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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3414/90

of 20 November 1990

opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for some products originating in the Canary Islands (1991)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Articles 2 and 4 of Protocol 2 annexed thereto,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1391/87 of 18 May 1987 concerning certain adjustments to the arrangements applied to the Canary Islands [1], and in particular Articles 2, 5 and 10 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by virtue of Articles 2 and 4 of Protocol 2 to the Act of Accession and Articles 2 and 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1391/87, certain products falling within chapters 6, 7, 8 and 24 of the combined nomenclature and originating in the Canary Islands qualify on import into the customs territory of the Community for reduced duties within the limits of annual Community tariff quotas; whereas, concerning manufactured tobacco, this (duty-free) tariff preference applies to products of which there have been imports in the last five years and quota volumes calculated on the basis of Article 2 of the abovementioned Protocol; whereas the quota volumes amount to:

— 4 700 tonnes for certain live plants falling within Chapter 6 of the combined nomenclature,

— 87 500 000 pieces for fresh roses, carnations, orchids, gladioli and chrysanthemums, falling within CN codes 0603 10 11 to 0603 10 25 and within CN codes 0603 10 51 to 0603 10 65,

— 597 tonnes for other fresh flowers falling within CN codes 0603 10 29 and 0603 10 69,

— 6 642 tonnes for new potatoes falling within CN codes 0701 90 51 and 0701 90 59 for the period 1 January to 30 June,

— 173 000 tonnes of tomatoes falling within CN codes 0702 00 10 or 0702 00 90,

— 8 000 tonnes for onions falling within CN codes 0703 10 11 or 0703 10 19,

— 28 663 tonnes of cucumbers falling within CN codes 0707 00 11 or 0707 00 19,

— 1 300 tonnes for beans falling within CN codes 0708 20 10 or 0708 20 90,

— 3 819 tonnes of aubergines falling within CN code 0709 30 00,

— 16 605 tonnes for sweet peppers falling within CN code 0709 60 10,

— 100 tonnes of fresh table grapes falling within CN code ex 0806 10 15 (for the period 1 January to 31 March),

— 317,673 million units for cigars, cheroots and cigarillos falling within CN code 2402 10 00 and manufactured in the Canary Islands, and

— 17 524 million units for cigarettes falling within CN code 2402 20 00 and manufactured in the Canary Islands;

Whereas for 1991, the duties applicable within the limits of those tariff quotas, but excluding the quotas for manufactured tobacco are calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 75 of the Act of Accession; whereas, however, the products concerned qualify for exemption from import duties on import into that part of Spain which is included in the customs territory of the Community; whereas, where the said products are imported into Portugal, the quota duties applicable are to be calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession; whereas, where the said products are released for free circulation in the remainder of the customs territory of the Community, they qualify for the progressive reduction of customs duties according to the same timetable and under the same conditions as those provided for in Article 75 of the Act of Accession, for tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines and fresh table grapes provided that the reference price system is complied with; whereas, to qualify for the tariff quotas, the products in question have to comply with certain marking and labelling conditions designed to prove their origin;

Whereas equal and continuous access to the quotas should be ensured for all Community importers and the rates laid down for the quotas should be applied consistently to all imports of the products in question into all Member States until the quotas are exhausted; whereas the necessary measures should be taken to ensure efficient Community management of the tariff quotas, while allowing Member States to draw on the quota volume the necessary quantities which correspond to importations

[1] OJ No L 133, 22. 5. 1987, p. 5.

actually made ; whereas this type of management requires close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission ;

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 relating to the administration of the tariff quotas may be carried out by any of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. (a) The customs duties applicable to imports into the Community for the following products originating in the Canary Islands shall be suspended during the periods and at the levels indicated and within the limits of Community tariff quotas as follows :

Order No	CN code	Description	Period	Amount of tariff quotas	Rate of duty (in %)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
09.0429	0601 10 90	Other bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant :	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	4 700 tonnes	
	0602 10 90	– – Other unrooted cuttings and slips			0
		– Roses, whether or not budded or grafted :			
		– – Roses neither budded nor grafted :			
	0602 40 11	– – – With stock of a diameter not exceeding 10 mm			3,2
	0602 40 19	– – – Other			3,2
		– – Other :			
	0602 99 45	– – – – – – – – – Rooted cuttings and young plants			3,2
	0602 99 49	– – – – – – – – – Other			3,2
		– – – – – – Other outdoor plants :			
	0602 99 51	– – – – – – – – Perennial plants			3,2
	0602 99 59	– – – – – – – – Other			3,2
		– – – – – Indoor plants :			
	0602 99 70	– – – – – – – Rooted cuttings and young plants, excluding plants, excluding cacti :			
	0602 99 99	– – – – – – – – Other			3,2
09.0431	0603 10 11 0603 10 13 0603 10 15 0603 10 21 0603 10 25 0603 10 51 0603 10 53 0603 10 55 0603 10 61 0603 10 65	Roses, carnations, orchids, gladioli and chrysanthemums, fresh	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	87 500 000 pieces	From 1 January to 31 May : 4,2 From 1 June to 1 October : 6 From 1 November to 31 December : 4,2
09.0433	0603 10 29 0603 10 69	Other flowers		597 tonnes	
09.0413	0701 90 51 0701 90 59	New potatoes	1. 1 – 30. 6. 1990	6 642 tonnes	— From 1 January to 15 May : 3,7 — from 16 May to 30 June : 5,2

