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opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled and frozen beef and for frozen buffalo meat

(recast)

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Article 1

1. The following tariff quotas are opened every year for the period from 1 July one year to 30 June the year after, hereinafter called 'import tariff quota period':

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(a) 66 826 tonnes for high quality fresh, chilled or frozen meat of bovine animals covered by CN codes 0201 and 0202 and for products covered by CN codes 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91;

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(b) 2 250 tonnes for frozen boneless buffalo meat covered by CN code 0202 30 90, expressed in weight of boneless meat, originating in Australia. This quota carries order number 09.4001;

(c) 200 tonnes for 'boneless buffalo meat, fresh, chilled or frozen' covered by CN code 0201 30 00 and CN code 0202 30 90, expressed in weight of boneless meat, originating in Argentina. This quota carries order number 09.4004.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, 'frozen meat' means meat with an internal temperature of – 12 °C or lower when it enters the customs territory of the Union.

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3. The ad valorem customs duty under the quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall be 20 %. However, for products originating in Canada the duty shall be 0.

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Article 2

The tariff quota for fresh, chilled and frozen beef provided for in point (a) of Article 1(1) shall be allocated as follows:

(a) 29 500 tonnes of boneless beef covered by CN codes 0201 30 00 and 0206 10 95 and meeting the following definition:

'Selected beef cuts obtained from steers, young steers or heifers having been exclusively fed through pasture grazing since their weaning. The steer carcasses shall be classified as "JJ", "J", 'U' or "U2", young steer and heifer carcasses shall be classified as "AA", "A", or "B" according to the official beef classification established by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food in Argentina (Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, PESCA y Alimentos — SAGPyA)'.

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However, for the import periods 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 the total amount is 30 000 tonnes.

The cuts shall be labelled in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([1]).

The indication 'High Quality Beef' may be added to the information on the label.

This quota carries order number 09.4450.

(b) 7 150 tonnes product weight for meat covered by CN codes 0201 20 90, 0201 30 00, 0202 20 90, 0202 30, 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91 and meeting the following definition:

'Selected cuts obtained from steer or heifer carcasses which have been classified under one of the following official categories "Y", "YS", "YG", "YGS", "YP" and "YPS" as defined by AUS-MEAT Australia. Beef colour must conform to AUS-MEAT meat colour reference standards 1 B to 4, fat colour to AUS-MEAT fat colour reference standards 0 to 4 and fat depth (measured at the P8 site) to AUS-MEAT fat classes 2 to 5'.

The cuts shall be labelled in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000.

The indication 'High Quality Beef' may be added to the information on the label.

This quota carries order number 09.4451.

(c) ►**M1** 6 376 tonnes ◄ of boneless beef covered by CN codes 0201 30 00 and 0206 10 95 and meeting the following definition:

'Selected beef cuts obtained from steers (novillo) or heifers (vaquillona) as defined in the official carcass classification of bovine meat established by the National Institute of Meat of Uruguay (Instituto Nacional de Carnes — INAC). The eligible animals for production of High Quality Beef have been exclusively fed through pasture grazing since their weaning. The carcasses shall be classified as "I", "N" or "A", with fat cover "1", "2" or "3" in accordance with the above mentioned classification'.

The cuts shall be labelled in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000.

The indication 'High Quality Beef ' may be added to the information on the label.

This quota carries order number 09.4452.

(d) 10 000 tonnes of boneless beef covered by CN codes 0201 30 00, 0202 30 90, 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91 and meeting the following definition:

'Selected cuts obtained from steers or heifers having been exclusively fed with pasture grass since their weaning. The carcasses shall be classified as "B" with fat cover "2" or "3" according to the official beef carcass classification established by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply in Brazil (Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento)'.

([1]) OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1.

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The cuts shall be labelled in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000.

The indication ‘High Quality Beef’ may be added to the information on the label.

This quota carries order number 09.4453.

