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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council regulation

extending the date of application of Regulation (EEC) No 3621/92 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands and Regulation (EC) No 527/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties and progressively introducing the Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the Canary Islands

(2000/C 380/08)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3621/92 of 14 December 1992 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾ and Council Regulation (EC) No 527/96 of 25 March 1996 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties and progressively introducing the Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the Canary Islands ⁽²⁾ expire on 31 December 2000.
- (2) The transitional period for introduction of the Common Customs Tariff on the Canary Islands as set in Article 6(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 of 26 June 1991 on the application of the provisions of Community law to the Canary Islands ⁽³⁾ also expires on 31 December 2000.
- (3) In October and November 2000 the Spanish authorities requested the maintaining the Common Customs Tariff measures for the Canary Islands beyond the year 2000 and submitted some documentation justifying their request.
- (4) In view of this request it was decided to extend the transitional period set in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 until 31 December 2001.
- (5) The time for evaluating the documentation was insufficient to reach a definitive conclusion whether the maintaining of the measures for the requested period is still justified. Since the immediate termination of these measures very likely would have a negative effect on the local production it is necessary to ensure the continuity of the said treatments. The date of application of Regulation (EEC) No 3621/92 and Regulation (EC) No 527/96 should therefore be extended until 31 December 2001.
- (6) After the completion of the abovementioned evaluation the Commission will make, if necessary, a new proposal taking into account the aims of Article 299(2) of the Treaty,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 368, 17.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 78, 28.3.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 171, 29.6.1991, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. In Article 1(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3621/92 the date '31 December 2000' shall be replaced by '31 December 2001'.
2. In Article 1(2) of and Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 527/96 the date '31 December 2000' shall be replaced by '31 December 2001'.
3. In Annexes III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 527/96 the date '1 January 2001' shall be replaced by '1 January 2002'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2001.

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