COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1516/91

of 31 May 1991

opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for quality wines produced in the specified regions of Jerez, Málaga, Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas (1991/92)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Articles 30 and 75 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Articles 30 and 75 of the Act of Accession, the duties applicable on the import into the Community, as constituted on 31 December 1985, of the following quality wines from Spain shall be progressively abolished within the limits of Community tariff quotas :

— 358 120 hectolitres quality wines produced in the specified region of Jerez in containers holding two litres or less, falling within CN codes ex 2204 21 41 and ex 2204 21 51,

— 435 000 hectolitres quality wines produced in the specified region of Jerez in containers holding more than two litres falling within CN codes ex 2204 29 41 and ex 2204 29 51,

— 15 000 hectolitres quality wines produced in the specified region of Málaga in containers holding two litres or less, falling within CN codes ex 2204 21 49 and ex 2204 21 59, and

— 22 008 hectolitres quality wines produced in the specified regions of Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas, in containers holding two litres or less, falling within CN codes ex 2204 21 21, ex 2204 21 23, ex 2204 21 31, ex 2204 21 33 and ex 2204 21 49 ;

Whereas, however, with regard to the quality wines produced in the specified region of Jerez, in order to fulfil better the requirements of the common market, a single overall tariff quota of 793 120 hectolitres should be opened ;

Whereas these duties are reduced to 25 % of the basic duties on 1 January 1991 and to 12,5 % of the basic duties on 1 January 1992 ; whereas, by way of derogation from Article 30 of the Act of Accession, Regulation (EEC) No 4161/87 [1] lays down consequent on the entry into force of the combined nomenclature, the basic duties to be adopted within the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985 for the purpose of calculating the successive reductions provided for in the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal ; whereas, therefore, to establish the duties applicable on the imports of these wines Community tariff quotas should be opened for the period from 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992 for the abovementioned wines at duties as shown in the list in Article 1 ;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3792/85 of 20 December 1985 laying down the arrangements applying to trade in agricultural products between Spain and Portugal [2] provides for particular rules for the import into Portugal of the products in question coming from Spain ; whereas, consequently, the Community tariff quotas are only applicable in the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985 ;

Whereas, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2573/90 of 5 September 1990 totally suspending certain customs duties applicable by the Community of Ten to imports from Spain and Portugal [3], the said duties are, as concerns the products referred to in Annex II to the Treaty, totally suspended once they reach a level of 2 % or less ; whereas it is therefore necessary to apply a duty equal to zero where the value of the specific customs duties does not exceed 2 % *ad valorem* ;

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 they should not be allocated among the Member States, without prejudice to the drawing against the quota volumes of such quantities as they may need, under conditions and according to a procedure laid down in Article 3 ; whereas this method of administration 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 concerning the administration of the contingents may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

From 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992 the customs duties applicable on the following quality wines produced in the specified regions shall, in the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985, be partially suspended at the levels and within the limits of the Community tariff quotas indicated for each of them :

[1] OJ No L 395, 31. 12. 1987, p. 1.

[2] OJ No L 367, 31. 12. 1985, p. 7.

[3] OJ No L 243, 6. 9. 1990, p. 19.

Order No	CN codes (1)	Description	Rate (ECU/hl)		Quota volume (hectolitres)
			from 1 July to 31 December 1991 (2)	from 1 January to 30 June 1991 (2)	
09.0317	ex 2204 21 41	Sherry	1,6	0,8	793 120
	ex 2204 21 51		1,7	0,8	
	ex 2204 29 41		1,6	0,8	
	ex 2204 29 51		1,8	0,9	
09.0310	ex 2204 21 49	Wine from Málaga	2,5	1,2	15 000
	ex 2204 21 59		2,8	1,4	
09.0312	ex 2204 21 21	Wine from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja, Valdepeñas	2,5	1,2	22 008
	ex 2204 21 23				
	ex 2204 21 31		2,9	1,4	
	ex 2204 21 33				
	ex 2204 21 49		3,6	1,8	

(1) See Taric codes in Annex.
(2) These specific customs duties are collected only when their value is greater than 2 % *ad valorem*.

Article 2

The tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be administered by the Commission, which may take all appropriate administrative measures in order to ensure effective 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 declaration is accepted by the customs authorities, the Member States concerned shall inform the Commission and draw an amount corresponding to its requirements from the corresponding amount.

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

The drawings are granted by the Commission by reference to the date of acceptance of the declarations of entry into free circulation by the customs authorities of the Member States 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 corresponding quota amount.

If the quantities requested are greater than the available balance of the quota amount, 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 in question have equal and continuous access to the quotas for as long as the balance of the relevant quota volumes 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 July 1991.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 May 1991.

For the Council
The President
A. BODRY

ANNEX

Taric codes

Order No	CN code	Taric code
09.0317	ex 2204 21 41	2204 21 41*10
	ex 2204 21 51	2204 21 51*10
	ex 2204 29 41	2204 29 41*10
	ex 2204 29 51	2204 29 51*10
09.0310	ex 2204 21 49	2204 21 49*12
	ex 2204 21 59	2204 21 59*12
09.0312	ex 2204 21 21	2204 21 21*10
	ex 2204 21 23	2204 21 23*10
	ex 2204 21 31	2204 21 31*10
	ex 2204 21 33	2204 21 33*10
	ex 2204 21 49	2204 21 49*21