(e) 1 300 tonnes product weight for meat covered by CN codes 0201 20 90, 0201 30 00, 0202 20 90, 0202 30, 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91 and meeting the following definition:

‘Selected beef cuts derived from exclusively pasture grazed steers or heifers, the carcases of which have a dressed weight of not more than 370 kilograms. The carcases shall be classified as “A”, “L”, “P”, “T” or “F”, be trimmed to a fat depth of “P” or lower and have a muscling classification of 1 or 2 according to the carcase classification system administered by the New Zealand Meat Board’.

This quota carries order number 09.4454.

(f) 11 500 tonnes product weight for meat falling within CN codes 0201, 0202, 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91, and meeting the following definition:

‘Carcasses or any cuts obtained from bovine animals not over 30 months of age which have been fed for 100 days or more on nutritionally balanced, high-energy-content rations containing not less than 70 % grain and comprising at least 20 pounds total feed per day. Beef graded “choice” or “prime” according to USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) standards automatically meets the above definition. Meat graded “Canada A”, “Canada AA”, “Canada AAA”, “Canada Choice” and “Canada Prime”, “A1”, “A2”, “A3” and “A4”, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency — Government of Canada, corresponds to this definition’.

This quota carries order number 09.4002.

(g) 1 000 tonnes of boneless meat falling within CN codes 0201 30 00 and 0202 30 90 and meeting the following definition:

‘fillet (lomito), striploin and/or Cube roll (lomo), rump (rabadilla), topside (carnaza negra) obtained from selected crossbred animals with less than 50 % of breeds of the zebú type and having been exclusively fed with pasture grass or hay. The slaughtered animals must be steers or heifers falling under category “V” of the VACUNO carcasse-grading system producing carcasses not exceeding 260 kg’.

The cuts shall be labelled in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000.

The indication ‘High Quality Beef’ may be added to the information on the label.

This quota carries order number 09.4455.

Article 3

1. Imports of the quantities set out in Article 2(f) shall be subject to presentation, on release for free circulation, of:

(a) an import licence issued in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, and

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(b) a certificate of authenticity issued in accordance with Article 6.

2. For imports of the quantity set out in Article 2(f), the import tariff quota period shall be divided into 12 subperiods of one month each. The quantity available each subperiod shall correspond to one twelfth of the total quantity.

Article 4

In order to obtain import licences as referred to in Article 3 the following conditions shall be complied with:

(a) section 8 of licence applications and licences must show the country of origin and the mention 'yes' shall be marked by a cross. Licences shall be subject to the obligation to import from the country in question;

(b) section 20 of licence applications and licences must contain one of the entries listed in Annex I.

Article 5

1. Licence applications as referred to in Article 4 may be lodged solely during the first five days of each month of each import tariff quota period.

Notwithstanding Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 382/2008, applications may cover, for the same quota order number, one or several of the products covered by the CN codes or groups of CN codes listed in Annex I to that Regulation. In case applications cover several CN codes, the respective quantity applied for per CN code or group of CN codes shall be specified. In all cases, all the CN codes shall be indicated in section 16 and their description in section 15 of licence applications and licences.

2. At the latest on the 10 th day of the month in which applications are submitted, Member States shall notify the Commission of the total quantity per country of origin covered by applications.

3. Import licences shall be issued as from the 17th and no later than the 21st of the month in which the applications were submitted. Each licence issued shall specify per CN code or group of CN codes the quantity concerned.

Article 6

1. Certificates of authenticity shall be made out in one original and not less than one copy in accordance with the model in Annex II.

The forms shall measure approximately 210 × 297 mm and the paper shall weigh not less than 40 g/m^2.

2. The forms shall be printed and completed in one of the official languages of the Union; they may also be printed and completed in the official language or one of the official languages of the exporting country.

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The relevant definition in Article 2 applying to the meat originating in the exporting country shall be shown on the reverse of the form.

3. Certificates of authenticity shall bear an individual serial number allocated by the issuing authorities referred to in Article 7. The copies shall bear the same serial number as the original.

