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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

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

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In response to requests from several Member States, the Commission's departments, together with the government experts concerned, considered whether to open, increase and extend autonomous tariff quotas for certain industrial products.
2. Following the discussion, at a meeting of the Economic Tariff Questions Group, it was concluded that the Member States could approve new quotas, increases or extensions to quotas for the products covered by the proposal for a Regulation, without disturbing the markets for such products.

Hence the attached proposal for a Regulation.

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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 Commission¹,

Whereas:

- (1) By virtue of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96², the Council opened Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products; Community demand for the products in question should be met under the most favourable conditions; Community tariff quotas should therefore be opened at reduced or zero rates of duty for appropriate volumes, and increased or extended in the case of certain existing tariff quotas, while avoiding any disturbance to the markets for these products;
- (2) It is no longer in the Community's interest to maintain a Community tariff quota on some of the products covered by the above Regulation, and those products should therefore be removed from the table in Annex I;
- (3) In view of the large number of amendments coming into effect on 1 January 2001 and in order to clarify matters for the user, the table in Annex I to the above Regulation these amendments should be replaced by the table in the Annex to this Regulation;
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2000, Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be amended as follows:

- order number 09.2799: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 47.000 tons;

¹ OJ C , p.

² OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2255/2000 (OJ L 258, 12.10.2000, p. 14).

- order number 09.2939: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 260.000.000 units;
- order number 09.2949: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 16.000.000 units;
- order number 09.2959: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 80.000 tons;
- order number 09.2985: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 200.000 units.

Article 2

Table in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is replaced by the table set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2001, except for Article 1, which shall apply from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description	Amount of quota	Quota duty (%)	Quota period
09.2703	ex 2825 30 00	10	Vanadium oxides and hydroxides, only for the production of alloys(a)	13.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2711	ex 7202 41 10 ex 7202 41 91 ex 7202 41 99	10 10 10	Ferro-chromium containing by weight more than 4 % of carbon for the manufacture or as additive of iron or steel of Chapter 72 or for the manufacture of nickel alloys of Chapter 75 of Combined Nomenclature (a)	400.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2713	ex 2008 60 19 ex 2008 60 39	10 11/19	Sweet cherries, marinated in alcohol, of a diameter not exceeding 19,9 mm, stoned, intended for the manufacture of chocolate products (a): - with a sugar content exceeding 9 % by weight - with a sugar content not exceeding 9 % by weight	2.000 tons	10 (1) 10	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2719	ex 2008 60 19 ex 2008 60 39	20 20	Sour cherries (<i>Prunus cerasus</i>), marinated in alcohol, of a diameter not exceeding 19,9 mm, intended for the manufacture of chocolate products (a): - with a sugar content exceeding 9 % by weight - with a sugar content not exceeding 9 % by weight	2.000 tons	10 (1) 10	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2727	ex 3902 90 90	93	Synthetic poly-alpha-olefin having a viscosity of not less than $38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (38 centistokes) at 100 °C, measured using the ASTM D 445 method	7.500 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2729	ex 0811 90 95	10	Boysenberries, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar, for the processing industry(a)	1.500 tons	12	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2799	ex 7202 49 90	10	Ferro-chromium containing 1,5 % or more but not more than 4 % by weight of carbon and not more than 70 % by weight of chromium	40.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2809	ex 3802 90 00	10	Acid-activated montmorillonite for the manufacture of self-copy paper (a)	10.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2829	ex 3824 90 95	19	Solid extract of the residual insoluble in aliphatic solvents obtained during the extraction of resin from wood, having the following characteristics : - a resin acid content not exceeding 30 % by weight - an acid number not exceeding 110, and - melting point of not less than 100 °C	1.600 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2837	ex 2903 49 80	10	Bromochloromethane	700 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2841	ex 2712 90 99	10	Blend of 1-alkenes containing 80 % by weight or more of 1-alkenes of a chain-length of 20 and 22 carbon atoms	10.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2849	ex 0710 80 69	10	Mushrooms of the species <i>Auricularia polytricha</i> (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling), frozen, for the manufacture of prepared meals (a)(b)	700 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2851	ex 2907 12 00	10	<i>o</i> -Cresol having a purity of not less than 98,5 % by weight	13.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2853	ex 2930 90 70	35	Glutathione	15 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2859	ex 2909 49 90	10	2,2'-Isopropylidene-bis (p-phenyleneoxy)diethanol, in solid form	1.300 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2867	ex 3207 40 80	10	Glass granulate, containing by weight : - 73 % or more but not more than 77 % of silicon dioxide, - 12 % or more but not more than 18 % of diboron trioxide and - 4 % or more but not more than 8 % of polyethylene glycol	310 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2881	ex 3901 90 90	92	Chlorosulphonated polyethylene	6.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2889	3805 10 90	-	Sulphate turpentine	20.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.

