COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1796/2006

of 6 December 2006

opening for the year 2007 a tariff quota applicable to the importation into the European Community of certain goods originating in Iceland resulting from the processing of agricultural products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93

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], and, in particular, Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 1999/492/EC of 21 June 1999 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, of the other part, on Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland [2], and, in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, of the other part, on Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland, approved by Decision 1999/492/EC, provides for an annual tariff quota for imports from Iceland of sugar confectionery products and chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa. It is necessary to open that quota for 2007.

(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 Community Customs Code [3], 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

From 1 January to 31 December 2007, the goods originating in Iceland and imported into the Community which are listed in the Annex shall be subject to the duties set out in that Annex within the limits of the annual quota indicated therein.

Article 2

The 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 its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2007.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2006.

For the Commission
Günter VERHEUGEN
Vice-President

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[1] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2580/2000 (OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 5).
[2] OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 47.
[3] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/2006 (OJ L 70, 9.3.2006, p. 35).

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	Description	Quota	Rate of duty applicable
09.0799	1704 90 10 1704 90 30 1704 90 51 1704 90 55 1704 90 61 1704 90 65 1704 90 71 1704 90 75 1704 90 81 1704 90 99	Sugar confectionary (including white chocolate) not containing cocoa, falling within CN code 1704 90	500 tonnes	50 % of the rate of duty for third countries (*) up to a maximum of EUR 35,15/100 kg
	1806 32 10 1806 32 90 1806 90 11 1806 90 19 1806 90 31 1806 90 39 1806 90 50 1806 90 60 1806 90 70 1806 90 90	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa falling within CN codes 1806 32, 1806 90, 1905 31 and 1905 32		
	1905 31 11 1905 31 19 1905 31 30 1905 31 91 1905 31 99 1905 32 11 1905 32 19 1905 32 91 1905 32 99	Sweet biscuits, waffles and wafers		

(*) Rate of duty for third countries: rate consisting of the *ad valorem* duty plus, where appropriate, the agricultural component, limited to the maximum rate where provided for in the Common Customs Tariff.