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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1078/2003

of 16 June 2003

amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [1],

Whereas:

(1) By virtue of Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 of 20 December 1996, opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products [2], Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products were opened. Community demand for the products in question should be met under the most favourable conditions. Community tariff quotas should therefore be opened at reduced or zero rates of duty for appropriate volumes and increased, extended or terminated in the case of certain existing tariff quotas, while avoiding any disturbance to the markets for these products.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(3) Having regard to the economic importance of this Regulation, it is necessary to invoke the grounds of urgency provided for in point I(3) of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments in the European Union annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Communities,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 July 2003, the tariff quotas listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96.

Article 2

For the quota period from 1 January to 30 June 2003, Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be amended as follows:

— the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2902 shall be fixed at 20 000 units,

— the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2935 shall be fixed at 120 000 tonnes.

Article 3

For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2003, Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be amended as follows:

— the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2904 shall be fixed at 8 500 units,

— the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2985 shall be fixed at 400 000 units.

Article 4

The quota period of the tariff quota 09.2867, which is given in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be extended until 31 December 2003.

Article 5

The quota period of the tariff quota 09.2991, which is given in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be terminated by 30 June 2003.

Article 6

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

[1] Proposal of 12 May 2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[2] OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2003 (OJ L 86, 3.4.2003, p. 20).

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

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2003.

For the Council
The President
G. PAPANDREOU

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description	Amount of quota	Quota duty (%)	Quota period
09.2612	ex 2921 59 90	30	3,3'-dichlorobenzidine dihydrochloride	150 tonnes	3,5	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2613	ex 2932 99 70	40	1,3:2,4-to-O-(3,4-dimethylbenzylidene)-D-glucitol	125 tonnes	3,3	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2614	ex 7011 20 00	85	Glass face-plate with a major diagonal measurement from the outer edge to the outer edge of 91,8 (± 0,2) cm and having a light transmission of 78 (± 3) % by a reference glass thickness of 11,43 mm	100 000 units	0	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2615	ex 2934 99 90	70	Ribonucleic acid	55 tonnes	0	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2916	ex 3910 00 00	30	Polydimethylsiloxane with a degree of polymerisation of 2 800 monomer units (± 100)	650 tonnes	0	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2902	ex 8540 11 15	91	Flat screen colour cathode-ray tube with a screen width/height ratio of 4/3, a diagonal measurement of the screen of 59 cm or more but not exceeding 61 cm and a curvature radius of 50 m or more	13 000 units	7	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2976	ex 8407 90 10	10	Four-stroke petrol engines of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 250 cc, for use in the manufacture of lawnmowers of sub-heading 8433 11 [a]	650 000 units	0	1.7.2003 - 30.6.2004

[a] Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.