

Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Latvia

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, provides for certain concessions for certain agricultural products originating in Latvia.

(2) The first improvements to the preferential arrangements of the Europe Agreement with Latvia were provided for in the Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements ⁽²⁾.

(3) Improvements to the preferential arrangements of the Europe Agreement with Latvia were also provided for, as a result of a first round of negotiations to liberalise agricultural trade. The improvements entered into force as from 1 July 2000 in the form of Council Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Latvia ⁽³⁾. The second adjustment of the relevant provisions in the Europe Agreement — which will take the form of another Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement — has not yet entered into force.

(4) A new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement on trade liberalisation for agricultural products has been negotiated.

(5) A swift implementation of the adjustments forms an essential part of the results of the negotiations for the conclusion of a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement with Latvia. It is therefore appropriate to provide for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of the agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Latvia.

(6) Since the measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation are management measures within the meaning of Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽⁴⁾, they should be adopted by use of the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of that Decision.

(7) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽⁵⁾ codified the management rules for tariff quotas designed to be used following the chronological order of dates of customs declarations. Tariff quotas under this Regulation should therefore be administered in accordance with those rules.

(8) Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 should therefore be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The conditions for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in Latvia as set out in Annex C(a) and Annex C(b) to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annex Va to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, hereinafter the 'Europe Agreement'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 2.2.1998, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 317, 10.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 271, 24.10.2000, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 444/2002 (OJ L 68, 12.3.2002 p. 11).

2. On the entry into force of the Additional Protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement to take into account the outcome of the negotiations between the parties on new mutual agricultural concessions, the concessions provided for in that Protocol shall replace those referred to in Annex C(a) and Annex C(b) to this Regulation.

3. The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3(2).

Article 2

1. Tariff quotas with an order number above 09.5100 shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with Articles 308(a), 308(b) and 308(c) of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

2. Quantities of goods subject to tariff quotas and released for free circulation as from 1 July 2002 under the concessions provided for in Annex A(b) of Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 shall be fully counted against the quantities provided for in Annex C(b) of this Regulation, except for quantities for which import licences have been issued before 1 July 2002.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for Cereals instituted by Article 23 of Council

Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92⁽¹⁾ or, where appropriate, by the committee instituted by the relevant provisions of the other Regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

Article 4

Regulation (EC) No 2341/2000 is hereby repealed.

Article 5

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2002.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

ANNEX C(a)

The following products originating in Latvia shall benefit from a preferential zero-duty within unlimited quantities (applicable duty 0 % of MFN) when imported into the Community.

CN code ⁽¹⁾	CN code	CN code	CN code	CN code
0101 10 90	0208 10 19	0210 99 80	0709 30 00	0710 80 85
0101 90 19	0208 20 00	0407 00 90	0709 40 00	0711 40 00
0101 90 30	0208 30 00	0410 00 00	0709 52 00	0711 59 00
0101 90 90	0208 40 10	0601 10	0709 59 00	0711 90 10
0104 20 10	0208 40 90	0601 20	0709 60	0711 90 50
0106 19 10	0208 90 10	0602	0709 70 00	0711 90 80
0106 39 10	0208 90 55	0603	0709 90 10	0711 90 90
0205	0208 90 60	0604	0709 90 20	0712 20 00
0206 80 91	0208 90 95	0701 10 00	0709 90 50	0712 32 00
0206 90 91	0210 91 00	0701 90 10	0709 90 70	0712 33 00
0207 13 91	0210 92 00	0703 10	0709 90 90	0712 39 00
0207 14 91	0210 93 00	0703 90 00	0710 29 00	0713 50 00
0207 26 91	0210 99 10	0707 00 90	0710 30 00	0713 90 10
0207 27 91	0210 99 31	0708 10 00	0710 80 51	0713 90 90
0207 35 91	0210 99 39	0708 90 00	0710 80 59	0802 11 90
0207 36 89	0210 99 59	0709 10 00	0710 80 69	0802 12 90
0208 10 11	0210 99 79	0709 20 00	0710 80 80	0802 21 00