09.2913	ex 2401 10 41 ex 2401 10 49 ex 2401 10 50 ex 2401 10 70 ex 2401 10 90 ex 2401 20 41 ex 2401 20 49 ex 2401 20 50 ex 2401 20 70 ex 2401 20 90	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Natural unmanufactured tobacco, whether or not cut in regular size, having a custom value of not less than € 450 per 100 kg net weight, for use as binder or wrapper for the manufacture of products falling within subheading 2402 10 00 (a)	6.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2914	ex 3824 90 95	26	Aqueous solution containing by weight not less than 40 % of dry betaine-extract and 5 % or more but not more than 30 % by weight of organic or inorganic salts	38.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2915	ex 3824 90 95	27	Silicon dioxide having a purity of 99 % or more by weight, in the form of spherical particles dispersed in monoethylene glycol	60 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2917	2930 90 14	-	Cystine	600 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2918	ex 2910 90 00	50	1,2-Epoxybutan	500 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2919	ex 8708 29 90	10	Foldings bellows for the manufacture of articulated buses(a)	2.600 units	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2933	ex 2903 69 90	30	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	2.600 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2935	3806 10 10	-	Rosin and resin acids, obtained from fresh oleoresins	60.000 tons	0	1.1. - 30.6.
09.2935	3806 10 10	-	Rosin and resin acids, obtained from fresh oleoresins	50.000 tons	0	1.7. - 31.12.
09.2939	ex 8543 89 95	43	Voltage controlled oscillator (VCO), other than temperature compensated oscillators, consisting of active and passive elements mounted on a printed circuit, contained in a housing bearing: - an identification marking consisting of or including one of the following alphanumeric combinations: 1012TDK, 1019TDK, EK304, MQC403, MQC404, MQE001, MQE041, MQE042, MQE051, MQE201, MQE411, MQE501, URAE8X956A, URAB8, URAE8X960A, VD2S40, VD2S41, VD5S07 - or other identification markings relating to devices complying with the above mentioned description	260.000.000 units	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2945	ex 2940 00 90	10	D-Xylose	800 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2947	ex 3904 69 90	95	Poly(vinylidene fluoride), in powder form, for the preparation of paint or varnish for coating metal (a)	1.300 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2949	ex 8543 89 95	44	Temperature compensated oscillator, comprising a printed circuit on which are mounted at least a piezo-electric crystal and an adjustable capacitor, contained in a housing bearing: - an identification marking consisting of or including one of the following alphanumeric combinations: 3211A-ANF50, 5111B-ANL51, TCXO-111, TXO2603 - or other identification markings relating to devices complying with the above mentioned description	16.000.000 units	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2950	ex 2905 50 20	20	2-Chloroethanol, for the manufacture of liquid thioplasts of subheading 4002 99 90(a)	5.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2954	ex 2926 90 99	55	3-[Trifluoromethyl] phenylacetonitrile	100 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2955	ex 2932 19 00	60	Flurtamone (ISO)	200 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2957	ex 8507 90 98	10	Stamped cylindrical can, in non-alloy steel, post-nickel-plated, for an accumulator, of a diameter of 13 mm or more but not exceeding 17 mm, and of a height of 27 mm or more but not exceeding 70 mm	70.000.000 units	0	1.1. - 31.12.