4. The original and copies thereof may be typed or hand-written. In the latter case, they shall be completed in black ink and in block capitals.

5. Certificates of authenticity shall be valid only if they are duly completed and endorsed in accordance with the instructions in Annexes II and III by an issuing authority listed in Annex III.

6. Certificates of authenticity shall be considered to have been duly endorsed if they state the date and place of issue and if they bear the stamp of the issuing authority and the signature of the person or persons empowered to sign them.

The stamp may be replaced by a printed seal on the original of the certificate of authenticity and any copies thereof.

Article 7

1. The issuing authorities listed in Annex III shall:

(a) be recognised as such by the exporting country;

(b) undertake to verify entries on certificates of authenticity;

(c) undertake to forward to the Commission each Wednesday any information enabling the entries on certificates of authenticity to be verified.

2. The list set out in Annex III may be revised by the Commission where any issuing authority is no longer recognised, where it fails to fulfil any of the obligations incumbent on it or where a new issuing authority is designated.

Article 8

1. Imports of the quantities set out in Article 1(1)(b) and (c) and in Article 2(a) to (e) and (g) shall be subject to presentation, on release for free circulation, of import licences issued in accordance with Article 4(a) and (b) and paragraph 2 of this Article.

2. The original of the certificate of authenticity drawn up in accordance with Articles 6 and 7 plus a copy thereof shall be presented to the competent authority together with the application for the first import licence relating to the certificate of authenticity.

Certificates of authenticity may be used for the issuing of more than one import licence for quantities not exceeding that shown on the certificate. Where more than one licence is issued in respect of a certificate, the competent authority shall endorse the certificate of authenticity to show the quantity attributed.

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The competent authorities may issue import licences only after they are satisfied that all the information on the certificate of authenticity corresponds to that received each week from the Commission on the subject. The licences shall be issued immediately thereafter.

3. Notwithstanding the first and the third subparagraphs of paragraph 2, and subject to compliance with paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, the competent authorities may issue import licences when:

(a) the original of the certificate of authenticity has been presented but the relevant information from the Commission has not yet been received; or

(b) the original of the certificate of authenticity has not been presented; or

(c) the original of the certificate of authenticity has been presented and the relevant information from the Commission has been received but certain data are not in conformity.

4. In the cases referred to in paragraph 3, notwithstanding point (a) of Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 382/2008, the security to be lodged for import licences shall be equal to the amount corresponding, for the products in question, to the full customs duty under the Common Customs Tariff applicable on the day on which the application for the import licence is submitted.

After having received the original of the certificate of authenticity and the Commission information on the certificate in question and after having checked that this data is in conformity, the Member States shall release this security on condition that the security referred to in point (a) of Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 382/2008 has been lodged for the same import licence.

5. The presentation to the competent authority of the original of the conforming authenticity certificate before expiry of the period of validity of the import licence concerned shall constitute a primary requirement within the meaning of Article 19 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 282/2012 ([1]) for the security referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 4.

6. The amounts of the security referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 4 not released shall be forfeited and retained as customs duties.

Article 9

Certificates of authenticity and import licences shall be valid for three months from their dates of issue. The term of validity of the certificates of authenticity shall, however, expire at the latest on 30 June following the date of issue.

Article 10

For quantities referred to in Article 2(f) of this Regulation, the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006, Regulation (EC) No 376/2008 and Regulation (EC) No 382/2008 shall apply, save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

([1]) OJ L 92, 30.3.2012, p. 4.

