COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 4102/87

of 22 December 1987

opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain flat-rolled products falling within code ex 7226 10 91 of the combined nomenclature

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,

Whereas the Community currently depends to a large extent on imports from third countries for its supplies of certain flat-rolled products falling within code 7226 10 91 of the combined nomenclature; whereas it is in the Community's interest to suspend totally the duty normally applied to the products in question within the limit of a Community tariff quota of an appropriate volume; whereas in order not to harm the prospects for increasing production within the Community while at the same time making adequate supplies available to user industries, the tariff quota should be limited to 65 tonnes and opened for the period 1 January to 30 June 1988;

Whereas equal and continuous access to the quota should be ensured for all Community importers and the rates laid down for the quota should be applied consistently to all imports of the products in question into all Member States until the quota is exhausted; whereas, however, the quota should not in this case be allocated among the Member States, without prejudice to the drawing against the quota volume of such quantities as they may need, under the conditions and according to the procedure laid down in Article 1 (2); whereas this method of administration requires close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission and the latter must in particular be able to monitor the rate at which the quota is used and inform the Member States accordingly;

Whereas since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united within and jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any operation concerning the administration of the quota share allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 30 June 1988 the customs duty applicable to imports of the following products shall be suspended at the level indicated and within the limits of a Community tariff quota as shown below:

Order No	CN code	Description	Volume of tariff quota (tonnes)	Rate of duty (%)
09.2781	ex 7226 10 91	Flat-rolled products of laser-irradiated grain-oriented silicon electrical steel, having a width not exceeding 500 mm, a thickness of more than 0,20 mm but less than 0,60 mm and a nominal magnetic-reversal loss of 0,35 W/kg	65	0

Within the limits of this tariff quota the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic shall apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the 1985 Act of Accession.

2. If an importer gives notification of imminent imports of the product in question into a Member State and applies to take advantage of the quota, the Member State concerned shall inform the Commission and draw an amount corresponding to its requirements to the extent that the available balance of the quota so permits.

3. The shares drawn pursuant to paragraph 2 shall be valid until the end of the quota period.

Article 2

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that their drawings pursuant to Article 1 (2) enable imports to be charged without interruption against their accumulated shares of the Community quota.

2. Member States shall ensure that importers of the products concerned have free access to the quota for such time as the residual balance of the quota volume so permits.

3. Member States shall charge imports of the products concerned against their drawings as and when the goods are entered with the customs authorities for free circulation.

4. The extent to which the quota has been used up shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 3.

Article 3

At the request of the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports of the products concerned actually charged against the quota.

Article 4

The Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely to ensure that this Regulation is complied with.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1988.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1987.

For the Council

The President

N. WILHJELM