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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/1243

of 25 June 2025

amending Annexes I and II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1288 as regards the reallocation of unused quotas for prepared or preserved fillets of tuna and tuna loins (raw, cooked and frozen), prepared or preserved mackerel fillets and prepared or preserved frigate tuna or frigate mackerel fillets

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 64(6) and Article 66, point (b), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Cabo Verde is a country benefitting from the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance provided under Article 1(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, referred to as the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP+). The rules on preferential origin for the purposes of the GSP, other than procedural rules, are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Cabo Verde was granted a derogation from the rules on preferential origin, by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1288 ⁽⁴⁾. The quantities of fish under this derogation were lower than those requested by Cabo Verde at that time, as they were calculated on the basis of the actual utilisation of quotas under the previous derogation. By letter dated 11 December 2024, Cabo Verde submitted that the quantities of fish under that derogation are too limited compared to the real needs and a re-evaluation of the quantities was requested by Cabo Verde. In particular, Cabo Verde made references to the difficult situation experienced by fish processing companies, in that they are obliged to freeze quantities going beyond the quotas and that the employment in the fishing sector is therefore threatened. The quotas allocated to prepared or preserved fillets and loins of tuna in 2024 were not exhausted, with 700 tonnes remaining unused. As an exceptional measure to support Cabo Verde's processing fisheries sector, these unused quantities can be reallocated to the quotas for mackerel and frigate tuna, without any increase in the overall quantities covered by the derogation currently in force.
- (3) The additional amount will be divided between the two species with an additional 300 tonnes for mackerel and 400 tonnes for frigate tuna for 2025. The quantities set out in the Annexes to this Regulation should be managed in accordance with Articles 49 to 54 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 ⁽⁵⁾ which govern the management of tariff quotas.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/952/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 (OJ L 303, 31.10.2012, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/978/oj>).

⁽³⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446 of 28 July 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2015/2446/oj).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1288 of 6 May 2024 granting Cabo Verde a temporary derogation from the rules on preferential origin laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446, in respect of prepared or preserved fillets of tuna and tuna loins (raw, cooked and frozen), prepared or preserved mackerel fillets and prepared or preserved frigate tuna or frigate mackerel fillets (OJ L 2024/1288, 7.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/1288/oj).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 558, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2015/2447/oj).

- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication with retroactive application from 1 January 2025, in order to take into account the difficult situation of Cabo Verde and to allow that country to apply the derogation from the date.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee.
- (6) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1288 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1288 are replaced by Annexes I and II 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*.
It shall apply from 1 January 2025.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 June 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX I

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description of goods	Periods	Annual quantity (in tonnes net weight)
09.1602	1604 14 21 00	10	Prepared or preserved fillets and loins of skipjack (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)	1.1.2024 to 31.12.2024	2 300
	1604 14 26 90			1.1.2025 to 31.12.2025	3 000
	1604 14 28 00				
	1604 20 70 50		Prepared or preserved fillets and loins of yellowfin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)		
	1604 20 70 55				
	1604 14 31 90				
	1604 14 36 90		Prepared or preserved fillets and loins of bigeye tuna (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)		
	1604 14 38 00				
	1604 20 70 99				
	0304 87 00 90		Prepared white tuna (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)		
	1604 14 41 20				
	1604 14 46 29				
	1604 14 48 20				
	1604 20 70 45				
	0304 87 00 20				
	1604 14 41 30				
	1604 14 48 30				

ANNEX II

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description of goods	Periods	Annual quantity (in tonnes net weight)
09.1647	1604 15 11 00 ex 1604 19 97	10	Prepared or preserved fillets of mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i> , <i>Scomber japonicus</i> , <i>Scomber colias</i>)	1.1.2024 to 31.12.2024	2 700
				1.1.2025 to 31.12.2025	3 000
09.1648	ex 1604 19 97 1604 20 90 00	10	Prepared or preserved fillets of frigate tuna or frigate mackerel (<i>Auxis thazard</i> , <i>Auxis rochei</i>)	1.1.2024 to 31.12.2024	600
				1.1.2025 to 31.12.2025	1 000