difficulties encounted by Algerian exprters, the Commission proposed, . on 21 December 1977, to raise this maximum content to 200 hl, as a temporary measure. Since the decision of the Council is still awaited and the difficulties continue, the Commission proposes the same . derogation for the quota period 1978/79. Wines in bottle must be in containers holding 2 litres or less.

- 2.1 The Regulation makes provision as is usual for the division of each of the quota volumes into two instalments, the first of which is allocated by shares amongst all Member States, while the second constitutes a reserve. The allocation of the first instalment is usually based on the statistical data of the last three years and estimates for the period in question.
- 2.2 In this case, however, neither Community nor national statistical data split up by the types of the wines in question are available and no estimates can be put forward. In these circumstances initial shares should be established for taking into account the possibilities of consumption of these wines in each of the Member States.
- 3. It is proposed that the proposal for a Council Regulation opening the Community tariff quota described above should be approved.

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# THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (<sup>1</sup>),

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, signed on 26 April 1976, stipulates in Article 20 that certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Algeria shall be imported into the Community free of customs duties within the limits of an annual Community tariff quota; whereas the quota volume for the period from

1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979 15.

40 0 000 hectolitres consisting of 170 000 hectolitres of wine in bulk, and 230 000 hectolitres of wine in bottles; whereas wine in bulk must be put up in accordance with certain conditions;

whereas, however because of certain

difficulties for the transport

of wine in bulk, a derogation should

be made from the relevant

provisions of the Agreement

so that the

the transport may be effected

in containers of a capacity

not exceeding 200 hectolitres:

whereas wine in bottles must be in containers holding a maximum of two litres; whereas the import prices for the wines must at any given moment be not less than the Community reference prices for them; whereas these wines must be accompanied by a certificate of designation of origin in accordance with the model given in Annex D to the Agreement in question;

whereas the Community tariff quotas in question should therefore be opened for the period **concerned**;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2506/75 of 29 September 1975 laying down special rules for the

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importation of products in the wine-growing sector originating in certain third countries (<sup>3</sup>), introduced the idea of a free-at-frontier reference price, being the reference price less customs duties actually levied;

Whereas it is in particular necessary to ensure equal and uninterrupted access for all Community importers to the abovementioned quotas, and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for these quotas to all imports of the products concerned into the Member States until the quotas have been used up; whereas, having regard to the above principles, the Community nature of the quotas can be respected by allocating the Community tariff quotas among the Member States ; whereas, in order to reflect most accurately the actual development of the market in the products in question, such allocation should be in proportion to the requirements of the Member States, assessed by reference both to the statistics relating to imports of the said products from Algeria over a representative reference period and to the economic outlook for the quota period concerned;

Whereas in this case, however, neither Community nor national statistics showing the breakdown for each of the types of wines in question are available and no reliable estimates of future imports can be made; whereas in these circumstances the quota volumes should be allocated in initial shares, taking into account demand for these wines on the markets of the various Member States;

Whereas, to take into account import trends for the products concerned in the various Member States, each of the quota amounts should be divided into two instalments, the first being allocated among the Member States and the second held as a reserve intended to cover at a later date the requirements of Member States who have used up their initial share; whereas, in order to guarantee some degree of security to importers in each Member State, the first instalment of the Community quotas should be fixed at a level which could, in the present circumstances, be 50 % of each of the quota volumes;

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No L 256, 2, 10, 1975, p. 2.

Whereas the initial shares of the Member States may not be used up at the same rate; whereas in order to take this into account and avoid disruption, any Member State which has used up almost all of one of its initial shares should draw a supplementary share from the relevant reserve; whereas this should be done by each Member State each time one of its supplementary shares is almost used up, and so on as many times as the reserve allows; whereas the initial and supplementary shares should be valid until the end of the quota period; whereas this form of administration requires close collaboration between the Member States and the Commission, and the Commission must be in a position to follow the extent to which the quota volumes have been used up and inform the Member States thereof;

Whereas, if at a given date in the quota period a Member State has a considerable quantity of one of its initial shares left over, it is essential that it should return a significant proportion thereof to the relevant reserve, to prevent a part of one or other of the Community quotas remaining unused in one Member State when it could be used in others;

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united in and jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any measure concerning the administration of the shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

### HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

### Article 1

1. For the period 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979 Community tariff quotas shall be opened for the following products originating in Algeria, within the limits set out below:

CCT heading No	Description	Quota volume
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol:	
÷	C. Other:	
	- Wines entitled to one of the following designations of origin :	
	Aïn Bessem-Bouira, Médéa, coteaux du Zaccar, Dahra, coteaux de Mascara, monts du Tessalah, coteaux de Tlemcen,	
	of an actual alcoholic strength not exceeding 15°:	
	— In containers holding two litres or less	230 000 hectolitres
	In containers holding more than two litres	170 000 hectolitres

2. Within these tariff quotas the Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to these wines shall be totally suspended.

