COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2651/98

of 9 December 1998

on the opening of a tariff quota for the importation of certain goods originating in Norway resulting from the processing of agricultural products as referred to in the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 [2], and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 96/753/EC of 6 December 1996 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway, of the other part, on Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway [3], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1677/98 [5], consolidated the arrangements for managing the tariff quotas to be used in chronological order of the dates of acceptance of the declarations for release for free circulation;

Whereas it is appropriate to open, for 1999, the quota referred to in Part IV, second paragraph, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway, of the other part, concerning Protocol 2 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway;

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1103/97 of 17 June 1997 on certain provisions relating to the introduction of the euro [6] provides that as from 1 January 1999, all references to the ecu in legal instruments are to be replaced by references to the euro at the rate of EUR 1 to ECU 1; whereas, for the sake of clarity, the denomination 'euro' should be used in this Regulation since it is to apply from 1 January 1999;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for horizontal questions concerning trade in processed agricultural products not listed in Annex II,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1999, the goods originating in Norway listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall, within the limits of the quota, be subject to the duty shown therein.

Article 2

The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Article 308a to Article 308d of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

Article 3

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

It shall be applicable from 1 January 1999.

[1] OJ L 318, 20. 12. 1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 309, 19. 11. 1998, p. 28.
[3] OJ L 345, 31. 12. 1996, p. 78.
[4] OJ L 253, 11. 10. 1993, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 212, 30. 7. 1998, p. 18.
[6] OJ L 162, 19. 6. 1997, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 December 1998.

For the Commission
Martin BANGEMANN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	Description	Quota (tonnes)	Rate of duty applicable
09.0764	ex 1806 1806 20 1806 31 1806 32 1806 90	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa, except for cocoa powder containing added sugar or other sweetening matter covered by CN code 1806 10	5 500	EUR 35,15/100 kg