COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2151/98

of 7 October 1998

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 regarding an increase of certain autonomous Community tariff quotas

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 of 20 December 1996 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1421/98 [2], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas the quota amount for certain autonomous Community tariff quotas is insufficient to meet the needs of the Community industry; whereas, consequently, the quota amount should be increased taking into account the provisions of Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96; whereas that Regulation should be amended accordingly, with effect from 1 January 1998 so as to ensure uninterrupted use of these quotas;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 1998, Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be amended as follows:

— order number 09.2711: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 925 000 tonnes,

— order number 09.2799: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 34 000 tonnes,

— order number 09.2942: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 1 500 tonnes,

— order number 09.2943: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 40 000 000 units,

— order number 09.2944: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 45 000 000 units.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 October 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 345, 31. 12. 1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 190, 4. 7. 1998, p. 9.