COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2582/1999

of 7 December 1999

opening tariff quotas for the year 2000 for imports into the European Community of products originating in Estonia and Lithuania

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 1999/86/EC of 18 May 1998 on the conclusion of a Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Estonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements [3], and in particular Articles 1 and 5 of that Protocol,

Having regard to Council Decision 98/677/EC of 18 May 1998 on the conclusion of a Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lithuania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements [4], and in particular Articles 2 and 6 of that Protocol,

Whereas:

(1) Protocol 2 on trade in processed agricultural products, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Estonia, provides for the granting of annual tariff quotas for imports of products originating in Estonia;

(2) Protocol 2 on trade in processed agricultural products, as amended by the Protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Lithuania, provides for the granting of annual tariff quotas for imports of products originating in Lithuania;

(3) 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 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/1999 [6], 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;

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Commitee for horizontal questions concerning trade in processed agricultural products not listed in Annex I,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The annual quotas for products originating in Estonia and Lithuania set out in Annexes I and II respectively to this Regulation are hereby opened from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000 under the conditions set out in the said Annexes.

Article 2

The Community tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Articles 308(a) to (c) 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 apply with effect from 1 January 2000.

[1] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28.
[3] OJ L 29, 3.2.1999, p. 9.
[4] OJ L 321, 30.11.1998, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.
[6] OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p. 25.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1999.

For the Commission
Erkki LIIKANEN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

ESTONIA

Serial No	CN code	Description	Quota for 2000 (tonnes)	Rate of duty applicable (1)
09.6515	1704 10 11 1704 10 19	Chewing gum, whether or not sugar-coated, containing less than 60 % by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose)	210	0 + RAC
	1704 90 71	Boiled sweets, whether or not filled		
	1704 90 75	Toffees, caramels and similar sweets		
09.6517	ex 1806	Chocolate and other food preprations containing cocoa other than those of CN code 1806 10 15	700	0 + RAC
09.6519	1905	Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products	150	0 + RAC
09.6521	2102 10 39	Bakers' yeast, other than dried	2 800	0 + RAC
09.6523	2105 00	Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa	15	0 + RAC
09.6541	2202 90 91 2202 90 95 2202 90 99	Non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of CN code 2009, containing products of CN codes 0401 to 0404 or fat obtained from products of CN codes 0401 to 0404	780	0 + RAC
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes containing tobacco but not containing cloves	70	31,5 % (2)

(1) RAC = reduced agricultural components (calculated in accordance with the basic amounts set out in Protocol 2 to the Agreement) applicable within the quantitative limits of the quotas. Such reduced agricultural components are subject to the maximum duty laid down in the Common Customs Tariff, if any.
(2) From 1.7.2000: 28,8 %.

ANNEX II

LITHUANIA

Serial No	CN code	Description	Quota for 2000 (tonnes)	Rate of duty applicable (1)
09.6501	1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Boiled sweets, whether or not filled Toffees, caramels and similar sweets	560	0 + RAC
09.6503	1806 90	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa falling within CN codes 1806 90 11 to 1806 90 90	700	0 + RAC
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes containing tobacco but not containing cloves	56	31,5 % (2)

(1) RAC = reduced agricultural components (calculated in accordance with the basic amounts set out in Protocol 2 to the Agreement) applicable within the quantitative limits of the quotas. Such reduced agricultural components are subject to the maximum duty laid down in the Common Customs Tariff, if any.
(2) From 1.7.2000: 28,8 %.