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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 of 29 March 1994 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for high-quality beef, and for pigmeat, poultrymeat, wheat and meslin, and brans, sharps and other residues ([1]), and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat ([2]), and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1432/94 of 22 June 1994 laying down detailed rules for the application in the pigmeat sector of the import arrangements provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for pigmeat and certain other agricultural products ([3]) has been substantially amended several times ([4]). In the interests of clarity and rationality the said Regulation should be codified.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 774/94 opened, from 1 January 1994, new annual tariff quotas for certain pigmeat products. The said quotas are to apply for an unspecified period.

(3) The administration of the arrangements should be based on import licences. To that end, the detailed rules for submission of the applications and the information which must appear on the applications and licences, by way of derogation from Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 of 9 June 2000 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products ([5]) should be laid down. In addition, provision should be made for the licences to be issued after a period of consideration, applying, where necessary, a single percentage of acceptance. It is appropriate, in the interest of the operators, to provide for the possibility to withdraw the application for certificates after the fixing of a coefficient of acceptance.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 774/94 provides for the customs duty to be fixed at 0 % for imports of certain pigmeat products, up to a certain quantity. In order to ensure the regularity of imports, the quantity in question should be staggered over one year.

([1]) OJ L 91, 8.4.1994, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2198/95 (OJ L 221, 19.9.1995, p. 3).

([2]) OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

([3]) OJ L 156, 23.6.1994, p. 14. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 341/2005 (OJ L 53, 26.2.2005, p. 28).

([4]) See Annex VI.

([5]) OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 410/2006 (OJ L 71, 10.3.2006, p. 7).

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(5) In order to facilitate trade between the Community and third countries, it must be possible to import pigmeat products without an obligation to import from the country of origin, which must nevertheless be mentioned for statistical reasons in section 8 of the import licence.

(6) To ensure proper management of the import regimes, the Commission needs precise information from the Member States on the quantities actually imported. For the sake of clarity, it is necessary to use a single model for communicating the quantities between Member States and the Commission.

(7) In order to ensure proper administration of the system, the security for import licences under the said system should be fixed. In view of the risk of speculation inherent in the system in the pigmeat sector, precise conditions governing access by traders to the said system should be laid down.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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Article 1

1. This Regulation lays down detailed rules for applying the import tariff quota for fresh, chilled or frozen pigmeat covered by CN codes 0203 19 13 and 0203 29 15 opened by Regulation (EC) No 774/94.

2. Commission Regulations (EC) Nos 1291/2000 and 1301/2006 ([1]) shall apply, save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

3. The quantity of products benefiting from the arrangements referred to in paragraph 1 and the rate of customs duty are fixed in Annex I hereto.

Article 2

The quantity fixed in Annex I shall be divided into the following subperiods in the import tariff quota period:

— 25 % in the period 1 January to 31 March,

— 25 % in the period 1 April to 30 June,

— 25 % in the period 1 July to 30 September,

— 25 % in the period 1 October to 31 December.

Article 3

1. Notwithstanding Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006, retail establishments or restaurants selling their products to final consumers shall be excluded from the tariff quota referred to in Article 1(1) of this Regulation and may not submit import licence applications to this end.

2. Licence applications must mention the serial number, and may relate to products covered by the two different CN codes and originating in only one country. In such cases, all the CN codes shall be indicated in section 16 and their descriptions in section 15. Licence applications must be a minimum of 20 tonnes and a maximum of 20 % of the quantity available for the import tariff quota subperiod.

([1]) OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13;

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3. Section 8 of licence applications and licences shall show the country of origin.

4. Section 20 of the licence application and the licence shall contain one of the references shown in part A of Annex II.

5. Section 24 of the licence shall contain one of the references shown in part B of Annex II.

Article 4

1. Licence applications shall be lodged in the first seven days of the month preceding each subperiod referred to in Article 2.

However, for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2007, licence applications shall be lodged during the first 15 days of January 2007.

2. Notwithstanding Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006, each applicant may lodge several applications for import licences for products referred to in Annex I, if these products originate in different countries. The applications, one each for a single country of origin, shall be submitted together to the competent authority of a Member State. They shall be considered, as regards the maximum referred to in Article 3(2), as a single application.

3. The Member States shall notify to the Commission, no later than the third working day following the end of the period for submission of applications, the total quantities, in kilograms, applied for.

4. Licences shall be issued as soon as possible after the Commission has taken a decision.

5. The Member States shall notify to the Commission, before the end of the fourth month following each annual period, the quantities (expressed in kilograms) actually put into free circulation under this Regulation in the period concerned.

Article 5

1. Import licences shall be valid for 150 days from the actual day of issue under Article 23(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000.

2. Notwithstanding Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000, the transfer of rights deriving from licences or certificates shall be limited to holders who meet the eligibility criteria laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 and Article 3(1) of this Regulation.

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Article 6

A security of EUR 20 per 100 kilograms shall be lodged for import licence applications for all products referred to in Annex I.

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Article 8

Regulation (EC) No 1432/94 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex VII.

