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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 591/2001

of 19 March 2001

renewing for 2001 the measures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain processed agricultural products, with respect to products originating in Norway

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 [1] opened tariff quotas for 1995 in favour of Norway in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex II thereto.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 was renewed for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 by Regulations (EC) No 102/96 [2], (EC) No 306/97 [3], (EC) No 560/98 [4], (EC) No 2847/98 [5] and (EC) No 215/2000 [6] respectively.

(3) It was not possible to conclude additional Protocols before 1 January 2001. In these circumstances and pursuant to Articles 76, 102 and 128 of the 1994 Act of Accession, the Community should adopt the measures required to remedy the situation. Therefore, it is necessary to renew the measures provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 for 2001.

(4) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission [7].

(5) 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 [8] 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The measures provided for in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 shall be renewed to cover 2001.

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 shall be replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

2. If Norway discontinues the application of the reciprocal measures in favour of the Community, the Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2(2) of this Regulation, suspend application of the measures provided for in paragraph 1.

Article 2

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee referred to in Article 15 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 [9] (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee').

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

[1] OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 19, 25.1.1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 51, 21.2.1997, p. 8.
[4] OJ L 76, 13.3.1998, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 14.
[6] OJ L 24, 29.1.2000, p. 9.
[7] OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.
[8] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1602/2000 (OJ L 188, 26.7.2000, p. 1).
[9] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 (OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28).

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 3

The Community tariff quotas referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 shall be administered in accordance with Articles 308a to 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

Article 4

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 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 March 2001.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX

'ANNEX II

PREFERENTIAL TARIFF QUOTAS OPENED FOR 2001

NORWAY

Order No	CN code	Description	Autonomous quotas	Rate of duty applicable
09.0765	1517 10 90	Margarine, excluding liquid margarine Other	2 470 t	Free
09.0766	2102 30 00	Prepared baking powders	150 t	Free
09.0767	ex 2103 90 90 (TARIC codes 90/ 10 to 90/89)	Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings of CN code 2103 90 90, other than mayonnaise	130 t	Free
09.0768	2104 10	Soups and broths and preparations therefor	390 t	Free
09.0769	2106 90 92	Food preparations/other, containing no milk fats, sucrose, isoglucose, glucose or starch or containing less than 1,5 % milk fat, 5 % sucrose or isoglucose, 5 % glucose or starch	510 t	Free
09.0770	2203 00	Beer made from malt	4 800 hl	Free
09.0771	ex 2207 10 00 (TARIC code 90)	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcohol strength by volume of 80 % vol or higher/ other than that obtained from agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty	134 000 hl	Free
09.0772	ex 2207 20 00 (TARIC code 90)	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength/other than those obtained from agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty	3 340 hl	Free
09.0774	2403 10	Smoking tobacco, whether or not containing tobacco substitutes in any proportion	370 t	Free'