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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 267/2006

of 30 January 2006

concerning the implementation of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Australia pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the course of their accession to the European Union, supplementing Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing tshe European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 [1] established a goods nomenclature, hereinafter referred to as the 'Combined Nomenclature', and set out the conventional duty rates of the Common Customs Tariff.

(2) By Decision 2006/106/EC of 30 January 2006 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Australia pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the course of their accession to the European Union [2], the Council approved, on behalf of the Community, the said Agreement with a view to closing negotiations initiated pursuant to Article XXIV:6 of GATT 1994.

(3) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 should therefore be supplemented accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, Annex 7 entitled WTO Tariff Quotas to be opened by the competent Community authorities, of Section III of Part Three of Annex I, shall be supplemented with the volumes as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force six weeks after 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.

Done at Brussels, 30 January 2006.

For the Council
The President
U. PLASSNIK

[1] OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 493/2005 (OJ L 82, 31.3.2005, p. 1).

[2] See page 52 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX

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 an indicative value, the concessions being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN codes as they exist at the time of adoption of the current regulation. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the concessions are to be determined by application of the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

Qualification for these quotas is subject to conditions laid down in the relevant Community provisions		
CN code	Description	Other terms and conditions
Tariff item number 0204	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen	Add 136 tonnes (carcase weight) to the allocation for Australia
Tariff item number 1701 11 10	Raw cane sugar, for refining	A country allocated (Australia) tariff rate quota 9 925 tonnes, in quota rate EUR 98 per tonne (*)
Tariff item number 0202 20 30 0202 30 0206 29 91	Meat of bovine animals, frozen; unseparated or separated fore-quarters; boneless and edible offal of bovine animals, frozen; thick skirt and thin skirt. The meat imported shall be used for processing	Add 4 003 tonnes (erga omnes) in EC tariff quota
Tariff item number ex 0201 ex 0202 ex 0206 10 95 and ex 0206 29 91	High quality meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen, with or without bone; edible offal of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	Add 150 tonnes (product weight) to the allocation for Australia
Tariff item number ex 0406 90 21	Cheddar cheese	Add 461 tonnes to the allocation for Australia
Tariff item number 0405 10 0405 90	Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk	Add 1 360 tonnes (erga omnes) in the EC tariff rate quota

(*) This rate applies to raw sugar with a yield of 92 % (see also additional note 2 to Chapter 17).