09.2959	ex 4804 41 91 ex 4804 41 99 ex 4804 51 90	10 10 10	Kraft paper and paperboard, weighing more than 150 g/m ² , only consisting of unbleached virgin fibres obtained by the chemical sulphate process, for the manufacture of products falling within heading 3921 (a)	65.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2964	ex 5502 00 80	20	Filament tow of cellulose produced by organic solvent spinning (Lyocell), for use in the paper industry (a)	1.200 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2966	ex 2839 19 00	20	Crystalline disodium disilicate, containing by weight: - 59 % or more of silicon-dioxide and - 30 % or more of disodium oxide	12.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2975	ex 2918 30 00	10	Benzophenone-3,3':4,4'-tetracarboxylic dianhydride	500 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2976	ex 8407 90 10	10	Four-stroke petrol engines of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 250 cc, for use in the manufacture of lawnmowers of sub-heading 8433 11 (a)	900.000 units	0	1.1. - 31.12
09.2978	ex 4804 52 90	10	Kraft paper and paperboard, bleached uniformly throughout the mass, weighing 250 g/m ² or more , for use in the manufacture of liquid food containers (a)	48.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12
09.2979	ex 7011 20 00	15	Glass face-plate with a diagonal measurement from the outer edge to the outer edge of 80,9 cm (± 0,2 cm) and having a light transmission of 80% (± 3%) by a reference thickness of the glass of 11,43 mm	600.000 units	0	1.1. - 31.12
09.2980	ex 4810 32 10 ex 4810 32 90	10 10	Kraft paper and paperboard, in rolls, bleached uniformly throughout the mass, coated on one side with kaolin and/or calcium carbonate, weighing more than 150g/m ² but less than 400 g/m ² , for use in the manufacture of liquid food containers (a)	52.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12
09.2981	ex 8407 33 90 ex 8407 90 80 ex 8407 90 90	10 10 10	Spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines, having a cylinder capacity of not less than 300 cc and a power of not less than 6 but not exceeding 15,5 kW, for the manufacture of: - self-propelled lawn mowers, with a seat of sub-heading 8433 11 51 - tractors of subheading 8701 90 11, having the main function of a lawn mower or - four stroke mowers with motor of a nominal cylinder capacity of 480 cm ³ of subheading 8433 20 10 (a)	210.000 units	0	1.1. - 31.12
09.2982	ex 2903 69 90	20	1,2-Bis (pentabromophenyl) ethane	2.600 tons	0	1.1. - 30.6.2001
09.2983	ex 2909 30 38	10	Bis (pentabromophenyl) ether	3.200 tons	0	1.1. - 30.6.2001
09.2985	ex 8540 91 00	32	Flat masks of a length of 691,6 mm (±0,2 mm) and a height of 407,7 mm (±0,2 mm), with a width of the slots at the end of the central vertical axe of 155 micrometer (± 8 micrometer)	300.000 units	0	1.1. - 30.6.2001.
09.2986	ex 3824 90 95	76	Mixture of tertiary amines containing: - 60% by weight of dodecyltrimethylamine, or more - 20% by weight of dimethyl(tetradecyl)amine, or more - 0,5% by weight of hexadecyltrimethylamine, or more	14.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2987	ex 3905 91 00	93	Copolymer of ethylene and vinyl alcohol (EVOH)	2.000 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.

09.2988	ex 4804 31 51 ex 4804 31 90 ex 4805 29 90 ex 4805 60 90 ex 4823 90 50 ex 4823 90 90	10 10 10 30 30 13	Paper of a kind used for the production of electrolytic capacitors (condensator paper), made up from materials other than made up exclusively from esparto, containing not more than 5 mg/kg of sulphate and not more than 1 mg/kg of chlorine, having a thickness of 25 µm or more but not exceeding 100 µm and a width of not more than 800 mm	1.500 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2991	ex 2846 90 00	20	Rare earth chloride, containing by weight 57 % or more of lanthanum trichloride heptahydrate, in solid form, for the manufacture of fluid cracking catalysts (a)	2.600 tons	0	1.1. - 30.6.2001
09.2992	ex 3902 30 00	93	Propylene-butylene copolymer, containing by weight not less than 60% but not more than 68% of propylene and not less than 32% but not more than 40% of butylene, of a melt viscosity not exceeding 3.000 mPa at 190° C, as determined by the ASTM D 3236 method, for use as an adhesive in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 4818 40 (a)	1.400 tons	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2993	ex 3920 10 28	93	Polyethylene film with a thickness of not more than 23 µm but not exceeding 27 µm, with a weight of not more than 32 g/m ² but not exceeding 42 g/m ² and with a water vapour permeability of not less than 900g/m ² per day	48.000.000 m ²	0	1.1. - 31.12.
09.2994	ex 6903 90 80	20	Silicon carbide reactor tubes and holders designed for insertion into diffusion and oxidation furnaces for production of semiconductor materials (a)	50.000 units	0	1.1. - 30.6.2001
09.2995	ex 8536 90 85 ex 8538 90 99	95 93	Keypads, - comprising a layer of silicone and polycarbonate keytops or - wholly of silicone or wholly of polycarbonate, including printed keys, for the manufacture or repair of mobile radio-telephones of subheading 8525 20 91 (a)	30.000.000 units	0	1.1. - 30.6.2001

- (a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.
- (b) However, the tariff quota is not allowed where processing is carried out by retail or catering undertakings.
- (1) The specific additional duty is applicable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TITLE OF OPERATION

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

2. BUDGET HEADING(S) INVOLVED

Chapter 12, Article 120 (1210 + 1060)

3. LEGAL BASIS

Article 26 of the Treaty

4. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION

4.1 General objective

To ensure that the Community processing industry is supplied on favourable terms.

