

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2797/79

of 10 December 1979

**establishing indicative ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain products
originating in Finland (1980)**

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 an Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the Republic of Finland ⁽¹⁾
was signed on 5 October 1973;

Whereas Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol 1 annexed to
this Agreement make provision for a specific
timetable for the progressive abolition of customs
duties in respect of the products to which the
Agreement applies; whereas under Article 3 of that
Protocol the imports of these products are limited to
annual indicative ceilings above which the customs
duties applicable to third countries may be
reintroduced; whereas, however, under Article 3 (b)
the Community has to suspend the application of
certain ceilings; whereas, therefore, the ceilings to be
applied in 1980 must be established; whereas in this
situation it is also necessary that the Commission be
regularly informed of the trend of the imports of the
products in question and, in consequence, it is
necessary to subject these imports to supervision;

Whereas this objective may be achieved by means of
an administrative procedure based on setting off
imports of the products in question against the
indicative ceilings at Community level, as and when
these products are entered with customs authorities
for free circulation; whereas this administrative
procedure must make provision for the reintroduction
of customs tariff duties as soon as the ceilings have
been reached at Community level;

Whereas this administrative procedure requires close
and particularly rapid cooperation between the
Member States and the Commission; whereas the
latter must, in particular, be able to follow the
progress of amounts set off against the indicative

ceilings and keep the Member States informed;
whereas this cooperation must be all the closer since
the Commission must be able to take adequate
measures to reintroduce customs tariff duties
whenever one of the ceilings has been reached;

Whereas the trend of imports should be followed for
certain products for which, under Article 3 of
Protocol 1, the Community has suspended the
application of ceilings; whereas it is therefore
desirable that imports of such products should be
subject to supervision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1980, imports
of products originating in Finland and indicated in
Annex I shall be subject to indicative ceilings and to
Community supervision.

The description of the products referred to in the
preceding subparagraphs, their tariff headings and
statistic numbers and the levels of the indicative
ceilings are given in Annex I.

2. Amounts shall be set off against the indicative
ceilings as and when products are entered with
customs authorities for free circulation and
accompanied by a movement certificate conforming
to the rules contained in Protocol 3 to the
Agreement.

Goods shall be set off against the indicative ceiling
only if the movement certificate has been submitted
before the date on which customs duties are
reimposed.

The reaching of a ceiling shall be determined at
Community level on the basis of imports set off
against it in the manner defined in the preceding
subparagraphs.

The Member States shall periodically inform the
Commission of imports effected in accordance with
the above rules; such information shall be supplied
under the conditions laid down in paragraph 4.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 328, 28. 11. 1973, p. 2.

3. As soon as the ceilings have been reached, the Commission may issue a Regulation reimposing the customs duties provided for in Article 3 (f) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement until the end of the calendar year.

4. Member States shall forward to the Commission not later than the 15th day of each month statements of the amounts set off during the preceding month. They shall, if the Commission so requests, make up such statements for periods of 10 days and forward them within five clear days of expiry of the preceding 10-day period.

Article 2

For the implementation of this Regulation the Commission shall take all necessary measures in close cooperation with the Member States.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1980.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 December 1979.

For the Council

The President

T. HUSSEY

ANNEX I

LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO INDICATIVE CEILINGS UPON IMPORTATION IN 1980

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of ceiling (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), in rolls or sheets: C. Kraft paper and kraft board: II. Other:		
I SF 1		— Kraftliner paper and board (a)	48.01-14, 15, 21, 27, 31	Ceiling delayed
I SF 2		— Kraft paper for large capacity sacks (a)	48.01-16, 23, 28	Ceiling delayed
I SF 3		— Other	48.01-08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 25, 26, 29, 33	Ceiling delayed
		ex F. Other:		
I SF 4		— Bible paper, manifold (thin typing) paper; printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-58, 61, 62, 66	38 570
I SF 5		— Printing paper and writing paper, containing more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp (a)	48.01-64, 65, 69	Ceiling delayed
I SF 6		— Semi-chemical fluting paper (a)	48.01-75	Ceiling delayed
I SF 7		— Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper (a)	48.01-71, 73	Ceiling delayed
I SF 8		— Other, excluding cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres (soft tissues)	48.01-41, 43, 45, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 77, 82, 84, 86, 88, 91, 93, 95, 97	Ceiling delayed
I SF 9	48.03	Parchment or greaseproof paper and paperboard, and imitations thereof, and glazed transparent paper, in rolls or sheets	48.03 all Nos	Ceiling delayed
	48.05	Paper and paperboard, corrugated (with or without flat surface sheets), creped, crinkled, embossed or perforated, in rolls or sheets: B. Other		
I SF 10			48.05-21, 29, 30, 50, 80	Ceiling delayed
	48.07	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49), in rolls or sheets: C. Other:		
I SF 11		— Coated printing or writing paper	48.07-57, 58, 59	52 964
I SF 12		— Other	48.07-55, 56, 64, 65, 66, 68, 70, 81, 85, 91, 97, 99	210 252

(a) Subject to compliance with the definitions given in Annex II.

Order No	CCT heading No	Description	NIMEXE code	Level of ceiling (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5
I SF 13	48.15	Other paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape: B. Other	48.15-10, 21, 29, 30, 40, 50, 61, 65, 95, 99	Ceiling delayed

ANNEX II

DEFINITIONS

- ex 48.01 C II **Kraftliner**
‘Kraftliner’ means machine-finished or machine-glazed paper or paperboard, in rolls, containing not less than 80 % of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing more than 115 g/m² and having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 35.
- ex 48.01 C II **Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks**
‘Kraft paper for large-capacity sacks’ means machine-finished paper, in rolls, containing not less than 80 % of chemical sulphate softwood pulp calculated on total fibre content, weighing not less than 60 g/m² but not more than 115 g/m², having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 38, and having a stretch factor of more than 4.5 % in the cross direction and of more than 2 % in the machine direction.
- ex 48.01 F **Printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp**
‘Printing paper and writing paper, containing not more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp’ means paper other than machine-glazed, used for printing or writing, which contains not more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp calculated on total fibre content.
- ex 48.01 F **Printing paper and writing paper, containing mechanical wood pulp**
‘Printing paper and writing paper containing mechanical wood pulp’ means paper other than machine-glazed, used for printing and writing, containing more than 5 % of mechanical wood pulp calculated on total fibre content.
- ex 48.01 F **Semi-chemical fluting paper**
‘Semi-chemical fluting paper’ means paper, in rolls, containing not less than 65 % of unbleached semi-chemical hardwood pulp (pulp obtained from wood by light chemical treatment followed by mechanical treatment) calculated on total fibre content and having a CMT (Concora Medium Test) crush resistance exceeding 20 kp.
- ex 48.01 F **Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper**
‘Sulphite wrapping and packaging paper’ means machine-glazed paper, containing more than 40 % of chemical bisulphite wood pulp, calculated on total fibre content, having an ash content of not more than 8 % and having a Mullen burst ratio of not less than 15.