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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 26/1999

of 21 December 1998

adopting autonomous and transitional measures for Europe Agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pending adaptation of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreements concluded with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania [1], Regulation (EC) No 2621/97 [2] was adopted, which, until 31 December 1998 maintains the degree of preference granted, thus offsetting possible trade-distorting effects the implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round may have on exports from these countries to the Community;

Whereas, pending adoption of improved concessions granted to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania by the respective Joint Committees, Regulation (EC) No 2621/97 laid down new concessions on a provisional and autonomous basis;

Whereas the negotiations with the countries concerned for the conclusion of Adaptation Protocols adjusting the trade aspects of the Europe Agreements, hereinafter 'Adaptation Protocols', have been concluded and new Protocols 2 have been initialled; whereas procedures for the formal adoption of the Adaptation Protocols are under way; whereas the time schedule required for formal adoption may not allow for the entry into force of the Adaptation Protocols with all of the countries concerned on 1 January 1999; whereas it is therefore advisable to provide for extension of the concessions on an autonomous basis until 31 December 1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1999 the goods originating from Lithuania listed in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to the importation into the Community are given in Annex II.

2. From 1 January to 31 December 1999 the goods originating from Latvia listed in Annex III shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into considereation in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to the importation into the Community are given in Annex II.

3. From 1 January to 31 December 1999 the goods originating from Estonia listed in Annex IV shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to the importation into the Community are given in Annex II.

Article 2

1. The concessions applying to trade in processed agricultural products provided for in the Adaptation Protocols with the countries referred to in Article 1 shall replace the concessions provided for in the respective Annexes to this Regulation:

(a) as from 1 January 1999 with regard to those countries for which the Adaptation Protocols are in force by that date, and

[1] OJ L 373, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Estonia).
OJ L 374, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Latvia).
OJ L 375, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1 (Lithuania).

[2] Council Regulation (EC) No 2621/97 of 19 December 1997 adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products (OJ L 354, 30. 12. 1997, p. 1).

(b) from the date of entry into force of the respective Adaptation Protocol with regard to those countries for which the Adaptation Protocols enter into force after 1 January 1999.

2. The detailed rules implementing the measures provided for in this Regulation shall also be applicable for the corresponding measures provided in the Additional Protocols.

Article 3

The quotas referred to in the Annexes I, III and IV to this Regulation shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1460/96 of 25 July 1996 establishing the detailed rules for implementing the preferential trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, as provided for in Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 [1].

Article 4

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1998.

For the Council

The President

M. BARTENSTEIN

[1] OJ L 187, 26. 7. 1996, p. 18. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2495/97 (OJ L 343, 13. 12. 1997, p. 18).

ANNEX I

LITHUANIA

Order No	CN code	Description	1999 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				From 1.1 to 30.6.1999	From 1.7 to 31.12.1999
	1506 00 00	Other animal fats	Unlimited	0 %	0 %
09.6533	1518 00 10 1518 00 31 1518 00 39 1518 00 91 1518 00 95 1518 00 99	Animal and vegetable fats	390	5 % 0 % 3 % 5 % 0 % 5 %	4,5 % 0 % 0 % 4,5 % 0 % 4,5 %
09.6501	1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Boiled sweets Caramels	520	EAR	EAR
09.6503	1806 90	Chocolate	650	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	520	3,5 %	2,6 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	420	0,26 EUR/ % vol/hl + 1,27 EUR/hl	0 %
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	52	34,2 %	31,5 %