5. FINANCIAL IMPACT

5.1 Method of calculating total cost of operation (relation between individual and total costs)

A. Effective in 2000:

Product description	Variation in quota volume (Units/tons)	Variation in estimated price (€/Unit)	Variation in normal duty (%)	Variation in quota duty (%)	Expected variation in the loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period (in €)
Ferro-chromium 09.2799	+ 12.000 t (initial volume: 35.000 t)	0 (initial price: 4.466)	0 (initial duty: 7)	0	+ 3.751.999
VCO 09.2939	+ 125.000.000 u (initial volume: 135.000.000 u)	0 (initial price: 1,9)	0 (initial duty: 3,7)	0	+ 8.787.500
TCO 09.2949	+ 4.000.000 u (initial volume: 12.000.000 u)	0 (initial price: 1,9)	0 (initial duty: 3,7)	0	+281.200
Kraft Paper 09.2959	+ 15.000 t (initial volume: 65.000 t)	0 (initial price: 515)	0 (initial duty: 2,8)	0	+ 216.300

Flat masks 09.2985	+ 50.000 u (initial volume: 150.000 u)	0 (initial price: 17,5)	0 (initial duty: 2,7)	0	+ 23.625
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Total loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period: + 13.060.624 €.

B. Effective from 2001:

Note: this table lists only products from the annex to the Regulation, which have a financial incidence.

Product description	Variation in quota volume (Units/tons)	Variation in estimated price (€/Unit)	Variation in normal duty (%) (CCT 2001)	Variation in quota duty (%)	Expected variation in the loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period (in €)
Ferro-chromium 09.2711	- 200.000 t (initial volume: 600.000 t)	0 (initial price: 1.478)	0 (initial duty: 4)	0	- 11.824.000
Ferro-chromium 09.2799	+ 5.000 t (initial volume: 35.000 t)	0 (initial price: 4.466)	0 (initial duty: 7)	0	+ 1.563.100
VCO 09.2939	+ 125.000.000 u (initial volume: 135.000.000 u)	0 (initial price: 1,9)	0 (initial duty: 3,7)	0	+ 8.787.500
TCO 09.2949	+ 4.000.000 u (initial volume: 12.000.000 u)	0 (initial price: 1,9)	0 (initial duty: 3,7)	0	+281.200
Glass faceplates 09.2979	+ 400.000 u (initial volume: 200.000 u)	0 (initial price: 52,5)	0 (initial duty: 4)	0	+ 840.000
Ethane 09.2982	- 1.900 t (initial volume: 4.500 t)	0 (initial price: 3.200)	0 (initial duty: 5,5)	0	- 457.600
Ether 09.2983	- 3.000 t (initial volume: 6.200 t)	0 (initial price: 2.000)	0 (initial duty: 5,5)	0	- 330.000
Flat masks 09.2985	+ 150.000 u (initial volume: 150.000 u)	0 (initial price: 17,5)	0 (initial duty: 2,7)	0	+ 70.875
Mixture 09.2986	+ 10.000 t (initial volume: 4.000t)	0 (initial price: 1.470)	0 (initial duty: 6,5)	0	+ 955.500
EVOH 09.2987	+ 800 t (initial volume: 1.200 t)	0 (initial price: 5.378)	0 (initial duty: 8,9)	0	+ 382.913
Paper 09.2988	+ 795 t (initial volume: 705 t)	0 (initial price: 6.153)	0 (initial duty: 2,2 (average duty))	0	+ 107.615

Chloride 09.2991	+ 2.600 t	666	3,2	0	+ 55.411
Copolymer 09.2992	+ 1.400 t	2.075	8,3	0	+ 241.115
Film 09.2993	+ 48.000.000 m ²	0.07	8,3	0	+ 278.880
Pipes 09.2994	+ 50.000 u	400	5	0	+ 1.000.000
Keypads 09.2995	+ 30.000.000 u	2,9	2 (average duty)	0	+ 1.740.000

Total loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period: + 6.185.454 €.

6. FRAUD PREVENTION MEASURES

Provisions on the management of tariff quotas include the measures needed to prevent and protect against frauds and irregularities.