COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3905/92

of 17 December 1992

opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain fruits and fruit juices

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas pursuant to the Agreement with the United States of America on the Mediterranean preferences, citrus and pasta, the Community has undertaken to suspend provisionally and in part the customs duties applicable to certain fruits and fruit juices within the limits of Community tariff quotas of appropriate volumes and of varying duration; whereas in order to ensure the balance of reciprocal concessions provided for in the Agreement, the Commission may, by means of a Regulation, suspend the application of the tariff measures in question;

Whereas the use of these tariff quotas is, however, conditional on presentation to the Community customs authorities of a certificate of authenticity issued by the competent authorities of the country of origin certifying that the products comply with the specific characteristics laid down;

Whereas Community tariff quotas for sweet oranges of high quality, citrus hybrids known as 'Minneolas' and certain types of frozen concentrated orange juice should therefore be opened for all or part of 1993;

Whereas all Community importers should be ensured equal and continuous access to the said quotas and the duty 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 administration of the tariff quotas at Community level by providing for Member States to draw against the quota volumes such quantities as they may need to cover actual imports as recorded; whereas this method of administration requires close cooperation between 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 quantities drawn by that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The customs duties applicable to imports of the following products shall be suspended during the periods, at the levels and within the limits of the Community tariff quotas shown below:

Series No	CN code (*)	Description	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Rate of duty (%)
09.0025	ex 0805 10 11, 15, 19, 41, 45, 49	Sweet oranges of high quality	From 1 February to 30 April 1993	20 000	10
09.0027	ex 0805 20 90	Citrus hybrids known as 'Minneolas'	From 1 February to 30 April 1993	15 000	2
09.0033	ex 2009 11 99	Frozen concentrated orange juice having a degree of concentration of up to 50 degrees Brix, in containers of two litres or less, not containing blood orange concentrate	From 1 January to 31 December 1993	1 500	13

(*) See Taric codes in Annex III.

Article 2

1. For the purposes of this Regulation:

(a) sweet oranges of high quality means oranges of similar varietal characteristics which are mature, firm, well-formed, at least fairly well coloured, of fairly smooth texture and are free from decay, broken skins which are not healed, hard or dry skins, exanthema, growth cracks, bruises (except those incident to normal handling and packing), and are free from damage caused by dryness or mushy condition, split, rough, wide or protruding navels, creasing, scars, oil spots, scale, sunburn, dirt or other foreign material, disease, insects or damage caused by mechanical or other means, provided that not more than 15 % of the fruit in any lot fails to meet these specifications and, included in this amount, not more than 5 % shall be allowed for defects causing serious damage and, included in this latter amount, not more than 0,5 % may be affected by decay;

(b) citrus fruit hybrids known as 'Minneolas' means hybrids of the citrus fruit variety 'Minneola' *(Citrus paradisi Macf.* cv. Duncan and *Citrus reticulata blanca* cv. Dancy);

(c) frozen concentrated orange juice having a degree of concentration of up to 50 degrees Brix means orange juice that has a density of 1,229 g/cm³ or less at 20 °C.

2. Use of the tariff quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to:

— presentation, in support of the entry for release for free circulation, of a certificate of authenticity conforming to one of the models in Annex I, issued by the competent authorities of the country of origin — listed in Annex II — certifying that the products shown on it possess the specific characteristics referred to in paragraph 1, or

— in the case of concentrated orange juice, presentation to the Commission before importation of a general attestation in which the competent authority of the country of origin certifies that concentrated orange juice produced in that country does not contain the juice of blood oranges. The Commission shall inform the Member States to enable them to notify the customs departments concerned.

Article 3

The tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission, which may take any appropriate administrative measures to ensure that they are managed efficiently.

Article 4

Where an importer presents a product covered by this Regulation for release for free circulation in a Member State, applying to take advantage of the preferential arrangements, and the entry is accepted by the customs authorities, the Member State concerned shall, by notifying the Commission, draw an amount corresponding to its requirements from the quota volume.

Requests for drawings, indicating the date on which the entries were accepted, must be sent to the Commission without delay.

Drawings shall be granted by the Commission in chronological order of the dates on which the customs authorities of the Member States concerned accepted the entries for release for free circulation, to the extent that the available balance so permits.

If a Member State does not use a drawing in full it shall return any unused portion to the corresponding quota volume as soon as possible.

If the quantities requested are greater than the available balance of the quota volume, the balance shall be allocated among applicants pro rata. The Commission shall inform the Member States accordingly.

Article 5

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 volume so permits.

Article 6

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

Article 7

The Commission may, by means of a Regulation, suspend the application of the tariff quotas opened for by this Regulation if the reciprocity provided for in the Agreement is no longer ensured.

Article 8

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1993.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1992.

