COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1296/2004

of 12 July 2004

authorising transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 15 December 1992, the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam initialled an Agreement on trade in textile and clothing products [1] which was approved by Decision 96/477/EC [2]. That Agreement has been last amended by an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, initialled on 15 February 2003 and provisionally applied from 10 September 2003 [3].

(2) Pursuant to Article 9 of that Agreement, certain quantitative limits may be transferred to the following year if they have not been used in the current year.

(3) In the light of the quota increase provided for under the Exchange of Letters of 15 February 2003, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on 10 September 2003, made a request that the unused quantities of the quota increase for 2003 be transferred to the quantitative limits of quota year 2004.

(4) As Vietnamese and Community operators could only partially benefit from the quota increase in 2003, it is appropriate to transfer the unused part of these additional quantities to the quota levels of quota year 2004,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam are authorised for the quota year 2004 in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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.

Done at Brussels, 12 July 2004.

For the Council
The President
B. BOT

[1] OJ L 410, 31.12.1992, p. 279.
[2] OJ L 199, 8.8.1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 152, 20.6.2003, p. 41.

ANNEX

690 Vietnam					Adjustment Transfers of unused quantities from quota year 2003		
Group	Cate-gory	Unit	Limit 2004	Working level 2004 after implementing normal flexibilities	Unused quantities of 2003	% of total 2003 quota increase	New adjusted working level 2004
IB	4	pcs	16 531 000	17 870 677	2 722 278	55,7 %	20 592 955
IB	5	pcs	5 482 000	5 926 263	1 621 000	100,0 %	7 547 263
IB	6	pcs	8 435 000	9 400 125	136 893	5,5 %	9 537 018
IB	7	pcs	4 638 000	5 013 739	1 372 000	100,0 %	6 385 739
IB	8	pcs	21 929 000	22 674 787	6 482 000	100,0 %	29 156 787
IIB	15	pcs	944 000	956 190	260 435	76,4 %	1 216 625
IIB	18	kgs	1 593 000	1 662 790	535 000	100,0 %	2 197 790
IIB	26	pcs	2 069 000	2 159 580	696 000	100,0 %	2 855 580
IIB	28	pcs	6 391 000	6 670 860	2 147 000	100,0 %	8 817 860
IIB	29	pcs	669 000	696 510	249 000	100,0 %	945 510
IIB	31	pcs	7 873 000	8 057 050	3 055 000	100,0 %	11 112 050
IIB	68	kgs	773 000	783 440	257 000	100,0 %	1 040 440
IIB	73	pcs	1 871 000	1 954 510	606 000	100,0 %	2 560 510
IIB	76	kgs	2 034 000	2 087 020	392 825	59,5 %	2 479 845
IIB	78	kgs	2 024 000	2 118 500	598 000	100,0 %	2 716 500
IIB	83	kgs	674 000	705 430	200 000	100,0 %	905 430
IIIA	35	kgs	1 082 000	1 130 370	350 000	100,0 %	1 480 370
IIIA	41	kgs	1 311 000	1 328 860	244 882	57,2 %	1 573 742
IIIB	97	kgs	366 000	370 970	91 681	75,8 %	462 651
V	161	kgs	409 000	426 920	138 000	100,0 %	564 920