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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) The Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part [1], hereinafter referred to as the 'Europe Agreement', provides for certain concessions for certain agricultural products originating in Latvia.

(2) The first improvements to the preferential arrangements of the Europe Agreement were provided for in the Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement 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 [2].

(3) Improvements to the preferential arrangements of the Europe Agreement were also provided for, as a result of a first round of negotiations to liberalise agricultural trade. The improvements entered into force as from 1 July 2000 in the form of Council Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 of 17 October 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Latvia [3]. The second adjustment of the relevant provisions in the Europe Agreement — which will take the form of another Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement — has not yet entered into force.

(4) A new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement on trade liberalisation for agricultural products has been negotiated.

(5) A swift implementation of the adjustments forms an essential part of the results of the negotiations for the conclusion of a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement. It is therefore appropriate to provide for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of the agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement.

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

(7) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regu-

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([1]) OJ L 26, 2.2.1998, p. 3.
([2]) OJ L 317, 10.12.1999, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 271, 24.10.2000, p. 7.
([4]) OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

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lation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code [1] codified the management rules for tariff quotas designed to be used following the chronological order of dates of customs declarations. Tariff quotas under this Regulation should therefore be administered in accordance with those rules.

(8) As a result of the aforementioned negotiations, Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 has effectively lost its substance and should therefore be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The conditions for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in Latvia as set out in Annex C(a) and Annex C(b) to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annex Va to the Europe Agreement.

2. On the entry into force of the Additional Protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement to take into account the outcome of the negotiations between the parties on new mutual agricultural concessions, the concessions provided for in that Protocol shall replace those referred to in Annex C(a) and Annex C(b) to this Regulation.

3. The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3(2).

Article 2

1. Tariff quotas with an order number above 09.5100 shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with Articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

2. Quantities of goods subject to tariff quotas and released for free circulation as from 1 July 2002 under the concessions provided for in Annex A(b) to Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 shall be fully counted against the quantities provided for in Annex C(b) to this Regulation, except for quantities for which import licences have been issued before 1 July 2002.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for Cereals instituted by Article 23 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals [2] or, where appropriate, by the committee instituted by the relevant provisions of the other Regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets.

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.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

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[1] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 444/2002 (OJ L 68, 12.3.2002 p. 11).

[2] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 (O L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1).

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Article 4

Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 is hereby repealed.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 July 2002.

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

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ANNEX C(a)

The following products originating in Latvia shall benefit from a preferential zero-duty within unlimited quantities (applicable duty 0 % of MFN) when imported into the Community

CN code [1]
0101 10 90
0101 90 19
0101 90 30
0101 90 90
0104 20 10
0106 19 10
0106 39 10
0205
0206 80 91
0206 90 91
0207 13 91
0207 14 91
0207 26 91
0207 27 91
0207 35 91
0207 36 89
0208 10 11
0208 10 19
0208 20 00
0208 30 00
0208 40 10
0208 40 90
0208 90 10
0208 90 55
0208 90 60
0208 90 95
0210 91 00
0210 92 00
0210 93 00
0210 99 10
0210 99 31
0210 99 39
0210 99 59
0210 99 79
0210 99 80
0407 00 90
0410 00 00
0601 10
0601 20
0602
0603
0604
0701 10 00
0701 90 10
0703 10
0703 90 00
0707 00 90
0708 10 00
0708 90 00
0709 10 00
0709 20 00
0709 30 00
0709 40 00
0709 52 00
0709 59 00
0709 60
0709 70 00
0709 90 10
0709 90 20

[1] As defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2031/2001 of 6 August 2001 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 279, 23.10.2001, p. 1).

