



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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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 Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By virtue of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 of the Council from 20th December 1996 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products¹ Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products were opened. 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, extended or terminated in the case of certain existing tariff quotas, while avoiding any disturbance to the markets for these products;
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 July 2003, the tariff quotas listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96.

Article 2

For the quota period from 1 January to 30 June 2003 in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96:

- the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2902 is fixed at 20.000 units.
- the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2935 is fixed at 120.000 tonnes.

¹ OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1; as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2287/2002 (OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 42).

Article 3

For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2003 in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2904 is fixed at 8.500 units.

Article 4

The quota periods of the tariff quotas 09.2867 and 09.2985, which are foreseen in annex I of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is extended up to 31 December 2003.

Article 5

The quota period of the tariff quota 09.2991, which is foreseen in annex I of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is terminated by 30 June 2003.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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,

*For the Council
The President*

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description	Amount of quota	Quota duty (%)	Quota period
09.2612	ex 2921 59 90	30	3,3'-dichlorobenzidine dihydrochloride	150 tonnes	3,5	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2613	ex 2932 99 70	40	1,3:2,4-Bis- <i>O</i> -(3,4-dimethylbenzylidene)- <i>D</i> -glucitol	125 tonnes	3,3	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2614	ex 7011 20 00	85	Glass face-plate with a major diagonal measurement from the outer edge to the outer edge of 91.8 (\pm 0.2) cm and having a light transmission of 78 (\pm 3) % by a reference glass thickness of 11.43 mm	100.000 units	0	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2615	ex 2934 99 90	70	Ribonucleic Acid	55 tonnes	0	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2616	ex 3910 00 00	30	Polydimethylsiloxane with a degree of polymerisation of 2800 monomer units (\pm 100)	650 tonnes	0	1.7. - 31.12.2003
09.2902	ex 8540 11 15	91	Flat screen colour cathode-ray tube with a screen width/height ratio of 4/3, a diagonal measurement of the screen of 59 cm or more but not exceeding 61 cm and a curvature radius of 50 m or more	13.000 units	7	1.7. - 31.12.2003
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)	650.000 units	0	1.7.2003 - 30.6.2004

- (a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
			DATE: 2003
1.	BUDGET HEADING: Chapter 12, Article 120		APPROPRIATIONS:
2.	TITLE: 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.		
3.	LEGAL BASIS: Article 26 of the Treaty		
4.	AIMS: To ensure that the Community processing industry is supplied on favourable terms.		
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	12 MONTH PERIOD (EUR million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (EUR million)
			FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (EUR million)
5.0	EXPENDITURE		
	- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)		
	- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES		
	- OTHER		
5.1	REVENUE		- 5,9 crude
	- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)		
	- NATIONAL		
5.0.1	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE		
5.1.1	ESTIMATED REVENUE		
5.2	METHOD OF CALCULATION: See annex		
6.0	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?		YES
6.1	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?		NO
6.2	WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY?		NO
6.3	WILL APPROPRIATIONS NEED TO BE ENTERED IN FUTURE BUDGETS?		NO
OBSERVATIONS:			

ANNEX

Effective from 1.1.2003:

Product description	Variation in quota volume (Units/tons)	Variation in estimated price (€/Unit)	Variation in normal duty (%) (CCT 2003)	Variation in quota duty (%)	Expected variation in the loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period (in €)
Tube 59-61 cm 09.2902	+7.000 u (initial volume: 13.000 u)	0 (initial price: 200)	7 (initial price: 14)	0	+ 98.000
Tube 79-81 cm 09.2904	+ 4.900 u (initial volume: 3.600 u)	0 (initial price: 667)	0 (initial price: 14)	0	+ 457.562
Gum rosin 09.2935	+ 40.000 t (initial volume: 80.000 t)	0 (initial price: 32,5)	0 (initial duty: 5)	0	+ 65.000

Total loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period: + 620.562 €crude.

Effective from 1.7.2003:

Product description	Variation in quota volume (Units/tons)	Variation in estimated price (€/Unit)	Variation in normal duty (%) (CCT 2003)	Variation in quota duty (%)	Expected variation in the loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period (in €)
Chloride 09.2612	+ 150 t (initial volume: 0 t)	0 (initial price: 6.402)	3,5 (initial duty: 6,5)	0	+ 28.809
Glucitol 09.2613	+ 125 t (initial volume: 0 t)	0 (initial price: 933.740)	3,3 (initial duty: 5,5)	0	+2.567.785
Face plates 09.2614	+100.000 u (initial volume: 0 u)	0 (initial price: 95)	0 (initial price: 4)	0	+ 380.000
Ribonucleic Acid 09.2615	+ 55 t (initial volume: 0 t)	0 (initial price: 150.000)	0 (initial duty: 6,5)	0	+ 536.250
Polydimethyl- siloxane 09.2616	+ 650 t (initial volume: 0 t)	0 (initial price: 3.253)	0 (initial duty: 6,5)	0	+ 137.439,25
Tube 59-61 cm 09.2902	+13.000 u (initial volume: 0 u)	0 (initial price: 200)	7 (initial duty: 14)	0	+ 182.000
Motors 09.2976	+ 650.000 u (initial volume: 0 u)	0 (initial price: 83)	0 (initial duty: 2,7)	0	+ 1.456.650 1/7/2003 – 30/06/2004

Total loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period: + 5.288.933,25 €crude.

FRAUD PREVENTION MEASURES

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