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Article 9

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

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ANNEX I

CUSTOMS DUTY SET AT 0 %

(tonnes)

Serial Number	CN code	From 1 January to 31 December
09.4046	0203 19 13 0203 29 15	7 000

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ANNEX II

PART A

Entries referred to in Article 3(4)

in Bulgarian:	Регламент (ЕО) № 1556/2006.
in Spanish:	Reglamento (CE) nº 1556/2006.
in Czech:	Nařízení (ES) č. 1556/2006.
in Danish:	Forordning (EF) nr. 1556/2006.
in German:	Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1556/2006.
in Estonian:	Määrus (EÜ) nr 1556/2006.
in Greek:	Κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1556/2006.
in English:	Regulation (EC) No 1556/2006.
in French:	Règlement (CE) nº 1556/2006.
in Italian:	Regolamento (CE) n. 1556/2006.
in Latvian:	Regula (EK) Nr. 1556/2006.
in Lithuanian:	Reglamentas (EB) Nr. 1556/2006.
in Hungarian:	1556/2006/EK rendelet.
in Maltese:	Ir-Regolament (KE) Nru 1556/2006.
in Dutch:	Verordening (EG) nr. 1556/2006.
in Polish:	Rozporządzenie (WE) nr 1556/2006.
in Portuguese:	Regulamento (CE) n.º 1556/2006.
in Romanian:	Regulamentul (CE) nr. 1556/2006.
in Slovak:	Nariadenie (ES) č. 1556/2006.
in Slovenian:	Uredba (ES) št. 1556/2006.
in Finnish:	Asetus (EY) N:o 1556/2006.
in Swedish:	Förordning (EG) nr 1556/2006.

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PART B

Entries referred to in Article 3(5)

in Bulgarian:	Мито, определено на 0 %, съгласно Регламент (ЕО) № 1556/2006.
in Spanish:	Derecho de aduana del 0 % en aplicación del Reglamento (CE) nº 1556/2006.
in Czech:	Clo stanoveno na 0 % podle nařízení (ES) č. 1556/2006.
in Danish:	Told fastsat til 0 % i henhold til forordning (EF) nr. 1556/2006.
in German:	Auf 0 v. H. festgesetzter Zoll gemäß der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1556/2006.
in Estonian:	Vastavalt määrusele (EÜ) nr 1556/2006 on kinnitatud 0 % tollimaks.
in Greek:	Δασμός καθοριζόμενος σε 0 % κατ' εφαρμογή του κανονισμού (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1556/2006.
in English:	Customs duty fixed at 0 % pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1556/2006.
in French:	Droit de douane fixé à 0 % en application du règlement (CE) nº 1556/2006.
in Italian:	Dazio doganale fissato allo 0 % in applicazione del regolamento (CE) n. 1556/2006.
in Latvian:	Noteikts 0 % muitas nodoklis, ievērojot Regulu (EK) Nr. 1556/2006.
in Lithuanian:	0 % muitas, nustatytas pagal Reglamentą (EB) Nr. 1556/2006.
in Hungarian:	0 %-os vámtétel az 1556/2006/EK rendelet alapján.
in Maltese:	Rata ta' dazju doganali ffissat għal 0 % skond ir-Regolament (KE) Nru 1556/2006.
in Dutch:	Douanerecht 0 % op grond van Verordening (EG) nr. 1556/2006.
in Polish:	Cło ustalone na poziomie 0 % na podstawie rozporządzenia (WE) nr 1556/2006.
in Portuguese:	Direito aduaneiro fixado em 0 %, nos termos do Regulamento (CE) n.º 1556/2006.
in Romanian:	Taxe vamale fixate la 0 % în conformitate cu Regulamentul (CE) nr. 1556/2006.
in Slovak:	Clo stanovené na úrovni 0 % podľa nariadenia (ES) č. 1556/2006.
in Slovenian:	0 % dajatev v skladu z Uredbo (ES) št. 1556/2006.
in Finnish:	Tulliksi vahvistettu 0 % asetuksen (EY) N:o 1556/2006 mukaisesti.
in Swedish:	Tullsats fastställd till 0 % i enlighet med förordning (EG) nr 1556/2006.

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ANNEX VI

Repealed Regulation with its successive amendments

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1432/94 (OJ L 156, 23.6.1994, p. 14)	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1593/95 (OJ L 150, 1.7.1995, p. 94)	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 2068/96 (OJ L 277, 30.10.1996, p. 12)	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1377/2000 (OJ L 156, 29.6.2000, p. 30)	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1006/2001 (OJ L 140, 24.5.2001, p. 13)	Article 1 only
Commission Regulation (EC) No 2083/2004 (OJ L 360, 7.12.2004, p. 12)	Article 1 only
Commission Regulation (EC) No 341/2005 (OJ L 53, 26.2.2005, p. 28)	Article 1 only

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ANNEX VII

CORRELATION TABLE

Regulation (EC) No 1432/94	This Regulation
Article 1	Article 1
Article 2, first paragraph	Article 2
Article 2, second paragraph	—
Article 3	Article 3
Article 4(1)	Article 4(1)
Article 4(2), first subparagraph, first sentence	Article 4(2), first subparagraph
Article 4(2), first subparagraph, second sentence	Article 4(2), second subparagraph
Article 4(2), first subparagraph, third and fourth sentences and second subparagraph	Article 4(2), third subparagraph
Article 4(3)	Article 4(3)
Article 4(4), first and second subparagraphs	Article 4(4), first and second subparagraphs
Article 4(4), third subparagraph	Article 4(5)
Article 4(4), fourth subparagraph	Article 4(6)
Article 4(5)	Article 4(7)
Article 4(6)	Article 4(8)
Article 4(7)	Article 4(9)
Articles 5, 6 and 7	Articles 5, 6 and 7
—	Article 8
Article 8	Article 9
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Annex II	Annex III
Annex III	Annex IV
Annex IV	Annex V
—	Annex VI
—	Annex VII