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►M3	Commission Regulation (EC) No 2704/2000 of 11 December 2000	L 311	27	12.12.2000
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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 of 22 December 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreements to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1595/97 [2],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in eggs [3], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 [4], and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat [5], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 [6], and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2783/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin [7], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95, and in particular Articles 2 (1), 4 (1) and 10 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 adjusts as an autonomous and transitional measure the agricultural concessions in the Europe Agreements concluded between the European Communities and their Member States on the one hand and respectively the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania on the other, for the period 1 January 1996 to entry into force of the Additional Protocols; whereas these adjustments were extended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2490/96 [8] to 31 December 1997; whereas owing to procedural delays the Additional Protocols to the Europe Agreements, negotiation of which are concluded, cannot enter into force on 1 July 1997; whereas Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 has therefore been amended by Regulation (EC) No 1595/97 in order to allow early implementation in the agricultural sector of the negotiation results;

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[1] OJ L 328, 30. 12. 1995, p. 31.
[2] OJ L 216, 8. 8. 1997, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 49.
[4] OJ L 189, 30. 7. 1996, p. 99.
[5] OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 77.
[6] OJ L 305, 19. 12. 1995, p. 49.
[7] OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 104.
[8] OJ L 338, 28. 12. 1996, p. 13.

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Whereas the Agreements contain provisions intended to guarantee product origin and the arrangements should be operated using import licences; whereas rules on the presentation of licence applications and on the entries to be made on applications and licences are required that differ from those in Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 of 16 November 1988 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products [1], last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1404/97 [2]; whereas licences should be issued following a reflection period and possibly with a common percentage acceptance applied;

Whereas the Agreements provide for reduced customs duty on imports within quantitative limits of certain egg and poultrymeat sector products; whereas to ensure regularity of importation these quantities should be staggered over the year;

Whereas to reduce fraud risk compliance with the eligibility criteria for importers should be checked in the Member State in which they are established or their registered office located;

Whereas for the purposes of smooth operation of the arrangements security of ECU 20 per 100 kilograms should be required against import licences; whereas given the risk of speculative misuse of the arrangements where egg and poultrymeat products are concerned importer access to these products should be precisely regulated;

Whereas import licences for certain product categories in the egg and poultrymeat sectors have already been assigned for the period 1 July to 30 September 1997 in line with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1522/97 of 30 July 1997 determining the extent to which applications lodged in July 1997 for licences for certain egg and poultrymeat products under the regime provided for by the Interim Agreements concluded by the Community with the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Romania and Bulgaria can be accepted [3]; whereas the quantities available for the period 1 October to 31 December 1997 should therefore be set by reference to the quantities agreed and quotas set for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2699/93 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1514/97 [5], set detailed rules for application in the poultrymeat and egg sectors of the arrangements provided for in the Interim Agreements between the European Economic Community and Poland, Hungary, and the former Czech and Slovak Federative Republic; whereas since it is replaced by the present Regulation it should be repealed;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1559/94 [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1514/97, set detailed rules for application in the poultrymeat and egg sectors of the arrangements provided for in the Interim Agreements between the Community and Bulgaria and Romania; whereas since it is replaced by the present Regulation it should be repealed;

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

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[1] OJ L 331, 2. 12. 1988, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 194, 23. 7. 1997, p. 5.
[3] OJ L 204, 31. 7. 1997, p. 33.
[4] OJ L 245, 1. 10. 1993, p. 88.
[5] OJ L 204, 31. 7. 1997, p. 16.
[6] OJ L 166, 1. 7. 1994, p. 62.

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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All imports into the Community under the arrangements provided for by Regulations (EC) No 1727/2000, (EC) No 2290/2000, (EC) No 2433/2000, (EC) No 2434/2000, (EC) No 2435/2000 and (EC) No 2851/2000 of products covered by Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to presentation of an import licence.

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The quantities covered by these arrangements and the reduction in the Common Customs Tariffs duty are listed by group in Annex I.

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Tariff quotas with the serial numbers 09.4672, 09.4627, 09.4630, 09.4633 and 09.4771 shall be administered in accordance with Articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

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Article 2

The quantities referred to in Article 1 shall be staggered as follows for each period specified in Annex I:

— 1 July to 30 September: 25 %,

— 1 October to 31 December: 25 %,

— 1 January to 31 March: 25 %,

— 1 April to 30 June: 25 %.

