COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 982/96

of 31 May 1996

amending Regulation (EC) No 2942/95 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 of 5 March 1990 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT) [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 619/96 [2], and in particular Article 27 thereof,

Whereas Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff [3] has been amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 3009/95 [4];

Whereas by Regulation (EC) No 2942/95 [5] the Commission opened Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products at a reduced rate of duty;

Whereas in the light of the outcome of the negotiations within GATT, the rates of duty of certain products listed in the table to Regulation (EC) No 2942/95 have been amended; whereas by Regulation (EC) No 619/96 an additional quantity of 400 tonnes of table grapes was granted for the period 1 to 31 January of each year, starting on 1 January 1996;

Whereas the rates of duty and the additional rates for the products covered by the Regulation concerned are likely to be amended in future years; whereas in the interests of improving the management of the relevant Community rules, legislation should be established on a multiannual basis in which the *ad valorem* rates of duty would be automatically reduced by 50 % in parallel with developments of the customs duties contained in the combined nomenclature;

Whereas, therefore, Regulation (EC) No 2942/95 should be amended;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The table contained in Regulation (EC) No 2942/95 is replaced by the table below:

[1] OJ No L 84, 30. 3. 1990, p. 85.
[2] OJ No L 89, 10. 4. 1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 256, 7. 9. 1987, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 319, 30. 12. 1995, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 308, 21. 12. 1995, p. 9.

Order No	CN code	Taric Subdivision	Description	Volume (in tonnes)	Quota duty (%)
'09.1610	0808 10 10		Apples, fresh from 1 January to 31 December	1 000	50 % of the *ad valorem* duty of the CN + the specific additional duty (if it exists)
	0808 10 51	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 53	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 59	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 61	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
		70			
		80			
	0808 10 63	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
		70			
		80			
	0808 10 69	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
		70			
		80			
	0808 10 71	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 73	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			

Order No	CN code	Taric Subdivision	Description	Volume (in tonnes)	Quota duty (%)
09.1610 *(cont'd)*	0808 10 79	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 92	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 94	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 10 98	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
09.1612	0808 20 10		Pears, fresh from 1 January to 31 December	1 000	50 % of the *ad valorem* duty of the CN + the specific additional duty (if it exists)
	0808 20 31	11			
		12			
		13			
		14			
		15			
		16			
	0808 20 37	11			
		12			
		13			
		14			
		15			
		16			
		17			
		18			
	0808 20 41	11			
		19			
		51			
		59			
	0808 20 47	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 20 51	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			

Order No	CN code	Taric Subdivision	Description	Volume (in tonnes)	Quota duty (%)
09.1612 *(cont'd)*	0808 20 57	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
	0808 20 67	10			
		20			
		30			
		40			
		50			
		60			
09.1615	ex 0806 10 29	11	Seedless table grapes, from 1 to 31 January of each year	400	Exemption from the *ad valorem* duty of the CN
	ex 0806 10 69	81	From 1 to 31 December of each year	400	Exemption from the *ad valorem* duty of the CN'

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 May 1996.

For the Commission

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