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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 764/96

of 22 April 1996

amending 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 COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 [1], the Community decided to open, each year, within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and subject to certain conditions, annual Community tariff quotas at reduced or zero duty for a certain number of agricultural, industrial and fisheries products;

Whereas, in accordance with the offer it made within the United National Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) in the light of the special nature of the trade in jute and coconut-fibre products, the Community introduced tariff preferences in 1971 for such products from certain developing countries; whereas these preferences took the form of a gradual reduction in Common Customs Tariff duties, without quantitative limits, culminating in the complete suspension of these duties in 1978;

Whereas the new scheme of generalized preferences applicable since 1 January 1995 provides for the graduation of duties; whereas this change threatens the continuation and development of traditional trade flows between the countries supplying the products in question and the Community; whereas the Community should therefore open autonomous zero-duty quotas for determined quantities of products manufactured from jute and coconut fibres for the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1998; whereas, in view of the fact that, for the year in course, this Regulation will apply only from 1 July, provision should be made for quotas to be opened from that date to 31 December 1995 for the entire annual quota volume;

Whereas, in the framework of the negotiations of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the European Union, it was agreed, in order to maintain traditional trade flows of those countries, to increase by 5 % the quotas for the products appearing in Annex IV, parts A and B, to Regulation (EC) No 1808/95;

Whereas that Regulation should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 is hereby amended as follows:

1. the title shall be replaced by the following:

   'Council Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 of 24 July 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas bound in GATT and certain other Community quotas for certain agricultural, industrial and fisheries products and establishing the detailed provisions for adapting these quotas';

2. in Article 1, the following paragraph shall be inserted:

   '1a. All Community imports duties on the products listed in Annex V shall be suspended within the limits of the quantities and the period laid down with respect to each of them.';

3. in Article 4 (1), the amounts '10 540 000' and '1 200 000' shall be replaced by '11 067 000' and '1 260 000' respectively;

4. in Annex IV, part B, the amounts '2 316 000' and '2 069 000' appearing in the column headed 'Quota volume (ECU)' shall be replaced by '2 432 000' and '2 172 000' respectively;

5. Annex V appearing in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1995 to 31 December 1998.

[1] OJ No L 176, 27. 7. 1995, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 April 1996.

For the Council

The President

W. LUCHETTI

ANNEX

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List of Community tariff quotas for products manufactured from jute and coconut (a)

Order number	CN codes	Taric subdivision	Description of goods	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Rate of duty
09.0107	5310		Woven fabrics of jute and other textile bast fibres of code No 5303	from 1 July to 31 December 1995 and from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1998	68 000	exemption
			Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, whether or not plaited or braided, coated, covered or sheathed with rubber or plastics:			
	5607 10 00		— of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
			Carpets and other textile floor coverings, wove, not tufted or flocked, whether or not made up, including "Kelem", "Schumacks", "Karamanie" and similar hand-woven rugs:			
	ex 5702 39 90	* 10	— floor coverings, of pile construction, not made up, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
	ex 5702 49 90	* 10	— floor coverings, of pile construction, made up, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
	ex 5702 59 00	* 10	— floor coverings, not of pile construction, not made up, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
	ex 5702 99 00	* 10	— floor coverings, not of pile construction, made up, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
			Carpets and other textile floor coverings, tufted, whether or not made up:			
	ex 5703 90 90	* 10	— Other, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
			Narrow woven fabrics, other than goods of heading No 5807; narrow fabrics consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive (bolducs):			
	ex 5806 39 00	* 10	— Other, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
	ex 5806 40 00	* 10	Fabrics consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive (bolducs), of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			
			Textile wall coverings:			
	5905 00 50		— Other, of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303			

Order number	CN codes	Taric subdivision	Description of goods	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Rate of duty
09.0109	5702 20 00		Floor coverings of coconut fibres	from 1 July to 31 December 1995 and from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1998	9 000	exemption
09.0111	6305 10 90		Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods: — of jute and other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303, other	from 1 July to 31 December 1995 and from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1998	98 000	exemption

(*) Without prejudice to the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the description of the goods is deemed purely indicative, tariff treatment being determined for the purposes of this Annex by the scope of the CN codes. Where a code is preceded by "ex", tariff treatment is determined both by the scope of the CN code and by the corresponding description.'