COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2860/77

of 19 December 1977

increasing the volume of the Community tariff quota opened for the period 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978 by Regulation (EEC) No 1331/77 for heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas in Regulation (EEC) No 1331/77 (2), the Council opened a Community tariff quota for the period 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978, at a duty of 4 %, of 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, in certain areas and at certain periods of the year, production of these animals is inadequate and consequently users depend for their supplies on imports from non-member countries to an extent that exceeds the volume of the quota opened by the abovementioned Regulation; whereas it is therefore in the Community's interest autonomously to increase the size of the tariff quota concerned by a suitable amount, which could be of up to 8 000 head;

Whereas in view of the special characteristics of these animals and the uncertainties regarding future imports by each of the Member States, the whole of the additional quota should be allocated to the Community reserve set up under Article 3 (2) of the abovementioned Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The volume of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 1331/77 for heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff shall be increased from 30 000 to 38 000 head.

Article 2

The increase of 8 000 head provided for in Article 1 shall be allocated to the Community reserve set up under Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1331/77, thereby increasing the reserve from 11 000 to 19 000 head.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

(1) Opinion delivered 16 December 1977 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(2) OJ No L 154, 23. 6. 1977, p. 2.