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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 29 January 1982

Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

concerning amendment of tariff concessions for
certain cheeses

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On account of its preoccupation concerning the import system for cheeses in Sweden, the Community, during recent negotiations under Article XXVIII of GATT concerning plants and fresh and processed fruit and vegetables, stated its keen desire for Sweden to include a concession for cheeses within its compensations.

Sweden has stated that compensation covering cheeses within these Article XXVIII negotiations would not be possible but that it was prepared to undertake negotiations with the Community on the subject of an agreement on trade in cheeses, provided that this was on a strictly reciprocal basis.

Denmark had, at the time the Council adopted the agreement between the Community and Sweden under Article XXVIII concerning processed fruit and vegetables, made a declaration in the minutes inviting the Commission to undertake consultations with Sweden on the subject of a cheese agreement.

2. The existing prices policy followed by Sweden results in serious difficulties in exports of cheeses from the Community to that country. Further measures taken recently, on 1 July 1981 and on 1 January 1982 (increase in the guaranteed producer prices in Sweden, abolition of subsidies hitherto granted on consumption and on import, together with the effect of recent devaluation (10%) and the increase in the levy) have seriously affected consumption of cheeses in general, particularly imported cheeses and, thereby, have affected imports themselves.

Sweden has also concluded outline agreements with the EFTA countries which make provision for stimulating and facilitating export of cheeses to Sweden.

3. It is in the Community's interest to seek an agreement with Sweden on trade in cheese with a view to maintaining or, if possible, increasing its sales to that country.

4. The Commission accordingly recommends that the Council authorize it, under Article 113(3) of the Treaty, to undertake negotiations on a reciprocal basis with Sweden for mutual tariff concessions for cheeses.

The Article 113 Committee will assist the Commission in the conduct of negotiations.

The Commission hereby places the attached draft decision before the Council.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR CERTAIN CHEESES

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 recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas, in recent years, Community cheese exports to Sweden have not developed to the Community's satisfaction,

Whereas the measures recently taken by Sweden in respect of cheeses have had a prejudicial effect on Community exports to Sweden

Whereas Sweden is prepared to enter into negotiations with the Community on the subject of trade in cheese, provided that this is on a reciprocal basis;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest to seek an agreement with Sweden in relation to cheese,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The Commission is hereby authorized to undertake negotiations with Sweden on a reciprocal basis concerning mutual tariff concessions for cheeses.