Canary Islands: Community Customs tariff and tax on production and imports APIM (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91)

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PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 1911/91/EEC on the application of the provisions of Community law to the Canary Islands. CONTENT : in accordance with Article 5 and 6 of Council Regulation 1911/91/EEC of June 1991 on the application of the provisions of Community law to the Canary Islands the transitional period for the introduction of the Community Customs Tariff and the transitional period which authorised the Spanish authorities to impose a tax on production and imports (AIPM) on all products entering or produced in the canary Islands expire on 31 December 2000. In October and November 2000 the Spanish authorities requested that the transitional periods and the measures introduced on the basis of Council Regulation 1911/91/EEC shall be extended. The request contained documentation which indicated that even though the economic situation on the Canary Islands has improved during the transitional period, the full integration of the region would lead to a decline in industrial and commercial activity and employment in the different sectors concerned. However, in the short period available it was not possible to determine the impact a termination or modification of the existing measures would have on the economic and social situation of the Canary Islands. It is therefore appropriate in order to ensure for the economic business operators concerned a certain continuity in the legal framework affecting their business to extend the transitional periods by one year. This extension also gives the parties involved in the decision making process sufficient time to find a satisfactory solution for Spain and the Canary Islands taking hereby into account the aims of Article 299 (2) of the Treaty.