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For quantities referred to in Article 1(1)(b) and (c) and in Article 2(a) to (e) and (g) of this Regulation, the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 376/2008, Regulation (EC) No 382/2008 and Chapter III of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 shall apply, save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

Article 11

1. By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of Article 11(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006, Member States shall notify to the Commission:

(a) no later than the 10th day of each month, for the import tariff quotas with the order numbers 09.4450, 09.4451, 09.4452, 09.4453, 09.4454, 09.4002 and 09.4455, the quantities of products, including nil returns, for which import licences were issued in the previous month;

(b) no later than 31 August following the end of each import tariff quota period, for the import tariff quota with the order numbers 09.4001 and 09.4004, the quantities of products, including nil returns, for which import licenses were issued in the previous import tariff quota period;

(c) the quantities of products, including nil returns, covered by unused or partly used import licences and corresponding to the difference between the quantities entered on the back of the import licences and the quantities for which they were issued:

(i) together with the notifications referred to in Article 5(2) of this Regulation regarding the applications submitted for the last subperiod of the import tariff quota period;

(ii) no later than 31 October following the end of each import tariff quota period.

2. Member States shall notify the Commission of the details of the quantities of products put into free circulation in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006.

3. For the notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, the quantities shall be expressed in kilograms product weight, per country of origin and per product category as indicated in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 382/2008.

The notifications regarding the quantities referred to in Article 1(1)(b) and (c) and in Article 2(a) to (e) and (g) of this Regulation shall be made in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 792/2009.

Article 12

Regulation (EC) No 810/2008 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 V.

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Article 13

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of 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

Entries referred to in article 4(b)

— *In Bulgarian:*	Говеждо/телешко месо с високо качество (Регламент за изпълнение (ЕС) № 593/2013)
— *In Spanish:*	Carne de vacuno de alta calidad [Reglamento de Ejecución (UE) nº 593/2013]
— *In Czech:*	Vysoce jakostní hovězí/telecí maso (Prováděcí nařízení (EU) č. 593/2013)
— *In Danish:*	Oksekød af høj kvalitet (Gennemførelsesforordning (EU) nr. 593/2013)
— *In German:*	Qualitätsrindfleisch (Durchführungsverordnung (EU) Nr. 593/2013)
— *In Estonian:*	Kõrgekvaliteediline veiseliha/vasikaliha (Rakendusmäärus (EL) nr 593/2013)
— *In Greek:*	Βόειο κρέας εκλεκτής ποιότητας [Εκτελεστικός κανονισμός (ΕΕ) αριθ. 593/2013]
— *In English:*	High-quality beef/veal (Implementing Regulation (EU) No 593/2013)
— *In French:*	Viande bovine de haute qualité [Règlement d'exécution (UE) nº 593/2013]
— *In Italian:*	Carni bovine di alta qualità [Regolamento di esecuzione (UE) n. 593/2013]
— *In Latvian:*	Augstas kvalitātes liellopu/teļa gaļa (Īstenošanas regula (ES) Nr. 593/2013)
— *In Lithuanian:*	Aukštos kokybės jautiena/veršiena (Įgyvendinimo reglamentas (ES) Nr. 593/2013)
— *In Hungarian:*	Kiváló minőségű marha-/borjúhús (593/2013/EU végrehajtási rendelet)
— *In Maltese:*	Kwalita għolja ta' ċanga/vitella (Regolament ta' Implimentazzjoni (UE) Nru 593/2013)
— *In Dutch:*	Rundvlees van hoge kwaliteit (Uitvoeringsverordening (EU) nr. 593/2013)
— *In Polish:*	Wołowina/cielęcina wysokiej jakości (Rozporządzenie wykonawcze (UE) nr 593/2013)
— *In Portuguese:*	Carne de bovino de alta qualidade [Regulamento de Execução (UE) n.º 593/2013]
— *In Romanian:*	Carne de vită/viței de calitate superioară [Regulamentul de punere în aplicare (UE) nr. 593/2013]
— *In Slovak:*	Vysoko kvalitné hovädzie/teľacie mäso (Vykonávacie nariadenie (EÚ) č. 593/2013)
— *In Slovene:*	Visokokakovostno goveje/telečje meso (Izvedbena uredba (EU) št. 593/2013)
— *In Finnish:*	Korkealaatuista naudanlihaa (Täytäntöönpanoasetus (EU) N:o 593/2013)
— *In Swedish:*	Nötkött av hög kvalitet (Genomförandeförordning (EU) nr 593/2013)