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0709 90 50
0709 90 70
0709 90 90
0710 29 00
0710 30 00
0710 80 51
0710 80 59
0710 80 69
0710 80 80
0710 80 85
0711 40 00
0711 59 00
0711 90 10
0711 90 50
0711 90 80
0711 90 90
0712 20 00
0712 32 00
0712 33 00
0712 39 00
0713 50 00
0713 90 10
0713 90 90

0802 11 90
0802 12 90
0802 21 00
0802 22 00
0802 31 00
0802 32 00
0802 40 00
0802 90 50
0802 90 85
0806 20 11
0806 20 12
0806 20 91
0806 20 92
0806 20 98
0808 20 90
0809 40 90
0810 40 30
0810 40 50
0810 40 90
0811 90 39
0811 90 50
0811 90 75
0811 90 80
0811 90 85
0811 90 95
0812 10 00
0812 90 40
0812 90 50
0812 90 60
0812 90 99
0813 10 00
0813 20 00
0813 30 00
0813 40 10
0813 40 30
0813 40 95
0813 50 15
0813 50 19
0813 50 91
0813 50 99

0901 12 00
0901 21 00
0901 22 00
0901 90 90
0902 10 00
0904 12 00
0904 20 10
0904 20 90
0907 00 00
0910 40 13
0910 40 19
0910 40 90
0910 91 90

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0910 99 99

1106 10 00
1106 30

1208 10 00
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1211 90 30
1212 10 10
1212 10 99
1214 90 10

1502 00 90
1503 00 19
1503 00 90
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1516 10 10
1516 10 90
1516 20 91
1516 20 95
1516 20 96
1516 20 98
1518 00 31
1518 00 39
1522 00 91

1602 31
1602 90 10
1602 90 31
1602 90 41
1602 90 72
1602 90 74
1602 90 76
1602 90 78
1602 90 98
1603 00 10

1704 90 10

2001 90 20
2001 90 70
2001 90 75
2001 90 85
2003 20 00
2003 90 00
2004 90 50
2004 90 91
2004 90 98
2005 10 00
2005 60 00
2005 90 10
2005 90 50
2006 00 99
2007 10 91
2007 10 99
2008 11 92
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2008 60 71
2008 60 79
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2008 80 11
2008 80 31
2008 80 39
2008 92 12
2008 92 14
2008 92 34
2008 92 38
2008 92 51
2008 92 59
2008 92 74
2008 92 78
2008 92 93
2008 92 96
2008 92 98
2008 99 28
2008 99 37
2008 99 40
2008 99 45
2008 99 49
2008 99 55
2008 99 68
2008 99 72
2008 99 78
2008 99 99
2009 31 11
2009 39 31
2009 41 10
2009 49 30
2009 50 10
2009 50 90
2009 80 19
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2204 30 10

2302 50 00
2306 90 19
2308 00 90
2309 10 51
2309 10 90
2309 90 10
2309 90 31
2309 90 41
2309 90 51

ANNEX C(b)

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Latvia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nation duty)

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.4598	0102 90 05	Live bovine animals of domestic species of a live weight not exceeding 80 kg	20	178 000 heads	0	(3)
09.4537	0102 90 21 0102 90 29 0102 90 41 0102 90 49	Live bovine animals of domestic species of a live weight exceeding 80 kg but not exceeding 300 kg	20	153 000 heads	0	(3)
09.4563	ex 0102 90	Heifers and cows, not for slaughter, of the following mountain breeds: grey, brown, yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	6 % *ad valorem*	7 000 heads	0	(4)
09.4871	0201	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	free	675	75	(8)
	0202	Meat of bovine animals, frozen				
	0206 10 95	Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, thick skirt and thin skirt				
	0206 29 91	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen, other, thick skirt and thin skirt				
	0210 20	Meat of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked				
	0210 99 51	Thick skirt and thin skirt of bovine animals				
	0210 99 90	Edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal				
	1602 50	Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of bovine animals				

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.4540	ex 0203	Meat of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen, excluding CN codes 0203 11 90, 0203 12 90, 0203 19 90, 0203 21 90, 0203 22 90, 0203 29 90	free	1 500	125	(5) (8)
	0104 10 30 0104 10 80 0104 20 90 0204 0210 99 21 0210 99 29 0210 99 60	Live sheep, lambs up to a year old Live sheep, other Live goats, other Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen Edible meat of sheep and goats, with bone in Edible meat of sheep and goats, boneless Edible meat offal of sheep and goats	free	unlimited		(8)
09.6676	ex 0207	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading No 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen excluding CN codes 0207 13 91, 0207 14 91, 0207 26 91, 0207 27 91, 0207 34 10, 0207 34 90, 0207 35 91, 0207 36 81, 0207 36 85, 0207 36 89	free	755	65	(8)
09.4872	0401	Milk and cream, not concentrated, nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	free	200	20	(8)
09.4873	0402	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	free	3 800	0	(8)
►C1 09.4874 ◄	0403 10 11 to 0403 10 39 0403 90 11 to 0403 90 69	Yoghurt, not flavoured nor containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, not flavoured nor containing added fruit nuts or cocoa	free	100	10	(8)

