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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2621/97

of 19 December 1997

adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products

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, pending adaptation of Protocol 2 of the free trade agreements concluded with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania [1], Council Regulation (EC) No 1507/97 of 24 July 1997 adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products [2] was adopted, which maintains until 31 December 1997 the degree of preference granted, thus offsetting possible negative effects the implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round may have on exports of these countries to the Community;

Whereas, pending adoption of improved concessions granted to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania by the respective Joint Committees, Regulation (EC) No 1507/97 laid down new concessions on a provisional and autonomous basis;

Whereas the negotiations with the countries concerned for the conclusion of Protocols amending the free trade agreements have been, or soon will be, concluded; whereas new Protocols 2 have been or soon will be initialled; whereas procedures for the formal adoption of 'interim' protocols covering solely the trade-related aspects of the amending protocols are underway; whereas the time schedule required for formal adoption may not allow for the entry into force of the 'interim' protocols on 1 January 1998; whereas it is therefore advisable to extend the concessions on an autonomous basis until 31 December 1998,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1998 the goods originating from Lithuania listed in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to the importation into the Community are given in Annex II.

2. From 1 January to 31 December 1998 the goods originating from Latvia listed in Annex III shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to the importation into the Community are given in Annex II.

3. From 1 January to 31 December 1998 the goods originating from Estonia listed in Annex IV shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in the said Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to the importation into the Community are given in Annex II.

Article 2

The concessions applying to trade in processed agricultural products provided for in the additional protocols adapting the free trade agreements with the countries referred to in Article 1 shall, from the entry into force of each of those protocols, replace the concessions provided for in the Annexes to this Regulation. The rules implementing the measures provided for in this Regulation shall also apply to the corresponding measures provided in the additional protocols.

[1] OJ L 373, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Estonia).
OJ L 374, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Latvia).
OJ L 375, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Lithuania).
[2] OJ L 204, 31. 7. 1997, p. 1.

Article 3

The quotas referred to in Annexes I, III and IV to this Regulation shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1460/96 of 25 July 1996 establishing the detailed rules for implementing the preferential trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, as provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 [1].

Article 4

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1997.

For the Council

The President

F. BODEN

[1] OJ L 187, 26. 7. 1996, p. 18.

ANNEX I

LITHUANIA

Order number	CN code	Description	1998 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1. 1 to 30. 6. 1998	from 1. 7 to 31. 12. 1998
	1506 00 00	Other animal fats	unlimited	0 %	0 %
09.6533	1518 00 10 1518 00 31 1518 00 39 1518 00 91 1518 00 95 1518 00 99	Animal and vegetable fats	360	5,5 % 0 % 3,5 % 5,5 % 0 % 5,5 %	5 % 0 % 3 % 5 % 0 % 5 %
09.6501	1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Boiled sweets Caramels	480	EAR	EAR
09.6503	1806 90	Chocolate	600	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	480	4,4 %	3,5 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	390	0,52 ECU/% vol/hl + 2,53 ECU/hl	0,26 ECU/% vol/hl + 1,27 ECU/hl
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	48	36,9 %	34,2 %

ANNEX II

BASIC AMOUNTS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN CALCULATING AGRICULTURAL COMPONENTS AND ADDITIONAL DUTIES

