COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1491/2000

of 7 July 2000

amending Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 laying down detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements and opening tariff quotas for milk and milk products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1040/2000 [2], and in particular Article 29(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 12(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 of 29 June 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements and opening tariff quotas for milk and milk products [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 970/2000 [4], provides that the import tariff quotas referred to in the GATT/WTO Agreements for unspecified countries of origin are to be divided into four equal parts covering three-month periods. In view of the present situation on the milk market, those quotas should be administered on a six-monthly basis. Such an amendment will simplify the work of importers and the national and Community authorities. As a result, it should apply from the next period onwards and the period of validity of licences should be amended.

(2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 is amended as follows:

1. Article 12(2) is replaced by the following:

   '2. The quantities set out in Annex II for each year of import shall be divided into two equal parts for the six-month periods commencing on 1 July and 1 January of each year.'

2. Article 15 is replaced by the following:

   '*Article 15*

   Nothwithstanding Article 2(4), import licences shall be valid for 150 days from the actual day of issue pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88.

   However, the period of validity of licences may not extend beyond 30 June following the date of issue referred to in the first paragraph.

   Import licences issued pursuant to this section may be transferred only to the natural or legal persons fulfilling the conditions under Article 13(1).'

3. Annex II is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 7 July 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.
[2] OJ L 118, 19.5.2000, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 185, 30.6.1998, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 112, 11.5.2000, p. 27.

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

TARIFF QUOTAS PURSUANT TO THE GATT/WTO AGREEMENTS, NOT SPECIFIED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

(GATT/WTO year)

Order number in Annex 7 to the Combined Nomenclature (TARIC order number)	CN code	Description	Country of origin	Quota quantity (tonnes)		Import duty (EUR/100 kg net weight)
				Annual	Half-yearly	
33 (09.4590)	0402 10 19	Skimmed milk powder	all third countries	68 000	34 000	47,50
34 (09.4599)	0405 10 11 0405 10 19 0405 10 30 0405 10 50 0405 10 90 0405 90 10 (*) 0405 90 90 (*)	Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk	all third countries	10 000 in butter equivalent	5 000	94,80
36 (09.4591)	ex 0406 10 20 ex 0406 10 80	Pizza cheese, frozen, cut into pieces each weighing not more than 1 gram, in containers of a net content of 5 kg or more, of a water content, by weight, of 52 % or more, and of a fat content by weight in the dry matter of 38 % or more	all third countries	5 300	2 650	13,00
37 (09.4592)	ex 0406 30 10 0406 90 13	Processed Emmental Emmental	all third countries	18 400	9 200	71,90 85,80
38 (09.4593)	ex 0406 30 10 0406 90 15	Processed Gruyère Gruyère, Sbrinz	all third countries	5 200	2 600	71,90 85,80
39 (09.4594)	0406 90 01	Cheese for processing (1)	all third countries	20 000	10 000	83,50
41 (09.4595)	0406 90 21	Cheddar	all third countries	15 000	7 500	21,00
44 (09.4596)	ex 0406 10 20 ex 0406 10 80 0406 20 90 0406 30 31 0406 30 39 0406 30 90 0406 40 10 0406 40 50 0406 40 90	Fresh (unripened or uncured) cheese, including whey cheese, and curd, other than pizza cheese of order No 36 Other grated or powdered cheese Other processed cheese Blue-veined cheese	all third countries	19 500	9 750	92,60 106,40 94,10 69,00 71,90 102,90 70,40

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				Annual	Half-yearly	
	0406 90 17	Bergkäse and Appenzell				85,80
	0406 90 18	Fromage fribourgeois, Vacherin Mont d'Or and Tête de Moine				75,50
	0406 90 23	Edam				
	0406 90 25	Tilsit				
	0406 90 27	Butterkäse				
	0406 90 29	Kashkaval				
	0406 90 31	Feta, of sheep's milk or buffalo milk				
	0406 90 33	Feta, other				
	0406 90 35	Kefalo-Tyri				
	0406 90 37	Finlandia				
	0406 90 39	Jarlsberg				
	0406 90 50	Cheese of sheep's milk or buffalo milk				
	ex 0406 90 63	Pecorino				94,10
	0406 90 69	Other				
	0406 90 73	Provolone				75,50
	ex 0406 90 75	Caciocavallo				
	ex 0406 90 76	Danbo, Fontal, Fynbo, Havarti, Maribo, Samsø				
	0406 90 78	Gouda				
	ex 0406 90 79	Esrom, Italico, Kernhem, Saint-Paulin				
	ex 0406 90 81	Cheshire, Wensleydale, Lancashire, Double Gloucester, Blarney, Colby, Monterey				
	0406 90 82	Camembert				
	0406 90 84	Brie				
	0406 90 86	Exceeding 47 % but not exceeding 52 %				
	0406 90 87	Exceeding 52 % but not exceeding 62 %				
	0406 90 88	Exceeding 62 % but not exceeding 72 %				
	0406 90 93	Exceeding 72 %				92,60
	0406 90 99	Other				106,40

(*) 1 kg product = 1,22 kg butter.
(1) Utilisation for this particular purpose will be monitored by applying the Community provisions laid down on the subject.'