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.4551	0405 10 11	Natural butter of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 85 %, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg	free	2 255	190	(8)
	0405 10 19	Natural butter of a fat content by weight not exceeding 85 %, other				
	0405 10 30	Recombined butter, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 85 %				
	0405 10 50	Whey butter				
	0405 10 90	Butter, other				
	0405 20 90	Dairy spreads of a fat content, by weight, of more than 75 % but less than 80 %				
	0405 90	Other fats and oils derived from milk				
09.4552	0406	Cheese and curd	free	5 000	500	(8)
09.6677	0409 00 00	Natural honey	free	100	10	(8)
09.6621	ex 0702 00 00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled, 15 May to 31 October	free	250	50	(7) (8)
09.6623	0703 20 00	Garlic, fresh or chilled	free	60	5	
09.6456	0704 90	Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled, other	free	550	50	
09.6457	ex 0706 10 00	Carrots, fresh or chilled	20	250	0	
09.6678	0706 90	Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled, other	free	200	20	
09.6679	►C1 0707 00 05 ◄	Cucumbers, fresh or chilled	free	500	50	(7)

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.6680	0709 40 00	Celery other than celeriac, fresh or chilled	free	50	5	
09.6458	0710 10 00	Potatoes, frozen	20	250	0	
09.6681	0712 90 50 0712 90 90	Carrots, dried, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables, dried, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	free	200	20	
09.6682	ex 0714 90 90	Frozen or dried Jerusalem artichokes	free	100	10	
	0806 10 10	Fresh table grapes	free	unlimited		(7)
09.6625	0808 10	Apples, fresh	free	250	50	(7) (8)
	0808 20 50	Fresh pears (excl. perry pears, in bulk, 1 August to 31 December)	free	unlimited		(7)
	0809 20	Cherries, fresh	free	unlimited		(7)
	0809 40 05	Plums, fresh	free	unlimited		(7)
	ex 0810 10 00	Strawberries, fresh, 1 August to 14 June	free	unlimited		(6)
	0810 20	Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries and loganberries, fresh	free	unlimited		(6)
	0810 30	Black-, white- or redcurrants and gooseberries, fresh	free	unlimited		(6)
09.6683	0811 10 11	Strawberries, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight	20	250	0	(6)

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
	0811 10 19	Strawberries, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 10 90	Strawberries, frozen, other	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 19	Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, black-, white- or redcurrants and gooseberries, frozen, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 31	Other frozen raspberries	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 39	Other frozen blackcurrants	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 51	Other frozen redcurrants	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 59	Other frozen blackberries and mulberries	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 90	Other, frozen	free	unlimited		(6)
09.6684	1001 10 00 1001 90 10 1001 90 91 1001 90 99	Durum wheat Spelt for sowing Common wheat and meslin seed Other	free	26 000	2 600	(8)
09.6685	1101 00 11 1101 00 15 1101 00 90 1103 11 10 1103 11 90	Durum wheat flour Flour of common wheat and spelt Meslin flour Durum wheat groats and meal Common wheat and spelt groats and meal	free	9 000	900	(8)

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
	1103 20 60	Wheat pellets				
09.6686	1002 00 00	Rye	free	3 750	375	(8)
09.6687	1102 10 00 1103 19 10 1103 20 10	Rye flour Rye groats and meal Rye pellets	free	1 250	125	(8)
09.6688	1003 00	Barley	free	4 500	450	(8)
09.6689	1102 90 10 1103 19 30 1103 20 20	Barley flour Barley groats and meal Barley pellets	free	1 500	150	(8)
09.6690	1004 00 00	Oats	free	1 500	150	(8)
09.6691	1102 90 30 1103 19 40 1103 20 30	Oat flour Groats and meal of oats Pellets of oats	free	500	50	(8)
09.6692	ex 1104	Cereals grains, otherwise worked, excluding CN codes 1104 19 50 and 1104 23	free	900	90	
09.6473	1108 13 00	Potato starch	free	500	0	
09.4564	1601 00 1602 41 1602 42	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood: food preparations based on these products Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of swine: Hams and cuts thereof Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of swine:	free	180	15	(8)