	from 1.1. to 30.6.1998	from 1.7. to 31.12.1998
	ecus/ECU/Ecu/écus/ecua/100 kg	
Trigo blando / Blød hvede / Weichweizen / Μαλακό σιτάρι / Common wheat / Blé tendre / Grano tenero / Zachte tarwe / Trigo mole / Tavallinen vehnä / Vete	8,524	7,900
Trigo duro / Hård hvede / Hartweizen / Σκληρό σιτάρι / Durum wheat / Blé dur / Grano duro / Durum tarwe / Trigo duro / Durumvehnä / Durumvete	13,231	12,263
Centeno / Rug / Roggen / Σίκαλη / Rye / Seigle / Segala / Rogge / Centeio / Ruis / Råg	8,306	7,698
Cebada / Byg / Gerste / Κριθάρι / Barley / Orge / Orzo / Gerst / Cevada / Ohra / Korn	8,306	7,698
Maíz / Majs / Mais / Καλαμπόκι / Maize / Maïs / Granturco / Maïs / Milho / Maissi / Majs	7,408	7,408
Arroz descascarillado de grano largo / Ris, afskallet, langkornet / Reis, langkörnig, geschält / Αποφλοιωμένο ρύζι μακρόσπερμο / Long-grain husked rice / Riz décortiqué à grains longs / Riso semigreggio a grani lunghi / Langkorrelige gedopte rijst / Arroz em películas de grãos longos / Pitkäjyväinen esikuorittu riisi / Ris, skalat långkornigt	23,706	21,972
Leche desnatada en polvo / Skummetmælkspulver / Magermilchpulver / Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη / Skimmed-milk powder / Lait écrémé en poudre / Latte scremato in polvere / Magere-melkpoeder / Leite desnatado em pó / Rasvaton maitojauhe / Skummjölkspulver	26,730	25,740
Leche entera en polvo / Sødmælkspulver / Vollmilchpulver / Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη / Whole-milk powder / Lait entier en poudre / Latte intero in polvere / Vollemelkpoeder / Leite inteiro em pó / Rasvainen maitojauhe / Mjölkpulver	33,423	30,978
Mantequilla / Smør / Butter / Βούτυρο / Butter / Beurre / Burro / Boter / Manteiga / Voi / Smör	48,575	45,021
Azúcar blanco / Hvidt sukker / Weißzucker / Λευκή ζάχαρη / White sugar / Sucre blanc / Zucchero bianco / Witte suiker / Açúcar branco / Valkoinen sokeri / Vitt socker	32,565	31,795

ANNEX III

LATVIA

Order number	CN code	Description	1998 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1. 1 to 30. 6. 1998	from 1. 7 to 31. 12. 1998
09.6535	1704 90 65 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	300	EAR	EAR
09.6536	1806 31 00 1806 32 10 1806 32 90 1806 90 11 1806 90 19	Chocolate	600	EAR	EAR
09.6537	1901 90 11 1901 90 19 1901 90 91 1901 90 99	Food preparations	240	EAR EAR 8,2 % EAR	EAR EAR 7,6 % EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	240	EAR	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	39	5,7 %	5,3 %
09.6513	2105	Ice-cream	34	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	600	4,4 %	3,5 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	390	0,52 ECU/% vol/hl + 2,53 ECU/hl	0,26 ECU/% vol/hl + 1,27 ECU/hl
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	13	0,64 ECU/% vol/hl + 4,10 ECU/hl	0,32 ECU/% vol/hl + 2,05 ECU/hl

ANNEX IV

ESTONIA

Order number	CN code	Description	1998 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1. 1 to 30. 6. 1998	from 1. 7 to 31. 12. 1998
09.6515	1704 10 11 1704 10 19 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	180	EAR	EAR
09.6530	1805 00 00	Cocoa powder	34	0 %	0 %
09.6517	ex 1806 1806 10 15	Chocolate confectionery, excluding CN code 1806 10 15	600	EAR 0 %	EAR
09.6519	1905	Bakery goods	130	EAR	EAR
09.6521	2102 10 39	Yeasts	2 400	EAR	EAR
09.6539	2103 90 90	Sauces and preparations	720	5,7 %	5,3 %
09.6523	2105	Ice-creams	13	EAR	EAR
09.6531	2203	Beer	600	4,4 %	3,5 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	120	0,52 ECU/% vol/hl + 2,53 ECU/hl	0,26 ECU/% vol/hl + 1,27 ECU/hl
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	20	0,64 ECU/% vol/hl + 4,10 ECU/hl	0,32 ECU/% vol/hl + 2,05 ECU/hl
09.6532	2208 90 69	Other spirits	20	0,64 ECU/% vol/hl + 4,10 ECU/hl	0,32 ECU/% vol/hl + 2,05 ECU/hl
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	60	36,9 %	34,2 %