COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1459/2000

of 4 July 2000

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 1305/2000 [2], and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) 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.

(2) 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 1490/1999 [4], lays down detailed rules for the application of that measure.

(3) To provide maximum flexibility for imports of tobacco products in to the Canary Islands, the overall quantity of 20 000 tonnes of raw stripped tobacco may be used for the importation of other products, taking account of the coefficient of equivalence, as required by the local industry. As a result, the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2179/92 should be adjusted.

(4) 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 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 July 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.
[2] OJ L 148, 22.6.2000, p. 15.
[3] OJ L 217, 31.7.1992, p. 79.
[4] OJ L 172, 8.7.1999, p. 32.

ANNEX

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Products eligible for exemption from customs duties on direct imports into the Canary Islands for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

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

(1) Maximum quantity of raw stripped tobacco equivalent. The quantities of the various products actually available are to be converted up to the maximum quantity of raw stripped tobacco equivalent using the coefficients of equivalence pursuant to Article 3(2).

(2) Monitoring arrangements for this particular utilisation are laid down in the relevant Community provisions.'