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Article 3

The following provisions shall apply to the import licences indicated in Article 1:

1. Applicants must be natural or legal persons who at the time of application can satisfy the competent authority of their Member State that they imported or exported at least 50 tonnes (product weight) in the case of products covered by Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 or five tonnes (egg in shell equivalent) in the case of products covered by Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 or (EEC) No 2783/75 during each of the two calendar years preceding that in which the licence application is lodged. Retailers and restaurateurs selling these products to the final consumer are excluded.

2. Licence applications may cover only one of the groups indicated in Annex I. They may cover products of differing CN codes originating in only one of the countries to which this Regulation relates. In such cases all the CN codes and product descriptions must be entered in boxes 16 and 15 respectively. The application must be for a minimum of one tonne and a maximum of 10 % of the quantity available for the group concerned during the quarter in question as specified in Article 2.

3. Box 8 of the licence application and the licence shall show the country of origin; the licence shall impose an obligation to import from that country.

4. Box 20 of the licence application and the licence shall carry one of the following entries:

   — Reglamento (CE) nº 1899/97

   — Forordning (EF) nr. 1899/97

   — Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1899/97

   — Κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1899/97

   — Regulation (EC) No 1899/97

   — Règlement (CE) nº 1899/97

   — Regolamento (CE) n. 1899/97

   — Verordening (EG) nr. 1899/97

   — Regulamento (CE) nº 1899/97

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— Asetus (EY) N:o 1899/97

— Förordning (EG) nr 1899/97.

5. Box 24 of the licence shall carry one of the following entries:

— Reducción del derecho de aduana en virtud del Reglamento (CE) nº 1899/97

— Nedsættelse af importafgiften jf. forordning (EF) nr. 1899/97

— Ermäßigung des Zollsatzes nach dem GZT gemäß Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1899/97

— Μείωση του τελωνειακού δασμού όπως προβλέπεται στον κανονισμό (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1899/97

— Customs duty reduction as provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1899/97

— Réduction du droit de douane comme prévu au règlement (CE) nº 1899/97

— Riduzione del dazio doganale a norma del regolamento (CE) n. 1899/97

— Douanerecht verlaagd overeenkomstig Verordening (EG) nr. 1899/97

— Redução do direito aduaneiro conforme previsto no Regulamento (CE) nº 1899/97

— Tullialennus, josta on säädetty asetuksessa (EY) N:o 1899/97

— Nedsättning av tullavgiften enligt förordning (EG) nr 1899/97.

Article 4

1. Licence applications may be lodged only in the first 10 days of each period specified in Article 2.

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However, from 2001, for the period 1 July to 30 September licence applications may be lodged only in the first 10 days of the month of June of the current year.

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2. Applications must be lodged with the competent authority of the Member State in which the applicant is established or has his registered office. They shall be invalid if the applicant does not declare in writing that he has not lodged and will not lodge, for the period in question, other applications for products of the same group.

3. If more than one application is lodged for products of one group none of the applications shall be valid.

4. Member States shall notify to the Commission, on the fifth working day following the end of the period for lodging applications, those lodged for each of the products of the groups in question. The applicants and quantities for each group shall be listed. All notifications, including 'nil' ones, shall be made by telex or fax on the stipulated working day. The form reproduced as Annex II shall be used for 'nil' notifications and those reproduced as Annexes II and III if applications have been made.

5. The Commission shall decide with all speed to what extent applications referred to in Article 3 can be met. If the total amount applied for is more than that available the quantities granted shall be scaled down by a common percentage. If it is less than the amount available the Commission shall determine the quantity to be added to that available for the next period.

6. Licences shall be issued as soon as possible after the Commission's decision.

7. Licences shall be valid throughout the Community.

Article 5

For the purposes of Article 21 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 import licences shall be valid for 150 days from their actual issue.

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However, from 2001, licences issued for the periods 1 January to 31 March and 1 April to 30 June may not be valid beyond 30 June of the current year.

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They shall not be transferable.

Article 6

Security of ECU 20 per 100 kg shall be lodged against applications for import licences for any product indicated in Article 1.

Article 7

The provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall be applicable except as otherwise provided by this Regulation.