CN code ⁽¹⁾	CN code	CN code	CN code	CN code
0802 22 00	0901 90 90	1602 31	2008 40 59	2008 99 99
0802 31 00	0902 10 00	1602 90 10	2008 40 71	2009 31 11
0802 32 00	0904 12 00	1602 90 31	2008 40 79	2009 39 31
0802 40 00	0904 20 10	1602 90 41	2008 40 91	2009 41 10
0802 90 50	0904 20 90	1602 90 72	2008 40 99	2009 49 30
0802 90 85	0907 00 00	1602 90 74	2008 50 11	2009 50 10
0806 20 11	0910 40 13	1602 90 76	2008 60 11	2009 50 90
0806 20 12	0910 40 19	1602 90 78	2008 60 31	2009 80 19
0806 20 91	0910 40 90	1602 90 98	2008 60 39	2009 80 38
0806 20 92	0910 91 90	1603 00 10	2008 60 51	2009 80 50
0806 20 98	0910 99 99	1704 90 10	2008 60 59	2009 80 63
0808 20 90	1106 10 00	2001 90 20	2008 60 61	2009 80 69
0809 40 90	1106 30	2001 90 70	2008 60 69	2009 80 71
0810 40 30	1208 10 00	2001 90 75	2008 60 71	2009 80 79
0810 40 50	1209	2001 90 85	2008 60 79	2009 80 89
0810 40 90	1210	2003 20 00	2008 60 91	2009 80 95
0811 90 39	1211 90 30	2003 90 00	2008 60 99	2009 80 96
0811 90 50	1212 10 10	2004 90 50	2008 80 11	2009 80 99
0811 90 75	1212 10 99	2004 90 91	2008 80 31	2009 90 19
0811 90 80	1214 90 10	2004 90 98	2008 80 39	2009 90 29
0811 90 85	1502 00 90	2005 10 00	2008 92 12	2009 90 39
0811 90 95	1503 00 19	2005 60 00	2008 92 14	2009 90 51
0812 10 00	1503 00 90	2005 90 10	2008 92 34	2009 90 59
0812 90 40	1504	2005 90 50	2008 92 38	2009 90 96
0812 90 50	1507	2006 00 99	2008 92 51	2009 90 97
0812 90 60	1508	2007 10 91	2008 92 59	2009 90 98
0812 90 99	1511	2007 10 99	2008 92 74	2204 30 10
0813 10 00	1512	2008 11 92	2008 92 78	2302 50 00
0813 20 00	1513	2008 11 94	2008 92 93	2306 90 19
0813 30 00	1514	2008 11 96	2008 92 96	2308 00 90
0813 40 10	1515	2008 11 98	2008 92 98	2309 10 51
0813 40 30	1516 10 10	2008 19 19	2008 99 28	2309 10 90
0813 40 95	1516 10 90	2008 19 93	2008 99 37	2309 90 10
0813 50 15	1516 20 91	2008 19 95	2008 99 40	2309 90 31
0813 50 19	1516 20 95	2008 19 99	2008 99 45	2309 90 41
0813 50 91	1516 20 96	2008 40 11	2008 99 49	2309 90 51
0813 50 99	1516 20 98	2008 40 21	2008 99 55	
0901 12 00	1518 00 31	2008 40 29	2008 99 68	
0901 21 00	1518 00 39	2008 40 39	2008 99 72	
0901 22 00	1522 00 91	2008 40 51	2008 99 78	

⁽¹⁾ As defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2031/2001 of 6 August 2001 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 279, 23.10.2001, p. 1).

ANNEX(b)

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Latvia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = Most Favoured Nation duty).

Order No	CN code	Description ⁽¹⁾	Applicable duty (% of MFN) ⁽²⁾	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.4598	0102 90 05	Live bovine animals of domestic species of a live weight not exceeding 80 kg	20	178 000 heads	0	⁽³⁾
09.4537	0102 90 21 0102 90 29 0102 90 41 0102 90 49	Live bovine animals of domestic species of a live weight exceeding 80 kg but not exceeding 300 kg	20	153 000 heads	0	⁽³⁾
09.4563	ex 0102 90	Heifers and cows, not for slaughter, of the following mountain breeds: Grey, brown, yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	6 % <i>ad valorem</i>	7 000 heads	0	⁽⁴⁾
09.4871	0201 0202 0206 10 95 0206 29 91 0210 20 0210 99 51 0210 99 90 1602 50	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled Meat of bovine animals, frozen Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, thick skirt and thin skirt Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen, other, thick skirt and thin skirt Meat of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked thick skirt and thin skirt of bovine animals Edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of bovine animals	free	675	75	⁽⁸⁾
09.4540	ex 0203	Meat of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen, excluding CN codes 0203 11 90, 0203 12 90, 0203 19 90, 0203 21 90, 0203 22 90, 0203 29 90	free	1 500	125	⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁸⁾
	0104 10 30 0104 10 80 0104 20 90 0204 0210 99 21 0210 99 29 0210 99 60	Live sheep, lambs up to a year old Live sheep, other Live goats, other Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen Edible meat of sheep and goats, with bone in Edible meat of sheep and goats, boneless Edible meat offal of sheep and goats	free	unlimited		⁽⁸⁾
09.6676	ex 0207	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading No 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen excluding CN codes 0207 13 91, 0207 14 91, 0207 26 91, 0207 27 91, 0207 34 10, 0207 34 90, 0207 35 91, 0207 36 81, 0207 36 85, 0207 36 89	free	755	65	⁽⁸⁾
09.4872	0401	Milk and cream, not concentrated, nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	free	200	20	⁽⁸⁾

