COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 119/2002

of 23 January 2002

opening tariff quotas for the year 2002 for imports into the European Community of products originating in Lithuania

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 Regulation (EC) No 2580/2000 [2], and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 98/677/EC of 18 May 1998 on the conclusion of a Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lithuania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements [3], and in particular Article 2 of that Protocol,

Whereas:

(1) Protocol 2 on trade in processed agricultural products between the Community and the Republic of Lithuania, as amended by the Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lithuania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements [4], sets out in its Annex I the annual tariff quotas for imports of products originating in Lithuania.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2906/2000 of 28 December 2000 opening tariff quotas for the year 2001 for imports into the European Community of products originating in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania [5] set out in its Annex II the quotas for products originating in Lithuania for the period from January 2001 to 31 December 2001. These quotas should therefore be opened in accordance with the aforementioned Protocol 2 for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002.

(3) 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 [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 993/2001 [7], 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.

(4) 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

The annual quotas for products originating in Lithuania set out in the Annex to this Regulation are hereby opened from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002 under the conditions set out in the said Annex.

Article 2

The Community tariff quotas 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 apply with effect from 1 January 2002.

[1] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 5.
[3] OJ L 321, 30.11.1998, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 321, 30.11.1998, p. 3.
[5] OJ L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 54.
[6] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.
[7] OJ L 141, 28.5.2001, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 January 2002.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Serial No	CN code	Description	Quota for 2002 (tonnes)	Rate of duty applicable
09.6501	1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Boiled sweets, whether or not filled Caramels	560	0 + RAC [1]
09.6503	1806 90	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa falling within CN codes 1806 90 11 to 1806 90 90	700	0 + RAC [1]
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes containing tobacco but not containing cloves	56	28,8 %

[1] RAC = reduced agricultural components (calculated in accordance with the basic amounts set out in Protocol 2 to the Agreement) applicable within the quantitative limits of the quotas. Such reduced agricultural components are subject to the maximum duty laid down in the Common Customs Tariff, if any.