However, Article 8 (4) of that Regulation notwithstanding, quantities imported pursuant to this Regulation may not exceed that indicated in boxes 17 and 18 of the import licence. To that end '0' shall be entered in box 19 of the licence.

Article 8

The products shall be placed in free circulation on presentation of an EUR.1 certificate issued by the exporting country in accordance with Protocol 4 to the Europe Agreements concluded with the said countries, or, of a declaration by the exporter in accordance with the provisions of the said Protocol.

Article 9

The quantities available for applications in the period 1 to 10 October 1997 are given in Annex IV hereto.

Article 10

Regulations (EEC) No 2699/93 and (EC) No 1559/94 are hereby repealed.

Article 11

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 July 1997.

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

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ANNEX I

A. **Products originating in Hungary**

Duty applicable: 20 % of MFN

Serial No	Group No	CN code	Annual quantity from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	Annual increase from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)
09.4716	10	0407 00 30	2 625	265
09.4717	11	0408 91 80	625	65

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B. **Products originating in Poland**

Duty applicable: 20 % of MFN

Serial No	Group No	CN code	Annual quantity from 1.7.2000 to 30.6.2001 (tonnes)	Annual increase from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)
09.4816	17	0407 00 11 0407 00 19 0407 00 30	1 875	—
09.4825	18	0408 91 80 0408 99 80	375 (*)	—

(*) In dried egg equivalent (100 kg liquid or frozen egg = 25,7 kg dried egg).

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C. **Products originating in the Czech Republic**

Duty applicable: 20 % of MFN

Serial No	Group No	CN code	Annual quantity from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	Annual increase from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)
09.4628	25	0407 00 30	6 625	—
09.4615	26	0408 11 80 0408 19 81 0408 19 89	375 ([1])	—
09.4616	27	0408 91 80 0408 99 80	2 750 ([2])	—

([1]) In liquid egg yolk equivalent (1 kg dried egg yolk = 2,12 kg liquid or frozen egg yolk).
([2]) In liquid egg equivalent (1 kg dried egg = 3,9 kg liquid or frozen egg).

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D. **Products originating in the Slovak Republic**

Duty applicable: 20 % of MFN

Serial No	Group No	CN code	Annual quantity from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	Annual increase from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)
09.4614	34	0407 00 11 0407 00 19 0407 00 30	3 125	—
09.4615	35	0408 11 80 0408 19 81 0408 19 89	250 (1)	—
09.4616	36	0408 91 80 0408 99 80	1 250 (2)	—

(1) In liquid egg yolk equivalent (1 kg dried egg yolk = 2,12 kg liquid or frozen egg yolk).
(2) In liquid egg equivalent (1 kg dried egg = 3,9 kg liquid or frozen egg).

E. **Products originating in Bulgaria**

Duty applicable: 20 % of MFN

Serial No	Group No	CN code	Annual quantity from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	Annual increase from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)
09.4656	40	0408 91 80 0408 99 80	750 (1)	—

(1) 1 kg dried egg = 3,9 kg liquid for frozen egg.

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ANNEX II

Application of Regulation (EC) No 1899/97

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES	DG VI/D/3 - Eggs and poultry	
Applications for reduced duty import licences	Date	Period

Member State:

Consigner:

Person to contact:

Telephone:

Fax:

Group No	Quantity requested
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ANNEX III

Application of Regulation (EC) No 1899/97

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES		DG VI/D/3	Eggs and poultry
Applications for reduced duty import licences		Date	Period
Group No	Member State		
CN code	Applicant (name and address)		Quantity (tonnes)
	Total tonnes of group number		

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ANNEX IV

(tonnes)

Group No	Quantity available
1	4 053,00
2	412,50
4	7 406,00
7	2 520,00
8	642,50
9	2 127,50
10	836,86
11	275,00
44	605,00
45	990,00
12	1 019,60
14	1 925,00
15	1 470,00
16	614,60
17	788,75
18	165,00
19	239,75
21	1 035,38
23	1 065,00
24	157,50
25	2 915,00
26	165,00
27	1 210,00
28	231,00
30	990,00
32	365,00
33	275,00
34	1 375,00
35	110,00
36	550,00
37	231,25
38	171,64
39	880,00
40	330,00
43	310,31