COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 345/96

of 27 February 1996

amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas bound in GATT for certain agricultural, industrial and fisheries products and establishing the detailed provisions for adapting these quotas

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 of 24 July 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas bound in GATT for certain industrial, agricultural and fisheries products and establishing the detailed provisions for amending these quotas [1], and in particular Articles 9 and 10 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 opens Community tariff quotas in respect of a number of agricultural, industrial and fisheries products under GATT;

Whereas following the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden the Community entered into negotiations under Article XXIV (6) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT); whereas under Council Regulation (EC) No 3093/95 [2], and in particular Article 4 (3) thereof, the Community undertook to open reduced or zero-duty Community tariff quotas for a number of fisheries products and to increase the volume of the quota for plywood, with effect from 1 January 1996; whereas it is accordingly necessary to amend Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 by inserting the products mentioned in the Annex to this Regulation and changing the volume for Order No 09.0013 to that specified in the Annex to this Regulation;

Whereas it is necessary to ensure that all Community importers have equal and continuous access to the said quotas and that the rates of duty laid down for the quotas are applied consistently to all imports of the products in question into all Member States until the quotas are exhausted;

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Community to open tariff quotas giving effect to its international obligations; whereas in the interests of the efficient common administration of such quotas, however, the Member States may be authorized to draw from the quota volumes the quantities necessary to cover actual imports; whereas this method of administration does nevertheless require close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission, which must be able to monitor the rate at which the quotas are used up and inform the Member States accordingly;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The tariff quotas listed in the Annex to this Regulation under Order Nos 09.0045, 09.0046, 09.0047 and 09.0048 shall be added to Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1808/95.

2. The tariff quota under Order Nos 09.0013 in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 shall be replaced by the quota in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall be applicable with effect from 1 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 1996.

For the Commission

Mario MONTI

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 176, 27. 7. 1995, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 334, 30. 12. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

Order number	CN code Taric subdivision	Description of goods	Quota period	Quota volume	Rate of duty (%)
'09.0013	4412 19 00*10 4412 92 99*10 4412 99 80*10	Plywood of coniferous species, without the addition of other substances: — of a thickness greater than 8,5 mm, the faces of which are not further prepared than the peeling process — sanded, of a thickness greater than 18,5 mm	From 1 January to 31 December	650 000 m^3	0'

Order number	CN code Taric subdivision	Description of goods	Quota period	Quota volume	Rate of duty (%)
'09.0045	ex 0303 29 00*20	Fish, frozen, of the genus *Coregone,*	From 1 January to 31 December	1 000 tonnes	5,5
09.0046	0306 19 10	Freshwater crayfish, frozen		3 000 tonnes	0
09.0047	ex 1605 20 10*40 ex 1605 20 91*40 ex 1605 20 99*40	Shrimps and prawns of the species *Pandalus borealis,* shelled, boiled and frozen, but not otherwise prepared		500 tonnes	0
09.0048	ex 0304 20 96*30	Fillets of fish, frozen, of the species *Allocyttus* spp. and *Pseudocyttus maculatus*		200 tonnes	0'