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(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 556/2008

of 16 June 2008

amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 20 December 1996 the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 [1]. Community demand for the products to which that Regulation applies should be met under the most favourable conditions. For that purpose, with effect from 1 July 2008 new Community tariff quotas should be opened at zero rates of duty for appropriate amounts and any disturbance of the markets for those products should be avoided.

(2) The quota amounts for five autonomous Community tariff quotas are insufficient to meet the needs of the Community industry. Consequently, those quota amounts should be increased.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) Having regard to the economic importance of this Regulation, it is necessary to rely on the grounds of urgency provided for in point 1.3 of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments in the European Union annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Communities.

(5) Since the tariff quotas have to take effect from 1 July 2008, this Regulation should apply from the same date and enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is hereby amended as follows:

1. the tariff quotas for the products listed in Annex I to this Regulation shall be inserted;

2. the rows for the tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2975, 09.2603, 09.2935, 09.2814 and 09.2620 shall be replaced by the rows in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2008.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2008.

For the Council
The President
D. RUPEL

[1] OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1526/2007 (OJ L 349, 31.12.2007, p. 1).

ANNEX I

Tariff quotas referred to in Article 1(1):

Order number	CN code	TARIC	Description	Quota period	Quota amount	Quota duty
09.2767	ex 2910 90 00	80	Allyl glycidyl ether	1.7.-31.12.2008	750 tonnes	0 %
09.2769	ex 2917 13 90	10	Dimethyl sebacate	1.7.-31.12.2008	650 tonnes	0 %
09.2977	2926 10 00		Acrylonitrile	1.7.-31.12.2008	35 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2763	ex 8501 40 80	30	Electric AC commutator motor, single-phase, with an output exceeding 750 W, an input power of more than 1 600 W but not exceeding 2 700 W, an external diameter of more than 120 mm (± 0,2 mm) but not exceeding 135 mm (± 0,2 mm), a rated speed of more than 30 000 rpm but not exceeding 50 000 rpm, equipped with air-inducting ventilator, for use in the manufacture of vacuum cleaners (1)	1.7.-31.12.2008	1 150 000 units	0 %
09.2775	ex 8504 40 81	20	AC/DC converter for use in the manufacture of LCD television reception apparatus (1)	1.7.-31.12.2008	200 000 units	0 %
09.2771	ex 8504 40 84	30	Inverter on a printed circuit board not integrated in the power supply unit, for driving external electrode fluorescent lamps (EEFL) or cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) in a backlight unit and supplying a voltage of not more than 1,33 kV, for use in the manufacture of LCD modules (1)	1.7.-31.12.2008	800 000 units	0 %

(1) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions laid down in the relevant Community provisions (see Articles 291 to 300 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 — OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

ANNEX II

Tariff quotas referred to in Article 1(2):

Order number	CN code	TARIC	Description	Quota period	Quota amount	Quota duty
09.2975	ex 2918 30 00	10	Benzophenone-3,3':4,4'-tetracarboxylic dianhydride	1.1.-31.12.	1 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2603	ex 2930 90 85	79	Bis(3-triethoxysilylpropyl)tetra-sulfide	1.1.-31.12.	9 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2935	3806 10 10		Rosin and resin acids obtained from fresh oleoresins	1.1.-31.12.	280 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2814	ex 3815 90 90	76	Catalyst consisting of titanium dioxide and tungsten trioxide	1.1.-31.12.	1 600 tonnes	0 %
09.2620	ex 8526 91 20	20	Assembly for GPS system having a position determination function	1.1.-31.12.	2 000 000 units	0 %