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ANNEX II

<table>
<tr><td>1. Exporter (name and address):</td><td colspan="2">2. Certificate No:</td><td>ORIGINAL</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td colspan="3">3. Issuing authority:</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Consignee (name and address):</td><td colspan="3"></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td colspan="3">5. CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
BEAF AND VEAL
Implementing Regulation (EU) No 593/2013</td></tr>
<tr><td>6. Means of transport:</td><td colspan="3"></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">7. Marks, numbers, number and kind of packages; description of goods:</td><td>8. Gross weight (kg)</td><td>9. Net weight (kg)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">10. Net weight (in words):</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">11. CERTIFICATION BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that the beef described In this certificate complies with the specification shown overleaf.

(a) for high-quality beef (1)

(b) for buffalo meat (1)

Place:

Date:

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Signature and stamp (or printed seal)

To be completed either by typewriter or hand in block capitals.</td></tr>
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Definition

High quality beef originating in …

(appropriate definition)

or Buffalo meat originating in Australia

or Buffalo meat originating in Argentina

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ANNEX III

LIST OF AUTHORITIES IN EXPORTING COUNTRIES EMPOWERED TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF AUTHENTICITY

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— MINISTERIO DE AGROINDUSTRIA:

for meat originating in Argentina:

(a) meeting the definition in point (c) of Article 1(1);

(b) meeting the definition in Article 2(a).

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— DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY — AUSTRALIA

for meat originating in Australia:

(a) meeting the definition in point (b) of Article 1(1);

(b) meeting the definition in Article 2(b).

— INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE CARNES (INAC)

for meat originating in Uruguay and meeting the definition in Article 2(c).

— DEPARTAMENTO NACIONAL DE INSPECÇÃO DE PRODUTOS DE ORIGEM ANIMAL (DIPOA)

for meat originating in Brazil and meeting the definition in Article 2(d).

— NEW ZEALAND MEAT BOARD

for meat originating in New Zealand, meeting the definition in Article 2(e).

— FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE (FSIS) OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

for meat originating in the United States of America and meeting the definition in Article 2(f).

— CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY — GOVERNMENT OF CANADA/AGENCE CANADIENNE D'INSPECTION DES ALIMENTS — GOUVERNEMENT DU CANADA

for meat originating in Canada, and meeting the definition in Article 2(f).

— SERVICIO NACIONAL DE CALIDAD Y SALUD ANIMAL, DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE CALIDAD E INOCUIDAD DE PRODUCTOS DE ORIGEN ANIMAL

for meat originating in Paraguay and meeting the definition in Article 2(g).

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ANNEX IV

Repealed Regulation with list of the successive amendments thereto

Commission Regulation (EC) No 810/2008 (OJ L 219, 14.8.2008, p. 3)	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1136/2008 (OJ L 307, 18.11.2008, p. 3)	
Commission Regulation (EC) No 539/2009 (OJ L 160, 23.6.2009, p. 3)	Article 2 only
Commission Regulation (EC) No 868/2009 (OJ L 248, 22.9.2009, p. 21)	Article 2 only
Commission Regulation (EC) No 883/2009 (OJ L 254, 26.9.2009, p. 9)	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 653/2011 (OJ L 179, 7.7.2011, p. 1)	Article 3 only
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1257/2011 (OJ L 320, 3.12.2011, p. 12)	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1212/2012 (OJ L 348, 18.12.2012, p. 7)	Article 5 only

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ANNEX V

Correlation table

Regulation (EC) No 810/2008	This Regulation
Article 1(1), first subparagraph	Article 1(1)
Article 1(1), second subparagraph	—
Article 1(2) and (3)	Article 1(2) and (3)
Articles 2 to 13	Articles 2 to 13
Annex I	Annex II
Annex II	Annex III
Annex III	Annex I
Annex VII	—
Annex VIII	—
—	Annex IV
—	Annex V