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09.4873	0402	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	free	3 800	0	⁽⁸⁾
09.4874	0403 10 11 to 0403 10 39 0403 90 11 to 0403 90 69	Yoghurt, not flavoured nor containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, not flavoured nor containing added fruit nuts or cocoa	free	100	10	⁽⁸⁾
09.4551	0405 10 11 0405 10 19 0405 10 30 0405 10 50 0405 10 90 0405 20 90 0405 90	Natural butter of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 85 %, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg Natural butter of a fat content by weight not exceeding 85 %, other Recombined butter, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 85 % Whey butter Butter, other Dairy spreads of a fat content, by weight, of more than 75 % but less than 80 % Other fats and oils derived from milk	free	2 255	190	⁽⁸⁾
09.4552	0406	Cheese and curd	free	5 000	500	⁽⁸⁾
09.6677	0409 00 00	Natural honey	free	100	10	⁽⁸⁾
09.6621	ex 0702 00 00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled, 15 May to 31 October	free	250	50	⁽⁷⁾ ⁽⁸⁾
09.6623	0703 20 00	Garlic, fresh or chilled	free	60	5	
09.6456	0704 90	Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled, other	free	550	50	
09.6457	ex 0706 10 00	Carrots, fresh or chilled	20	250	0	
09.6678	0706 90	Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled, other	free	200	20	
09.6679	0707 00 05	Cucumbers, fresh or chilled	free	500	50	⁽⁷⁾
09.6680	0709 40 00	Celery other than celeriac, fresh or chilled	free	50	5	
09.6458	0710 10 00	Potatoes, frozen	20	250	0	
09.6681	0712 90 50 0712 90 90	Carrots, dried, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables, dried, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	free	200	20	

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09.6682	ex 0714 90 90	Frozen or dried Jerusalem artichokes	free	100	10	
	0806 10 10	Fresh table grapes	free	unlimited		(7)
09.6625	0808 10	Apples, fresh	free	250	50	(7) (8)
	0808 20 50	Fresh pears (excl. perry pears, in bulk, 1 August to 31 December)	free	unlimited		(7)
	0809 20	Cherries, fresh	free	unlimited		(7)
	0809 40 05	Plums, fresh	free	unlimited		(7)
	ex 0810 10 00	Strawberries, fresh, 1 August to 14 June	free	unlimited		(6)
	0810 20	Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries and loganberries, fresh	free	unlimited		(6)
	0810 30	Black-, white- or redcurrants and gooseberries, fresh	free	unlimited		(6)
09.6683	0811 10 11	Strawberries, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight	20	250	0	(6)
	0811 10 19	Strawberries, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 10 90	Strawberries, frozen, other	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 19	Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, black-, white- or redcurrants and gooseberries, frozen, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 31	Other frozen raspberries	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 39	Other frozen blackcurrants	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 51	Other frozen redcurrants	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 59	Other frozen blackberries and mulberries	free	unlimited		(6)
	0811 20 90	Other, frozen	free	unlimited		(6)
09.6684	1001 10 00 1001 90 10 1001 90 91 1001 90 99	Durum wheat Spelt for sowing Common wheat and meslin seed Other	free	26 000	2 600	(8)
09.6685	1101 00 11 1101 00 15 1101 00 90 1103 11 10 1103 11 90 1103 20 60	Durum wheat flour Flour of common wheat and spelt Meslin flour Durum wheat groats and meal Common wheat and spelt groats and meal Wheat pellets	free	9 000	900	(8)

