

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 213/2000**of 24 January 2000****adopting autonomous and transitional measures concerning the importation of certain processed agricultural products originating in Latvia**

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) Council Regulation (EC) No 26/1999⁽¹⁾ was adopted pending adaptation of the respective Protocols 2 of the Europe Agreements concluded with the Baltic States in order to maintain until 31 December 1999 the degree of preference already granted following the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of negotiations in the agriculture sector;
- (2) The procedures for formal adoption of the Adaptation Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Europe Agreement with Latvia, hereinafter referred to as the 'Adaptation Protocol', may not be completed in time for it to enter into force on 1 January 2000; it is therefore necessary to provide for the extension of the concessions made to Latvia on an autonomous basis until 31 December 2000;
- (3) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation in the event of suspension should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁽²⁾;
- (4) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93⁽³⁾ consolidated the arrangements for managing tariff quotas, which are to be used in the chronological order of the dates of acceptance of the declarations for release for free circulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 2000 the goods originating in Latvia in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential customs duties indicated in

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 26/1999 of 21 December 1998 adopting autonomous and transitional measures for Europe Agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products (OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽³⁾ 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 (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/99 (OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p. 25).

that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to imports into the Community are given in Annex II.

Article 2

If Latvia discontinues the application of the reciprocal measures in favour of the Community, the Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3 of this Regulation, suspend application of the measures provided for in Article 1.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee referred to in Article 15 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93⁽⁴⁾.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 4

1. The concessions applying to trade in processed agricultural products provided for in the Adaptation Protocol concluded with Latvia shall replace the concessions provided for in the respective Annexes to this Regulation:

(a) as from 1 January 2000, if the Adaptation Protocol is in force on that date, or

(b) as from the date of entry into force of the Adaptation Protocol, if the latter enters into force after 1 January 2000.

2. The detailed rules implementing the measures provided for in this Regulation shall also apply in respect of the corresponding measures provided for in the Adaptation Protocol.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 (OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28).

Article 5

The quotas referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Articles 308a to 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

Article 6

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

It shall apply as from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

ANNEX I

Order No	CN code	Description	2000 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1.1 to 30.6.2000	from 1.7 to 31.12.2000
09.6535	1704 90 30	Sugar confectionery	350	EAR	EAR
	1704 90 51				
	1704 90 55				
	1704 90 61				
	1704 90 65				
	1704 90 71				
	1704 90 75				
	1704 90 81				
	1704 90 99				
09.6536	1806 31 00	Chocolate	700	EAR	EAR
	1806 32 10				
	1806 32 90				
	1806 90				
09.6537	1901 90 11	Food preparations	280	EAR	EAR
	1901 90 19			EAR	EAR
	1901 90 91			7,0 %	6,4 %
	1901 90 99			EAR	EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	280	EAR	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	39	4,9 %	4,5 %
09.6513	2105	Ice-cream	40	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	650	2,6 %	0 %

ANNEX II

Basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating agricultural components and additional duties

	from 1.1 to 30.6.2000	from 1.7 to 31.12.2000
	EUR/100 kg	
Trigo blando — Blød hvede — Weichweizen — Μαλακό σιτάρι — Common wheat — Blé tendre — Grano tenero — Zachte tarwe — Trigo mole — Tavallinen vehnä — Vete	7,277	6,653
Trigo duro — Hård hvede — Hartweizen — Σκληρό σιτάρι — Durum wheat — Blé dur — Grano duro — Durum tarwe — Trigo duro — Durumvehnä — Durumvete	11,295	10,326
Centeno — Rug — Roggen — Σίκαλη — Rye — Seigle — Segala — Rogge — Centeio — Ruis — Råg	7,090	6,483
Cebada — Byg — Gerste — Κριθάρι — Barley — Orge — Orzo — Gerst — Cevada — Ohra — Korn	7,090	6,483
Maíz — Majs — Mais — Καλαμπόκι — Maize — Maïs — Granturco — Maïs — Milho — Maissi — Majs	7,193	6,577
Arroz descascarillado de grano largo — Ris, afskallet, langkornet — Reis, langkörnig, geschält — Αποφλοιωμένο ρύζι μακρόσπερμο — Long-grain husked rice — Riz décortiqué à grains longs — Riso semigreggio a grani lunghi — Langkorrelige gedopte rijst — Arroz em películas de grãos longos — Pitkäjyväinen esikuorittu riisi — Ris, skalat långkornigt	20,237	18,502
Leche desnatada en polvo — Skummetmælkspulver — Magermilchpulver — Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη — Skimmed-milk powder — Lait écrémé en poudre — Latte scremato in polvere — Mageremelkpoeder — Leite desnatado em pó — Rasvaton maitojauhe — Skummjölkspulver	24,750	23,760
Leche entera en polvo — Sødmealkspulver — Vollmilchpulver — Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη — Whole-milk powder — Lait entier en poudre — Latte intero in polvere — Vollemelkpoeder — Leite inteiro em pó — Rasvainen maitojauhe — Mjölkpulver	28,532	26,086
Mantequilla — Smør — Butter — Βούτυρο — Butter — Beurre — Burro — Boter — Manteiga — Voi — Smör	41,467	37,912
Azúcar blanco — Hvidt sukker — Weißzucker — Λευκή ζάχαρη — White sugar — Sucre blanc — Zucchero bianco — Witte suiker — Açúcar branco — Valkoinen sokeri — Vitt socker	30,573	29,350