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Commission presents proposal to temporarily suspend grains import duties

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Report Highlights:

On 26 November, the European Commission presented its proposal to temporarily suspend customs duties on imports of certain grains for the 2007/2008 marketing year.

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Commission presents proposal for a Council Regulation temporarily suspending customs duties on imports of certain grains for the 2007/2008 marketing year.

On 26 November, the European Commission presented its proposal for a Council Regulation temporarily suspending customs duties on imports of certain grains for the 2007/2008 marketing year ([COM\(2007\) 742 final](#)).

The proposal aims to respond to the tensions on the EU grains market resulting from the modest European harvest coupled with high world and EU prices by facilitating imports from third countries.

More specifically, it is proposed that the application of customs duties on imports of the following products be suspended as regards both tariff quotas at reduced duty and imports at normal rates:

<u>CN Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1001 90 99	Wheat and meslin other than durum wheat, other than seed
1001 10	Durum wheat
1002 00 00	Rye
1003 00	Barley
1005 90 00	Maize (corn) other than seed
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing
1008	Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals

The measure would apply from its adoption (probably from 1 January 2008 if voted in the December Council) until 30 June 2008. The proposal foresees the possibility to reintroduce customs duties in cases where the fob export price is below 180 percent of the intervention price, or for products that do not have an intervention price, 180 percent of EUR 101.3 per MT.

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