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
09.0417	0702 00 10 0702 00 90	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	173 000 tonnes	— from 1 January to 28 February: ECU 0,2/100 kg net (2) — from 1 March to 14 May: 2,2, min. ECU 0,4/100 kg net — from 15 May to 31 October: 3,6, min. ECU 0,7/100 kg net — from 1 November to 31 December: 2,2, min. ECU 0,4/100 kg net
09.0425	0703 10 11 0703 10 19	Onions, fresh or chilled	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	8 000 tonnes	5,4
09.0419	0707 00 11 0707 00 19	Cucumbers	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	28 663 tonnes	— from 1 January to 15 May: 3,2 — from 16 May to 31 October: 4 — from 1 November to 31 December: 3,2
09.0423	0708 20 10 0708 20 90	– Beans (*Phaseolus* spp): – – from 1 October to 30 June – – from 1 July to 30 September	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	1 300 tonnes	— from 1 January to 30 June: 5,9, min. ECU 0,9/100 kg net — from 1 July to 30 September: 7,7, min. ECU 0,9/100 kg net — from 1 October to 31 December: 5,9, min. ECU 0,9/100 kg net
09.0421	0709 30 00	Aubergines	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	3 819 tonnes	3,2
09.0427	0709 60 10	– – Sweet peppers	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	16 605 tonnes	2,8
09.0435	ex 0806 10 15	Fresh table grapes (1)	1. 1 – 31. 3. 1991	100 tonnes	0
09.0403	2402 10 00	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos manufactured in the Canary Islands	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	317,673 million units	Free
09.0401	2402 20 00	Cigarettes, manufactured in the Canary Islands	1. 1 – 31. 12. 1991	17 524 million units	Free

(1) Taric codes: 0806 10 15*40
0806 10 15*50

(2) This specific customs duty is only levied when the value exceeds 2 % *ad valorem*.

(b) Within the limits of these tariff quotas, the said products shall be exempt from customs duties on import into that part of Spain which is included in the customs territory of the Community and are not subject to compliance with the reference prices.

(c) Within the limits of these tariff quotas, the Portuguese Republic shall apply customs duties calculated according to the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession and the Regulations relating thereto.

2. On import into the Community except for that part of Spain which is included in the customs territory of the Community, fresh or chilled tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines shall be subject to compliance with the system of reference prices. The provisions of Article 152 (2) (c) and (d) of the Act of Accession shall apply to these products.

3. Without prejudice to the other provisions applicable as regards quality standards, products covered by this Regulation cannot qualify under the tariff quotas unless, when they are presented to the authorities responsible for the import formalities for the purposes of release into free circulation in the customs territory of the Community, they are presented in packaging which bears the words 'Canary Islands', or the equivalent thereof in another official Community language, in a clearly visible and prefectly legible form.

However, like plants and flowers originating in the Canary Islands shall be identified by means of the documents to be supplied by the importer to the above-mentioned authorities.

Article 2

The tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be administered by the Commission, which may take any appropriate measure with a view to ensuring the efficient administration thereof.

Article 3

If an importer presents in a Member State a declaration of entry into free circulation, including a request for preferential benefit for a product covered by this Regulation, and if this request is accepted by the customs authorities, the Member State concerned shall draw, from the tariff quota, by means of notification to the Commission, a quantity corresponding to these needs.

The requests for drawing, with the indication of the date of acceptance of the said declarations, must be communicated to the Commission without delay.

The drawings are granted by the Commission on the basis of the date of acceptance of the declaration of entry into free circulation by the customs authorities of the Member State concerned, to the extent that the available balance so permits.

If a Member State does not use the quantities drawn, it shall return them as soon as possible to the tariff quota.

If the quantities requested are greater than the available balance of the tariff quota, allocation shall be made on a pro rata basis with respect to the requests. Member States shall be informed by the Commission of the drawings made.

Article 4

Each Member State shall ensure that importers of the products concerned have free access to the quotas for such times as the balance of the tariff quota so permits.

Article 5

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

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1991.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 November 1990.

For the Council

The President

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