COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 240/93

of 1 February 1993

opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products originating in Cyprus (1993)

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 Article 18 and 19 of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (1), as supplemented by the Protocol laying down the conditions and procedures for the implementation of the second stage of the said Agreement and adapting certain provisions thereof (2), provide for the opening of annual Community tariff quotas for :

— 60 000 tonnes for new potatoes falling within CN code 0701 90 59 (16 May to 30 June),

— 2 500 tonnes for carrots falling within CN code 0706 10 00 (1 April to 15 May),

— 300 tonnes of sweet peppers falling within CN code 0709 60 10,

— 1 500 tonnes of salad beetroot falling within CN code ex 0706 90 90,

— 7 500 tonnes for fresh table grapes falling within CN codes ex 0806 10 15 and 0806 10 19 (8 June to 4 August),

— 1 500 tonnes of dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity not exceeding 15 kg falling within CN codes 0806 20 11, 0806 20 12, 0806 20 18, ex 0806 20 91, ex 0806 20 92 or ex 0806 20 98,

— 3 000 tonnes of certain types of concentrated grape juice falling within CN code 2009 60 51, 2009 60 71, ex 2009 60 90 or ex ex 2204 30 91,

— 35 000 hectolitres of certain wines of fresh grapes, in containers holding two litres or less, falling within CN codes 2204 21 25, ex 2204 21 29, ex 2204 21 35 or ex 2204 21 39,

— 26 000 hectolitres of certain wines of fresh grapes, in containers holding more than two litres, falling within CN codes ex 2204 29 25, ex 2204 29 29, 2204 29 35 or ex 2204 29 39, and

— 150 000 hectolitres of certain liqueur wines falling within CN codes ex 2204 21 35, ex 2204 21 39, ex 2204 29 35, ex 2204 29 39, ex 2204 21 49, ex 2204 29 49, ex 2204 21 59 or ex 2204 29 59,

originating in Cyprus ;

Whereas, under Articles 18 and 19 of the Protocol in question and under Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1764/92 of 29 June 1992 amending the arrangements for the import into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia (3), the quantities for all the above products are subject to annual increases ; whereas the quotas in 1993 will accordingly be increased to the amounts indicated in Article 1 ;

Whereas, the customs duties applicable are progressively dismantled within the limit of these tariff quotas, in accordance with the timetable and the conditions laid down in Articles 5 and 16 of the Protocol in question ; whereas, furthermore, by Regulation (EEC) No 1764/92, the Community has autonomously decided to eliminate the customs duties applicable to products originating in the abovementioned Mediterranean third countries, for which the dismantling of tariffs provided for by the Protocols of the Association or Cooperation Agreements will continue after 1 January 1993 ;

Whereas, within the limits of these tariff quotas, the Portuguese Republic will apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Protocol to the Accession Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community (4) ;

Whereas, importation into the Community of the wines in question are subject to the free-at-frontier reference price ; whereas the said wines qualify for these tariff quotas only if Article 54 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1756/92 (6), is adhered to ;

Whereas liqueur wines, to qualify for the Community tariff quota, must be so designated in the VI 1 document orVI 2 extract provided for in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3590/85 of 18 December 1985 on the certificate and analysis report required for the importation of wine, grape juice and grape must (7) ;

Whereas it is particularly necessary to ensure that all Community importers enjoy equal and uninterrupted access to the abovementioned quotas and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for those quotas to all imports of the products concerned into all Member States until the quotas have been used up ;

(1) OJ No L 133, 21. 5. 1973, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 393, 31. 12. 1987, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 9.
(4) OJ No L 393, 31. 12. 1987, p. 32.
(5) OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 180, 1. 7. 1992, p. 27.
(7) OJ No L 343, 20. 12. 1985, p. 20.

Whereas the decision for the opening, in the execution of its international obligations, of tariff quotas should be taken by the Community; whereas to ensure the efficiency of a common administration of these quotas, there is no reasonable obstacle to authorizing the Member States to draw from the quota-volumes the necessary quantities corresponding to actual imports; 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 quotas are used up 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, all transactions concerning the administration of these quotas may be carried out by any of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The customs duties applicable to imports into the Community as constituted at 31 December 1985 of the following products originating in Cyprus shall be suspended during the periods, at the levels and within the limits of the Community tariff quotas as shown below for each one:

Order No	CN Code (a)	Description	Volume of tariff quota	Rate of duty (%)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
09.1401	0701 90 59	New potatoes, 16 May to 30 June 1993	90 000 tonnes	0 %
09.1403	ex 0706 10 00	Carrots, 1 April to 15 May 1993	3 250 tonnes	0 %
09.1411	ex 0706 90 90	Salad beetroot, 1 January to 31 December 1993	1 950 tonnes	0 %
09.1409	0709 60 10	Sweet peppers, 1 January to 31 December 1993	390 tonnes	0 %
09.1407	ex 0806 10 15 ex 0806 10 19	Fresh table grapes, 8 June to 14 July 1993 Fresh table grapes, 15 July to 4 August 1993	9 800 tonnes	0 %
09.1413	0806 20 11 0806 20 12 0806 20 18 ex 0806 20 91 ex 0806 20 92 ex 0806 20 98	Dried grapes, in immediate containers of a net capacity not exceeding 15 kg, 1 January to 31 December 1993	1 950 tonnes	0 %
09.1421		Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter: – Grape juice (including grape must): – – Of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm³ at 20 °C: – – – Of a value exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight: 2009 60 51 – – – – Concentrated – – – Of a value exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight: – – – – With an added sugar content exceeding 30 % by weight: 2009 60 71 – – – – – Concentrated ex 2009 60 90 – – – – Other: concentrated within the meaning of additional note 6 to chapter 20 of the combined nomenclature Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines, grape must other than that of heading No 2009: – Other grape must: – – Other: ex 2204 30 91 – – – Of a densitiy of 1,33 g/cm³ at 20 °C and of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 1 % vol, concentrated within the meaning of additional note 6 to chapter 20 of the combined nomenclature 1 January to 31 December 1993	3 900 tonnes	0 %

