Banana, fruit and vegetables sector

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This proposal for a regulation aimed to amend Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 on the common organisation of the market in bananas: . Since this Regulation currently covered fig bananas, which presented totally different characteristics and were marketed in a totally different way to the bananas most commonly marketed in the Community, the Commission proposed excluding this type of banana from the regulation and including it in Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the COM in fruit and vegetables, along with other tropical fruit, and to amend at the same time Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff (CCT). It was also important to amend Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 since the concept of "marketed quantities" used a basis to determine the reference quantities for operators when adopting the regulation was too complex (system with the dual objective of not disrupting the normal trading relations between persons operating at different points in the banana marketing chain while also allowing some evolution of trading structures). The current regulation proposed basing the allocation by volume and the administration of the tariff quota on the criterion of effective importation of bananas. . Similarly, Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 provided for the possibility of adjusting the tariff quota in exceptional circumstances affecting production or import conditions relating to this product on the basis of a review of the forecast supply balance. Indeed, experience showed that this arrangement should be developed in order to ensure the continuity of Community supplies while also allowing appropriate remedy for any serious damage suffered in such circumstances by Community producers or by certain categories of banana operators. . Finally, the proposal stipulated that, in cases of force majeure, ACP producing states should be permitted to supply the Community with bananas of other origins. This amendment also provided for the possibility of reallocating traditional and non-traditional quantities from ACP countries in cases not ascribable to force majeure. This reallocation should be temporary and take place between ACP countries located in the same geographical zone, as listed in the annex to the proposal. The conditions for applying these two mechanisms were adopted according to the management committee procedure.