3. The wines in question shall benefit from these tariff quotas on condition that the prices on import into the Community are not at any time less than the free-at-frontier reference prices referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 2506/75 and subsequent texts which apply to such prices.

4. Wine in containers holding more than two litres must be put up in accordance with the following requirements :

(a) the containers must be suitable for transporting wine and be used solely for that purpose;

(b) the containers must be completely filled;

- (c) the means of closing the containers must be such that they cannot be tampered with and must ensure that they cannot be the subject of operations during transportation or storage other than those carried out under the supervision of the authorities of Algeria or of the Member States;
- (d) each container must be labelled in such a way as to permit identification of the quality wine it contains;
- (c) the wine in question may be transported only in containers of a capacity not exceeding / hectolitres.
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5. Each of these wines, when imported, shall be accompanied by a certificate of designation of origin, issued by the relevant Algerian authority, in accordance with the model annexed to this Regulation.

### Article 2

1. The tariff quotas laid down in Article 1 shall be divided into two instalments.

2. A first instalment of each quota shall be allocated among the Member States; the shares, which subject to Article 5 shall be valid up to 30 June 1979, shall be as follows:

<u> </u>	(in hectalitre Wines having a registered designation of origin, in containers holding :			
Member States	two litres or less	more than two litres		
Benelux	19 100	13 400		
Denmark	11 500	8 800		
Germany	23 000	18 000		
France	23 000	18 000		
Ireland	7 800	4 600		
Italy	11 500	8 800		
United Kingdom	19 100	13 400		
Total	115 000	85 000		

3. The second instalment of each quota, amounting to 115 000 and 85000 hectolitres respectively, shall constitute the reserve.

### Article 3

1. If 90 % or more of one of a Member State's initial shares, as specified in Article 2 (2), or of that share less the portion returned to the relevant reserve where Article 5 has been applied, has been used up, that Member State shall, without delay, by notifying the Commission, draw a second share equal to 15 % of its initial share, rounded up where necessary to the next whole number, in so far as the amount in the reserve allows.

2. If, after one or other of its initial shares has been used up, 90 % or more of the second share drawn by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall, in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraph 1, draw a third share equal to 7.5 % of its initial share, rounded up where necessary to the next whole number, in so far as the amount in the reserve allows.

3. If, after one or other of its second shares has been used up, 90 % or more of the third share drawn

by a Member State has been used up, that Member State shall in accordance with paragraph 1, draw a fourth share equal to the third.

This process shall continue to apply until the reserves are used up.

4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, Member States may draw smaller shares than those fixed in these paragraphs if there is reason to believe that those fixed might not be used up. They shall inform the Commission of their reasons for applying this paragraph.

### Article 4

Each additional share drawn pursuant to Article 3 shall be valid until 30 June 1979.

### Article 5

Member States shall return to the reserve, not later than 1 April 1979, the unused portion of their initial share which, on 15 March 1979, is in excess of 20 % of the initial amount. They may return a greater portion if there are grounds for believing that such portion might not be used in full.

Member States shall notify the Commission, not later than 1 April 197 9 of the total imports of the products concerned effected under the Community quotas up to and including 15 March 197 9 and, where appropriate, the proportion of each of their initial shares that they are returning to each of the reserves.

### Article 6

The Commission shall keep account of the shares opened by Member States pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 and shall inform each State of the extent to which the reserve has been used up as soon as it has been notified.

The Commission shall notify the Member States, not later than 5 April 1979, of the state of each reserve after the return of shares pursuant to Article 5.

The Commission shall ensure that the drawing which uses up a reserve is limited to the balance available, and to this end, shall specify the amount thereof to the Member State making the final drawing.

### Article 7

1. Member States shall take all measures necessary to ensure that additional shares drawn pursuant to Article 3 are opened in such a way that imports may be charged without interruption against their aggregate shares in the Community quotas. 2. Member States shall ensure that importers of the products concerned established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to them.

3. Member States shall charge imports of the said goods against their shares as and when the goods are entered for home use.

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

### Article 8

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

### Article 9

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

### Article 10

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1978.

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

Done at Luxembourg,

For the Council The President

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Si certifica che il vino descritto nel presente certificato è un vino prodotto nella zona di ...........ed è riconosciuto, secondo la legge algerina, come avente diritto alla denominazione di origine «......». L'alcole aggiunto a questo vino è alcole di origine vinica.

Wij verklaren dat de in dit certificaat omschreven wijn is vervaardigd in het wijndistrict van ...... en dat volgens de Algerijnse wetgeving de benaming van oorsprong "......." erkend wordt. De aan deze wijn toegevoegde alcohol is alcohol, uit wijn gewonnen.

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