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines ; grape must other than that of heading No 2009 :		
		– Other wine, grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol :		
		– – In containers holding two litres or less :		
		– – – Other :		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13 % vol :		
		– – – – – Other :		
09.1415	2204 21 25	– – – – – – White	45 500 hl	0 %
	ex 2204 21 29	– – – – – – Other		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13 % vol but not exceeding 15 % vol :		
		– – – – – Other :		
	ex 2204 21 35	– – – – – – White, other than liqueur wines of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of 15 % vol		
	ex 2204 21 39	– – – – – – Other than liqueur wines of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of 15 % vol		
		1 January to 31 December 1993		
		– – Other :		
		– – – Other :		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13 % vol :		
		– – – – – Other :		
09.1423	2204 29 25	– – – – – – White		
	ex 2204 29 29	– – – – – – Other wine	27 560 hl	0 %
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13 % but not exceeding 15 % vol :		
		– – – – – Other :		
	2204 29 35	– – – – – – White		
	ex 2204 29 39	– – – – – – Other wine		
		1 January to 31 December 1993		
		– Other wine ; grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol :		
		– – In containers holding 2 litres or less :		
		– – – Other :		
		– – – – Of an acutal alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13 % vol but not exceeding 15 % vol :		
		– – – – – Other :		
09.1417	ex 2204 21 35	– – – – – – White liqueur wines of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of 15 % vol		
	ex 2204 21 39	– – – – – – Other, liqueur wines of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of 15 % vol		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 15 % vol but not exceeding 18 % vol :	195 000 hl	0 %
	ex 2204 21 49	– – – – – Other, liqueur wines		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 18 % vol but not exceeding 22 % vol :		
	ex 2204 21 59	– – – – – Other, liqueur wines		
		– – Other :		
		– – – Other :		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13 % vol but not exceeding 15 % vol :		
		– – – – – Other :		

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
09.1417 *(cont'd)*	ex 2204 29 35	– – – – – – White liqueur wines, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of 15 % vol	195 000 hl	0 %
	ex 2204 29 39	– – – – – – Other liqueur wines, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of 15 % vol		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 15 % vol but not exceeding 18 % vol :		
	ex 2204 29 49	– – – – – Other, liqueur wines		
		– – – – Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 18 % vol but not exceeding 22 % vol :		
	ex 2204 29 59	– – – – – Other, liqueur wines		
		1 January to 31 December 1993		

(a) Taric codes appear in the Annex.

Within the limits of these tariff quotas, the Portuguese Republic will apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Protocol to the Accession Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus consequent on the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community.

2. Importations of the wine in question shall be subject to the free-at-frontier price. It shall qualify for the tariff quotas only if Article 54 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 is adhered to.

3. Liqueur wines shall qualify for the tariff quota only if they are designated as liqueur wines in the VI 1 document or VI 2 extract provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 3590/85.

Article 2

The tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission, which may take all appropriate 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 that 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 quota 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 in accordance with the same procedures.

Article 4

Each Member States shall ensure that importers of the products concerned have free access to the quotas for such time as the residual balance of the corresponding 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 the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply from 1 January 1993.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 February 1993.

For the Council

The President

N. HELVEG PETERSEN

ANNEX

Taric codes

Order No	CN code	Tatic code
09.1403	ex 0706 10 00	0706 10 00*12
09.1411	ex 0706 90 90	0706 90 90*20
09.1407	ex 0806 10 15	0806 10 15*80 0806 10 15*91 0806 10 15*98
	ex 0806 10 19	0806 10 19*10 0806 10 19*21 0806 10 19*23
09.1413	ex 0806 20 91	0806 20 91*10
	ex 0806 20 92	0806 20 92*10
	ex 0806 20 98	0806 20 98*10
09.1421	ex 2009 60 90	2009 60 90*10
	ex 2204 30 91	2204 30 91*11
09.1415	ex 2204 21 29	2204 21 29*95 2204 21 29*96
	ex 2204 21 35	2204 21 35*95
	ex 2204 21 39	2204 21 39*95
09.1423	ex 2204 29 29	2204 29 29*91
	ex 2204 29 39	2204 29 39*93
09.1417	ex 2204 21 35	2204 21 35*11
	ex 2204 21 39	2204 21 39*11
	ex 2204 21 49	2204 21 49*19 2204 21 49*91
	ex 2204 21 59	2204 21 59*19 2204 21 59*91
	ex 2204 29 35	2204 29 35*91 2204 29 35*97
	ex 2204 29 39	2204 29 39*91 2204 29 39*97
	ex 2204 29 49	2204 29 49*19 2204 29 49*83
	ex 2204 29 59	2204 29 59*19 2204 29 59*83