

Treaty establishing the EEC - Protocol on the tariff quota for imports of bananas (Rome, 25 March 1957)


Caption: The Treaty establishing the European Economic Community (EEC) was signed in Rome on 25 March 1957 by the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The Treaty includes a protocol on the tariff quota for imports of bananas into the Federal Republic of Germany.

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THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

HAVE AGREED upon the following provisions, which shall be annexed to this Convention:

1. From the first approximation of external duties provided for in Article 23 (1) (b) of this Treaty until the end of the second stage, the Federal Republic of Germany shall enjoy an annual duty-free import quota equal to 90% of the quantities imported in 1956, less the quantities coming from the countries and territories referred to in Article 131 of this Treaty.

2. From the end of the second stage until the end of the third stage, the quota shall be 80% of the quantity defined above.

3. The annual quotas determined in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be increased by 50% of the difference between the total quantities imported during each preceding year and the quantities imported in 1956.

If total imports decrease in comparison with those for 1956, the annual quotas provided for above shall not exceed 90% of the imports for each preceding year during the period referred to in paragraph 1, or 80% of the imports for each preceding year during the period referred to in paragraph 2.

4. As soon as the common customs tariff applies in its entirety, the quota shall be 75% of the imports for 1956. This quota shall be increased as provided in the first subparagraph of paragraph 3.

If imports have decreased in comparison with those for 1956, the annual quota provided for above shall not exceed 75% of the imports for each preceding year.

Any decision to abolish or amend this quota shall be taken by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission.

5. The figure for imports for 1956, less imports from the countries and territories referred to in Article 131 of this Treaty, which in accordance with the above provisions is to serve as the basis for calculating quotas, is 290,000 metric tons.

6. If the countries and territories are unable to supply in full the quantities requested by the Federal Republic of Germany, the Member States concerned declare their readiness to agree to a corresponding increase in the German tariff quota.

Done at Rome this twenty-fifth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

P. H. Spaak. J. Ch. Snoy et d'Oppuers.

Adenauer. Hallstein.

Pineau. M. Faure.

Antonio Segni. Gaetano Martino.

Bech. Lambert Schaus.

J. Luns. J. Linthorst Homan.

At the time of signature of this Protocol, the Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany made, on behalf of his Government, the following declaration, of which the other Plenipotentiaries took note:

The Federal Republic of Germany declares its readiness to support any measures that may be taken by German private interests to encourage sales of bananas from the associated overseas countries and territories within the Federal Republic.

For this purpose, negotiations shall be started as soon as possible between business circles in the various countries concerned in the supply and sale of bananas.