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09.6686	1002 00 00	Rye	free	3 750	375	⁽⁸⁾
09.6687	1102 10 00 1103 19 10 1103 20 10	Rye flour Rye groats and meal Rye pellets	free	1 250	125	⁽⁸⁾
09.6688	1003 00	Barley	free	7 500	750	⁽⁸⁾
09.6689	1102 90 10 1103 19 30 1103 20 20	Barley flour Barley groats and meal Barley pellets	free	2 500	250	⁽⁸⁾
09.6690	1004 00 00	Oats	free	2 250	225	⁽⁸⁾
09.6691	1102 90 30 1103 19 40 1103 20 30	Oat flour Groats and meal of oats Pellets of oats	free	750	75	⁽⁸⁾
09.6692	ex 1104	Cereals grains, otherwise worked, excluding CN 1104 19 50 and CN 1104 23	free	900	90	
09.6473	1108 13 00	Potato starch	free	500	0	
09.4564	1601 00 1602 41 1602 42 1602 49	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood: food preparations based on these products Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of swine: Hams and cuts thereof Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of swine: Shoulders and cuts thereof Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of swine: Other, including mixtures	free	180	15	⁽⁸⁾
09.6693	1602 32 to 1602 39	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of poultry of heading 0105: of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood: of poultry of heading 0105: Other than of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> and other than of turkeys	free	120	10	⁽⁸⁾
	1703	Molasses resulting from the extraction or refining of sugar	free	unlimited		⁽⁸⁾
09.6694	ex 2001	Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, excluding CN 2001 90 30, 2001 90 40, 2001 90 60, 2001 90 65 and 2001 90 91	free	600	60	
09.6695	ex 2005	Other vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, excluding CN 2005 20 10, 2005 70 and 2005 80 00	free	300	30	

Order No	CN code	Description ⁽¹⁾	Applicable duty (% of MFN) ⁽²⁾	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Yearly increase as from 1.7.2003 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.6696	2009 71	Apple juice of a brix value not exceeding 20	free	1 000	100	
09.6697	ex 2009 79	Apple juice of a brix value exceeding 20, excluding CN 2009 79 11 and 2009 79 91	free	1 000	100	

⁽¹⁾ Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

⁽²⁾ In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

⁽³⁾ The quota for this product is opened for the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In case imports into the Community of live bovine domestic animals may exceed 500 000 heads for any given year, the Community may take the management measures needed to protect its market, notwithstanding any other rights given under the Agreement.

⁽⁴⁾ The quota for this product is opened for the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

⁽⁵⁾ Excluding tenderloin presented alone.

⁽⁶⁾ Subject to minimum import price arrangements contained in the Annex to this Annex.

⁽⁷⁾ The reduction applies only to the *ad valorem* part of the duty.

⁽⁸⁾ This concession is only applicable to products not benefiting from export refunds.

Annex to Annex C(b)

Minimum import price arrangement for certain soft fruit for processing

1. Minimum import prices are fixed as follows for the following products for processing originating in Latvia:

CN Code	Description	Minimum import price (EUR/t net)
ex 0810 10	Strawberries, fresh, intended for processing	514
ex 0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh, intended for processing	385
ex 0810 30 30	Redcurrants, fresh, intended for processing	233
ex 0811 10 11	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	750
ex 0811 10 11	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight: other	576
ex 0811 10 19	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	750
ex 0811 10 19	Frozen strawberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	576
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: whole fruit	750
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	576
ex 0811 20 19	Frozen raspberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	995
ex 0811 20 19	Frozen raspberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	796
ex 0811 20 31	Frozen raspberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: whole fruit	995
ex 0811 20 31	Frozen raspberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	796
ex 0811 20 39	Frozen blackcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: without stalk	628
ex 0811 20 39	Frozen blackcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	448
ex 0811 20 51	Frozen redcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: without stalk	390
ex 0811 20 51	Frozen redcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: other	295

- The minimum import prices, as set out in point 1, will be respected on a consignment by consignment basis. In the case of a customs declaration value being lower than the minimum import price, a countervailing duty will be charged equal to the difference between the minimum import price and the customs declaration value.
- If the import prices of a given product covered by this Annex show a trend suggesting that the prices could go below the level of the minimum import prices in the immediate future, the European Commission will inform the Latvian authorities in order to enable them to correct the situation.
- At the request of either the Community or Latvia, the Association Council shall examine the functioning of the system or the revision of the level of the minimum import prices. If appropriate, the Association Council shall take the necessary decisions.
- To encourage and promote the development of trade and for the mutual benefit of all parties concerned, a consultation meeting may be organised three months before the beginning of each marketing year in the European Community. This consultation meeting will take place between the European Commission and the interested European producers' organisations for the products concerned, on the one part and the authorities', producers' and exporters' organisations of all the associated exporting countries, on the other part.

During this consultation meeting, the market situation for soft fruit including, in particular, forecasts for production, stock situation, price evolution and possible market development, as well as possibilities to adapt supply to demand, will be discussed.