COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1492/98

of 13 July 1998

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2179/92 laying down detailed rules for the application of the specific import measures for the Canary Islands as regards tobacco

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Canary Islands with regard to certain agricultural products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 [2], and in particular Article 6 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 provides for exemption from customs duties for direct imports into the Canary Islands of up to 20 000 tonnes of raw and semi-manufactured tobacco intended for the local manufacture of tobacco products;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2179/92 of 30 July 1992 laying down detailed rules for the application of the specific import measures for the Canary Islands as regards tobacco [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1202/97 [4], lays down detailed rules for the application of that measure; whereas the products qualifying under the scheme should be itemized;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2179/92 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 July 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.
[2] OJ L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 217, 31. 7. 1992, p. 79.
[4] OJ L 170, 28. 6. 1997, p. 24.

ANNEX

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Products eligible for exemption from customs duties on direct imports into the Canary Islands for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

CN code	Description	Coefficient of equivalence	Maximum quantity (tonnes)
2401 10	Tobacco, not stemmed/stripped	0,72	27 780 (1)
2401 20	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	1,00	20 000 (1)
ex 2401 20	Outer coverings for cigars presented on supports, in reels for the manufacture of tobacco (2)	1,05	125
2401 30	Tobacco waste	0,28	700
ex 2402 10 00	Unfinished cigars without wrapping	1,05	100
ex 2403 10 00	Cigarette rag (finished mixtures of tobacco for the manufacture of cigarettes, cigars, cheroots and cigarillos)	1,05	500
ex 2403 91 00	Homogenized or reconstituted tobacco, whether or not put up in sheets or strip	1,05	700
ex 2403 99 90	Expanded tobacco	1,05	1 025

(1) The actual quantity is to be determined on the basis of utilization of other headings (CN codes) pursuant to Article 3 (2).
(2) Monitoring arrangements for this particular utilization are laid down in the relevant Community provisions.'