

Outermost regions, French overseas departments: dock dues (extend. Decision 89/688/EEC)

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Following a request for an urgent procedure, Parliament approved a proposal for a Council decision on the system of dock dues in the French overseas departments. The French authorities will be authorised to apply, until 31 December 2013 (i.e. for ten years) exemptions from dock dues for certain products which are manufactured locally in the French overseas departments of Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique and Réunion. These exemptions must be in keeping with the social and economic development strategy of the overseas departments, taking into account its Community framework, and contribute to promoting local activities, not being such as to adversely affect the terms of trade to an extent contrary to the common interest.