Order No	CN code	Description (1)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
		Shoulders and cuts thereof				
	1602 49	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of swine:				
		Other, including mixtures				
09.6693	1602 32 to 1602 39	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of poultry of heading No 0105: of fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*	free	120	10	(8)
		Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of poultry of heading No 0105: Other than of fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus* and other than of turkeys				
	1703	Molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar	free	unlimited		(8)
09.6694	ex 2001	Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, excluding CN codes 2001 90 30, 2001 90 40, 2001 90 60, 2001 90 65 and 2001 90 91	free	600	60	
09.6695	ex 2005	Other vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, excluding CN codes 2005 20 10, 2005 70 and 2005 80 00	free	300	30	
09.6696	2009 71	Apple juice of a brix value not exceeding 20	free	1 000	100	
09.6697	ex 2009 79	Apple juice of a brix value exceeding 20, excluding CN codes 2009 79 11 and 2009 79 91	free	1 000	100	

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(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) The quota for this product is opened for the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Should imports into the Community of live bovine domestic animals exceed 500 000 heads for any given year, the Community may take the management measures needed to protect its market, notwithstanding any other rights given under the Agreement.

(4) The quota for this product is opened for the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

(5) Excluding tenderloin presented alone.

(6) Subject to minimum import price arrangements contained in the Appendix to this Annex.

(7) The reduction applies only to the *ad valorem* part of the duty.

(8) This concession is only applicable to products not benefiting from export refunds.

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APPENDIX to Annex C(b)

Minimum import price arrangement for certain soft fruit for processing

1. Minimum import prices are fixed as follows for the following products for processing originating in Latvia:

CN code	Description	Minimum import price (EUR/tonne net)
ex 0810 10	Strawberries, fresh, intended for processing	514
ex 0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh, intended for processing	385
ex 0810 30 30	Redcurrants, fresh, intended for processing	233
ex 0811 10 11	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	750
ex 0811 10 11	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight: other	576
ex 0811 10 19	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	750
ex 0811 10 19	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	576
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: whole fruit	750
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	576
ex 0811 20 19	Frozen raspberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	995
ex 0811 20 19	Frozen raspberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	796
ex 0811 20 31	Frozen raspberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: whole fruit	995
ex 0811 20 31	Frozen raspberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	796
ex 0811 20 39	Frozen blackcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: without stalk	628
ex 0811 20 39	Frozen blackcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	448
ex 0811 20 51	Frozen redcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: without stalk	390
ex 0811 20 51	Frozen redcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	295

2. The minimum import prices, as set out in point 1, will be respected on a consignment by consignment basis. In the case of a customs declaration value being lower than the minimum import price, a countervailing duty will be charged equal to the difference between the minimum import price and the customs declaration value.

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3. If the import prices of a given product covered by this Appendix show a trend suggesting that the prices could go below the level of the minimum import prices in the immediate future, the European Commission will inform the Latvian authorities in order to enable them to correct the situation.

4. At the request of either the Community or Latvia, the Association Council shall examine the functioning of the system or the revision of the level of the minimum import prices. If appropriate, the Association Council shall take the necessary decisions.

5. To encourage and promote the development of trade and for the mutual benefit of all parties concerned, a consultation meeting may be organised three months before the beginning of each marketing year in the European Community. This consultation meeting will take place between the European Commission and the interested European producers' organisations for the products concerned, on the one part, and the authorities', producers' and exporters' organisations of all the associated exporting countries, on the other part.

   During this consultation meeting, the market situation for soft fruit including, in particular, forecasts for production, stock situation, price evolution and possible market development, as well as possibilities to adapt supply to demand, will be discussed.