COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 77/97

of 17 January 1997

determining the extent to which applications lodged in January 1997 for import certificates for certain cheeses covered by the arrangements provided for in the Europe Agreements concluded by the Community with Bulgaria and Romania can be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1588/94 of 30 June 1994 laying down detailed rules for the application to milk and milk products of the arrangements provided for in the Interim Agreements between the Community of the one part, and Bulgaria and Romania of the other part [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2499/96 [2], and in particular Article 4 (4) thereof,

Whereas applications for import licences lodged for the products referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1588/94 concern quantities greater than those available for certain products; whereas, therefore, reduction percentages should be fixed for certain of the quantities applied for the period 1 January to 31 March 1997,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for import licences for products falling within CN codes listed in the Annex hereto, lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1588/94 for the period 1 January to 31 March 1997, shall be accepted, per country of origin, up to the percentages indicated.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 January 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 January 1997.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 167, 1. 7. 1994, p. 8.
[2] OJ No L 338, 28. 12. 1996, p. 58.

ANNEX

B.1. **Reduction in the rate of customs duty: 80 %**

Country	CN codes and products	%
Romania	ex 0406 90 29 (1) ex 0406 90 86 (1) ex 0406 90 87 (1) ex 0406 90 88 (1)	100
Bulgaria	ex 0406 90 86 (2) ex 0406 90 87 (2) ex 0406 90 88 (2) ex 0406 90 29 (3)	100

(1) Manufactured from cows' milk.
(2) White brined cheese of cows' milk.
(3) Kashkaval Vitosha, made from cows' milk.

B.2. **Free of customs duties**

Country	CN codes and products	%
Bulgaria	ex 0406 90 31 (1) ex 0406 90 50 (1) ex 0406 90 86 (1) ex 0406 90 87 (1) ex 0406 90 88 (1)	30,3

(1) Cheese other cheese of cows' milk.