COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2873/2000

of 28 December 2000

opening a tariff quota for the import of certain goods originating in Norway resulting from the processing of agricultural products covered by 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 2580/2000 [2], in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 96/753/EC of 6 December 1996 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning Protocol No 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway [3], in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) 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 Common Customs Code [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2787/2000 [5], brought together in a single regulation the provisions governing the administration of tariff quota to be used in the chronological order of the dates of acceptance of the declaration relating to the release for free circulation.

(2) It is necessary to open, for 2001, the quota provided for in paragraph 2 of point IV of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the adaptation to Protocol No 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway.

(3) 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 I,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 2001, the goods from Norway which are listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be subject to the duties recorded in that Annex within the limits of the annual quota indicated therein.

Article 2

The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Articles 308a to 308c 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 5 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 December 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 5.
[3] OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 78.
[4] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 330, 27.12.2000, p. 1.

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	Description	Quota	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 with added sugar or other sweeteners falling within CN code 1806 10	5 500 tonnes	EUR 35,15/100 kg