COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 340/97

of 17 February 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,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden,

Whereas, pending adaptation of Protocol 2 to the Free Trade Agreements, concluded with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania [1], Council Regulation (EC) No 1820/96 of 16 September 1996 adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products [2] was adopted, which, until 31 December 1996, maintains 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 1820/96 laid down new concessions on a provisional and autonomous basis;

Whereas the negotiations which are currently under way with the countries concerned for the conclusion of Protocols amending the Free Trade Agreements have not yet been concluded; whereas interim Protocols covering solely the trade-related aspects of the amending Protocols cannot enter into force on 1 January 1997; whereas it is therefore advisable to extend the concessions on an autonomous basis until 30 June 1997,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 30 June 1997 the goods originating in Lithuania listed in Annex I shall be subject to the 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 at importation into the Community are given in Annex II. The reduced agricultural components apply within the annual quotas set out in Annex I.

2. From 1 January to 30 June 1997, the goods originating in Latvia listed in Annex III shall be subject to the 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 at importation into the Community are given in Annex II. The reduced agricultural components apply within the annual quotas set out in Annex III.

3. From 1 January to 30 June 1997, the goods originating in Estonia listed in Annex IV shall be subject to the 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 at importation into the Community are given in Annex II. The reduced agricultural components apply within the annual quotas set out in Annex IV.

Article 2

The quotas referred to in Annexes I, III and IV shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 [3].

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1997.

[1] OJ No L 373, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Estonia), OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Latvia), OJ No L 375, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Lithuania).

[2] OJ No L 241, 21. 9. 1996, p. 1.

[3] OJ No L 187, 26. 7. 1996, p. 18.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 1997.

For the Council

The President

G. ZALM

ANNEX I

LITHUANIA

Order No	CN code	Description	1997 quota (tonnes)	Preference
09.6533	1518 00 10 1518 00 31 1518 00 39 1518 00 91 1518 00 95 1518 00 99	Animal and vegetable fats	300	6 % 0 % 4 % 6 % 0 % 6 %
09.6501	1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Boiled sweets Caramels	400	EAR
09.6503	1806 90	Chocolate	500	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	400	6 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	330	0,79 ECU/% vol/hl + 3,08 ECU/hl
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	40	39,6 %

ANNEX II

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

	ecus / ECU / 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	9,148
Trigo duro / Hård hvede / Hartweizen / Σκληρό σιτάρι / Durum wheat / Blé dur / Grano duro / Durumtarwe / Trigo duro / Durumvehnä / Durumvete	14,199
Centeno / Rug / Roggen / Σίκαλη / Rye / Seigle / Segala / Rogge / Centeio / Ruis / Råg	8,914
Cebada / Byg / Gerste / Κριθάρι / Barley / Orge / Orzo / Gerst / Cevada / Ohra / Korn	8,751
Maíz / Majs / Mais / Καλαμπόκι / Maize / Maïs / Granturco / Maïs / Milho / Maissi / Majs	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	25,441
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	27,436
Leche entera en polvo / Sødmælkspulver / Vollmilchpulver / Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη / Whole-milk powder / Lait entier en poudre / Latte intero in polvere / Volle-melkpoeder / Leite inteiro em pó / Rasvainen maitojauhe / Mjölkpulver	35,869
Mantequilla / Smør / Butter / Βούτυρο / Butter / Beurre / Burro / Boter / Manteiga / Voi / Smör	55,129
Azúcar blanco / Hvidt sukker / Weißzucker / Λευκή ζάχαρη / White sugar / Sucre blanc / Zucchero bianco / Witte suiker / Açúcar branco / Valkoinen sokeri / Vitt socker	32,565

ANNEX III

LATVIA

Order No	CN code	Description	1997 quota (tonnes)	Preference
09.6335	1704 90 65 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	250	EAR
09.6536	1806 31 00 1806 32 10 1806 32 90 1806 90 11 1806 90 19	Chocolate	500	EAR
09.6537	1901 90 11 1901 90 19 1901 90 91 1901 90 99		200	EAR EAR 8,8 % EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	200	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	36	5,7 %
09.6513	2105	Ice-cream	30	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	500	5,3 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	330	0,79 ECU/% vol/hl + 3,08 ECU/hl
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	12	0,96 ECU/% vol/hl + 6,16 ECU/hl

ANNEX IV

ESTONIA

Order No	CN code	Description	1997 quota (tonnes)	Preference
09.6515	1704 10 11 1704 10 19 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	150	EAR
09.6530	1805 00 00	Cocoa powder	31	0 %
09.6517	ex 1806 1806 10 15	Chocolate confectionery, excluding CN code 1806 10 15	500	EAR 0 %
09.6519	1905	Bakery goods	120	EAR
09.6521	2102 10 39	Yeasts	2 000	EAR
09.9539	2103 90 90	Sauces and preparations	600	6 %
09.6523	2105	Ice-cream	12	EAR
09.6531	2203	Beer	500	5,3 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	100	0,79 ECU/% vol/hl + 3,08 ECU/hl
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	18	0,96 ECU/% vol/hl + 6,16 ECU/hl
09.6532	2208 90 69	Other spirits	18	0,96 ECU/% vol/hl + 6,16 ECU/hl
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	50	39,6 %