COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2195/2003

of 16 December 2003

opening tariff quotas for the year 2004 for imports into the European Community of certain processed agricultural products originating in Norway

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 2002/981/EC of 11 November 2002 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway, of the other part, on Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway [3] and, in particular, Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The annual quotas for certain processed agricultural products originating in Norway provided for in the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway, of the other part, on Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway should be opened for 2004.

(2) 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 1335/2003 [5], lays down rules for the management of tariff quotas. It is appropriate to provide that the tariff quota opened by this Regulation is to be managed in accordance with those rules.

(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

The Community tariff quotas for imports of processed agricultural products originating in Norway, as specified in the Annex, shall be opened duty-free from 1 January to 31 December 2004.

Article 2

The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with Articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

Article 3

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

It shall be applicable from 1 January 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 December 2003.

For the Commission
Erkki LIIKANEN
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 341, 17.12.2002, p. 63.
[4] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 187, 26.7.2003, p. 16.

ANNEX

Order number	CN code	Description	Volume	Applicable rate of duty
09.0765	1517 10 90	Margarine excluding liquid margarine Other	2 470 tonnes	free
09.0766	2102 30 00	Prepared baking powders	150 tonnes	free
09.0767	ex 2103 90 90 (TARIC codes 10 and 89)	Sauces and preparations thereof, mixed condiments and mixed seasonings of CN code 2103 90 90, other than mayonnaise	130 tonnes	free
09.0768	2104 10	Soups and broths and preparations therefor	390 tonnes	free
09.0769	2106 90 92	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included/other, containing no milk fats, sucrose, isoglucose, glucose or starch or containing, by weight, less than 1,5 % milk fat, 5 % sucrose or isoglucose, 5 % glucose or starch	510 tonnes	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 EEC Treaty	134 000 hectolitres	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 EEC Treaty	3 340 hectolitres	free
09.0774	2403 10	Smoking tobacco, whether or not containing tobacco substitutes in any proportion	370 tonnes	free