REGULATION (EEC) No 3592/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 28 December 1973

on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading No 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff (1974), in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas a Community tariff quota for dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less, falling within subheading No 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, should be opened from 1 January 1974 at a duty of 1·2 %; whereas the volume of this quota might be 10 616 metric tons;

Whereas, as regards the product in question, Article 39 of the Act of Accession [1] requires that new Member States make an initial movement towards alignment of their customs duties on 1 January 1974; whereas the import needs of the Member States during the quota period must be covered from this date under the Community tariff quota in question; whereas the duties to be applied by these Member States within the said tariff quota shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession;

Whereas, in view of the comparatively low volume of the quota compared with the needs of the Community, a system based on a single allocation among Member States should be provided, without derogating from the Community nature of the tariff quota;

Whereas, in accordance with the needs forecast by each Member State, the shares may be determined as follows:

Benelux	450 metric tons
Denmark	437 metric tons
Germany	2 807 metric tons
France	436 metric tons
Ireland	385 metric tons
Italy	80 metric tons
United Kingdom	6 021 metric tons

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg are jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any measure concerning the administration of the quotas allocated to that Economic Union may be carried out by one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the period from 1 January to 31 December 1974, a Community tariff quota of 10 616 metric tons shall be opened in the Community for imports from third countries of dried grapes falling within subheading No 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less.

2. Within this tariff quota, the Common Customs Tariff duty shall be suspended at the level of 1·2 %.

3. New Member States shall, within the said tariff quota, apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession.

Article 2

The tariff quota mentioned in Article 1 shall be divided among the Member States as follows:

Benelux	450 metric tons
Denmark	437 metric tons
Germany	2 807 metric tons

[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

France	436 metric tons
Ireland	385 metric tons
Italy	80 metric tons
United Kingdom	6 021 metric tons

Article 3

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that importers of the said goods established in their territory have free access to the share allocated to them.

2. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports of the product concerned entered for home use.

Article 4

Member States shall inform the Commission at regular intervals of imports actually charged against their share.

Article 5

Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely in order to ensure that the provisions of this Regulation are observed.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 December 1973.

For the Council

The President

Ove GULDBERG