COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1051/2008

of 24 October 2008

amending Annex V to Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2007 as regards the quantitative limits of certain steel products from the Russian Federation

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2007 of 22 October 2007 on administering certain restrictions on imports of certain steel products from the Russian Federation [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The European Community and the Russian Federation signed an agreement on trade in certain steel products on 26 October 2007 [2] (the Agreement).

(2) Article 3(3) of the Agreement provides that unused quantities for a given year may be carried over to the following year up to a maximum of 7 % of the relevant quantitative limit set out in Annex II to the Agreement.

(3) Pursuant to Article 3(4) of the Agreement transfers between product groups may be made up to 7 % of the quantitative limit of a given product group and transfers between product categories are permitted up to a maximum of 25 000 tonnes.

(4) Russia has notified the Community of its intent to make use of the provisions in Article 3(3) and (4) within the time limits set by the Agreement. It is appropriate to make the necessary adjustments to the quantitative limits for the year 2008 resulting from Russia's request.

(5) Article 10 stipulates that with each yearly renewal, quantities in every product group shall be increased by 2,5 %.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 1342/2007 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantitative limits for the year 2008 set out in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1342/2007 are replaced by those set out in the Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

The quantitative limits for the year 2009 resulting from the application of Article 10(1) of the 2007 Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on trade in certain steel products are set out in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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.

Done at Brussels, 24 October 2008.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 300, 17.11.2007, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 300, 17.11.2007, p. 52.

ANNEX I

QUANTITATIVE LIMITS FOR 2008

(tonnes)

Products	2008
SA. Flat products	
SA1. Coils	1 113 993
SA2. Heavy plate	308 907
SA3. Other flat products	600 454
SA4. Alloyed products	104 290
SA5. Alloyed quarto plates	27 932
SA6. Alloyed cold-rolled and coated sheets	109 650
SB. Long products	
SB1. Beams	58 906
SB2. Wire rod	329 010
SB3. Other long products	529 434

Note: SA and SB are product categories.
SA1 to SA6 and SB1 to SB3 are product groups.

ANNEX II

QUANTITATIVE LIMITS FOR 2009

(tonnes)

Products	2009
SA. Flat products	
SA1. Coils	1 060 875
SA2. Heavy plate	281 875
SA3. Other flat products	609 875
SA4. Alloyed products	107 625
SA5. Alloyed quarto plates	25 625
SA6. Alloyed cold-rolled and coated sheets	112 750
SB. Long products	
SB1. Beams	56 375
SB2. Wire rod	332 100
SB3. Other long products	519 675

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