ANNEX II

BASIC AMOUNTS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN CALCULATING AGRICULTURAL COMPONENTS AND ADDITIONAL DUTIES

	from 1.1 to 30.6.1999	from 1.7 to 31.12.1999
	EUR/100 kg	
Trigo blando / Blød hvede / Weichweizen / Μαλακό σιτάρι / Common wheat / Blé tendre / Grano tenero / Zachte tarwe / Trigo mole / Tavallinen vehnä / Vete	7,900	7,277
Trigo duro / Hård hvede / Hartweizen / Σκληρό σιτάρι / Durum wheat / Blé dur / Grano duro / Durum tarwe / Trigo duro / Durumvehnä / Durumvete	12,263	11,295
Centeno / Rug / Roggen / Σίκαλη / Rye / Seigle / Segala / Rogge / Centeio / Ruis / Råg	7,698	7,090
Cebada / Byg / Gerste / Κριθάρι / Barley / Orge / Orzo / Gerst / Cevada / Ohra / Korn	7,698	7,090
Maíz / Majs / Mais / Καλαμπόκι / Maize / Maïs / Granturco / Maïs / Milho / Maissi / Majs	7,408	7,193
Arroz descascarillado de grano largo / Ris, afskallet, langkornet / Reis, langkörnig, geschält / Αποφλοιωμένο ρύζι μακρόσπερμο / Long-grain husked rice / Riz décortiqué à grains longs / Riso semigreggio a grani lunghi / Langkorrelige gedopte rijst / Arroz em películas de grãos longos / Pitkäjyväinen esikuorittu riisi / Ris, skalat långkornigt	21,972	20,237
Leche desnatada en polvo / Skummetmælkspulver / Magermilchpulver / Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη / Skimmed-milk powder / Lait écrémé en poudre / Latte scremato in polvere / Mageremelkpoeder / Leite desnatado em pó / Rasvaton maitojauhe / Skummjölkspulver	25,740	24,750
Leche entera en polvo / Sødmælkspulver / Vollmilchpulver / Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη / Whole-milk powder / Lait entier en poudre / Latte intero in polvere / Vollemelkpoeder / Leite inteiro em pó / Rasvainen maitojauhe / Mjölkpulver	30,978	28,532
Mantequilla / Smør / Butter / Βούτυρο / Butter / Beurre / Burro / Boter / Manteiga / Voi / Smör	45,021	41,467
Azúcar blanco / Hvidt sukker / Weißzucker / Λευκή ζάχαρη / White sugar / Sucre blanc / Zucchero bianco / Witte suiker / Açúcar branco / Valkoinen sokeri / Vitt socker	31,795	30,573

ANNEX III

LATVIA

Order No	CN code	Description	1999 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1.1 to 30.6.1999	from 1.7 to 31.12.1999
09.6535	1704 90 65 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	325	EAR	EAR
09.6536	1806 31 00 1806 32 10 1806 32 90 1806 90 11 1806 90 19	Chocolate	650	EAR	EAR
09.6537	1901 90 11 1901 90 19 1901 90 91 1901 90 99	Food preparations	260	EAR EAR 7,6 % EAR	EAR EAR 7,0 % EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	260	EAR	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	39	5,9 %	4,9 %
09.6513	2105	Ice-cream	37	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	650	3,5 %	2,6 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	420	0,26 EUR/ % vol/hl + 1,27 EUR/hl	0 %
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	14	0,32 EUR/ % vol/hl + 2,05 EUR/hl	0 %

ANNEX IV

ESTONIA

Order No	CN code	Description	1999 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				1.1 to 30.6.1999	1.7 to 31.12.1999
09.6515	1704 10 11 1704 10 19 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	195	EAR	EAR
09.6530	1805 00 00	Cocoa powder	37	0 %	0 %
09.6517	ex 1806 1806 10 15	Chocolate confectionery, excluding CN code 1806 10 15	650	EAR 0 %	EAR 0 %
09.6519	1905	Bakery goods	140	EAR	EAR
09.6521	2102 10 39	Yeasts	2 600	EAR	EAR
09.6539	2103 90 90	Sauces and preparations	780	3,8 %	3,5 %
09.6523	2105	Ice-cream	14	EAR	EAR
09.6531	2203	Beer	650	3,5 %	2,6 %
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	130	0,26 EUR/ % vol/hl + 1,27 EUR/hl	0 %
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	21	0,32 EUR/ % vol/hl + 2,05 EUR/hl	0 %
09.6532	2208 90 69	Other spirits	21	0,32 EUR/ % vol/hl + 2,05 EUR/hl	0 %
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	65	34,2 %	31,5 %