For the Council

The President

R. NEEDHAM

ANEXO I — BILAG I — ANHANG I — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ I — ANNEX I — ANNEXE I — ALLEGATO I — BIJLAGE I — ANEXO I

MODELOS DE CERTIFICADO

MODELLER TIL CERTIFIKAT

MUSTER DER BESCHEINIGUNGEN

ΥΠΟΔΕΙΓΜΑ ΠΙΣΤΟΠΟΙΗΤΙΚΟΥ

MODEL CERTIFICATES

MODÈLES DE CERTIFICAT

MODELLI DI CERTIFICATO

MODELLEN VAN CERTIFICAAT

MODELOS DE CERTIFICADO

1 Exporter (Name, full address, country)	2 Number	00000
	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY **FRESH SWEET ORANGES 'HIGH QUALITY'**	
3 Consignee (Name, full address, country)	4 Country of origin	5 Country of destination
6 Place and date of shipment — Means of transport	7 Supplementary details	

8 Marks and numbers — Number and kind of packages — DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	9 Gross weight (kg)	10 Net weight (kg)

11 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that the above sweet oranges consist of oranges of similar varietal characteristics which are mature, firm, well-formed, fairly well-coloured, of fairly smooth texture and are free from decay, broken skins which are not healed, hard or dry skins, exanthema, growth cracks, bruises (except those incident to proper handling and packing), and are free from damage caused by dryness or mushy condition, split, rough, wide or protruding navels, creasing, scars, oil spots, scale, sunburn, dirt or other foreign material, disease, insects or damage caused by mechanical or other means, provided that not more than 15 % of the fruit in any lot fails to meet these specifications and, included in this amount, not more than 5 % shall be allowed for defects causing serious damage, and, included in this latter amount, not more than 0,5 % may be affected by decay.

12 Competent authority (Name, full address, country)	At ....., on .....
	(Signature) (Seal)

1 Exporter (Name, full address, country)	2 Number	00000
	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY FRESH MINNEOLA	
3 Consignee (Name, full address, country)	4 Country of origin	5 Country of destination
6 Place and date of shipment — Means of transport	7 Supplementary details	

8 Marks and numbers — Number and kind of packages — DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	9 Gross weight (kg)	10 Net weight (kg)

11 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that the citrus described in this certificate are fresh citrus hybrid of the variety Minneola (*Citrus paradisi Macf. C.V. Duncan* and *Citrus reticulata blanco C.V. Dancy).*

12 Competent authority (Name, full address, country)	At ....., on .....
	(Signature) (Seal)

1 Exporter (Name, full address, country)	2 Number	00000
	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY **CONCENTRATED ORANGE JUICE**	
3 Consignee (Name, full address, country)	4 Country of origin	5 Country of destination
6 Place and date of shipment — Means of transport	7 Supplementary details	

8 Marks and numbers — Number and kind of packages — DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	9 Gross weight (kg)	10 Net weight (kg)

11 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that the above frozen concentrated orange juice has a density of 1,229 g/cm³ or less and does not contain blood orange juice.

12 Competent authority (Name, full address, country)	At ....., on .....
	(Signature) (Seal)

ANEXO II — BILAG II — ANHANG II — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ II — ANNEX II — ANNEXE II — ALLEGATO II — BIJLAGE II — ANEXO II

País de origen Oprindelsesland Ursprungsland Χώρα καταγωγής Country of origin Pays d'origine Paesi di origine Land van oorsprong País de origem	Autoridad competente Kompetent myndighed Zuständige Behörde Αρμόδια υπηρεσία Competent authority Autorité compétente Autorità competente Bevoegde autoriteit Autoridade competente

1. *Para los 3 contingentes — For de 3 kontingenter — Für die 3 Kontingente — Για τις 3 ποσοστώσεις — For the 3 quotas — Pour les 3 contingents — Per i 3 contingenti — Voor de 3 contingenten — Para os 3 contingentes*

Estados Unidos De Forenede Stater USA ΗΠΑ USA États-Unis d'Amérique Stati Uniti Verenigde Staten Estados Unidos da América	United States Department of Agriculture
Cuba Cuba Kuba Κούβα Cuba Cuba Cuba Cuba Cuba	Ministère de l'agriculture
Argentina Argentina Argentinien Αργεντινή Argentina Argentine Argentina Argentinië Argentina	Direción Nacional de Producción y Comercialización de la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca

2. *Únicamente para los híbridos de agrios conocidos por el nombre de «Minneolas» — udelukkende til krydsninger af citrusfrugter, benævnt »Minneolas« — Nur für Kreuzungen von Zitrusfrüchten, bekannt unter dem Namen „Minneolas" — μόνα για τα υβρίδια εσπεριδοειδών γνωστά με την ονομασία «Minneolas» — Only for citrus fruit known as 'Minneolas' — Uniquement pour les hybrides d'agrumes connus sous le nom de «Minneolas» — Solo per ibridi d'agrumi conosciuti sotto il nome di «Minneolas» — Uitsluitend voor kruisingen van citrusvruchten die bekend staan als „minneola's" — Somente para os citrinos híbridos conhecidos pelo nome de «Minneolas»*

Israel Israel Israel Ισραήλ Israel Israël Israele Israël Israel	Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Plant Protection and Inspection
Chypre Cypern Zypern Κύπρος Cyprus Chypre Cipro Cyprus Chipre	Ministry of Commerce and Industry Produce Inspection Service

ANEXO III — BILAG III — ANHANG III — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ III — ANNEX III — ANNEXE III — ALLEGATO III — BIJLAGE III — ANEXO III

Número de orden Løbenummer Laufende Nummer Αύξων αριθμός Order No Numéro d'ordre Numero d'ordine Volgnummer Número de ordem	Código NC KN-kode KN-Code Κωδικός ΣΟ CN code Code NC Codice NC GN-code Código NC	Código Taric Taric-kode Taric-Code Κωδικός Taric Taric code Code Taric Codice Taric Taric-code Código Taric
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