

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 7/2000
of 21 December 1999**

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules

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) Regulation (EC) No 517/94⁽¹⁾, and in particular its Annexes IIIB and VI, establishes the annual quantitative limits for certain products originating in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia;
- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2000 of 17 December 1999 concerning the arrangements applicable to imports into the Community of products originating in the Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia and to imports of wine originating in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Slovenia⁽²⁾ introduces the splitting of the existing global concessions into country specific ones for Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia;
- (3) It is appropriate to also follow this approach for textiles products, and thus to split the existing common quantitative restrictions into country specific ones for Bosnia-Herzegovina (30 %) and Croatia (70 %) according to the trade patterns and actual utilisation of quantitative limits for the last three years (1996-1998), and therefore to amend Annexes IIIB and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94;
- (4) The General Affairs Council of 13 September 1999 invited the Commission to examine possible improvements to the current measures;
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to increase the quota levels for Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, taking as a basis the quota growth rate per category which was foreseen in a Supplementary Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on trade in textile products, concluded by Decision 90/649/EEC⁽³⁾;
- (6) It is appropriate to allow, in certain cases, import authorisations to be issued by electronic means;

- (7) The quota levels for Category 6 for the year 1999 for Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia should be increased in order to absorb certain pending import requests,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes IIIB and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 shall be replaced by those appearing in Annexes I and II respectively to this Regulation.

Article 2

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 21

‘4. Import authorisations may be issued by electronic means at the request of the importer concerned. At the duly motivated request of that importer, and provided that paragraph 3 of this Article has been complied with, an import authorisation issued by electronic means may be replaced by an import authorisation in paper form by the competent authority of the same Member State which issued the original import authorisation. However, that authority shall only issue an import authorisation in written form after having ensured that the authorisation by electronic means has been cancelled.

The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 25(1), (2) and (3), take any measure necessary to implement this paragraph.’

Article 3

In order to accommodate certain additional requests for import authorisations made in 1999, in Annex IIIB under ‘Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia’, under Category 6 ‘Quantity’ ‘1 415’ shall be replaced by ‘1 465’.

Article 4

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 67, 10.3.1994, p. 1, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1457/97 (OJ L 199, 26.7.1997, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 352, 15.12.1990, p. 120.

However, Article 1 shall apply with effect from 1 January 2000, and Article 2 shall apply with effect from 20 December 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

T. HALONEN

ANNEX I

ANNEX III B

Annual Community quantitative limits referred to in the fourth indent of article 2(1)

Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	2 123,5
2	tonnes	2 627,6
2a	tonnes	593,8
3	tonnes	293,1
5	1 000 pieces	757,4
6	1 000 pieces	445,7
7	1 000 pieces	257,3
8	1 000 pieces	831,2
9	tonnes	278,6
15	1 000 pieces	245,7
16	1 000 pieces	183,0
67	1 000 pieces	229,6

Republic of Croatia

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	4 954,9
2	tonnes	6 131,0
2a	tonnes	1 385,5
3	tonnes	684,0
5	1 000 pieces	1 767,3
6	1 000 pieces	1 040,0
7	1 000 pieces	600,4
8	1 000 pieces	1 939,4
9	tonnes	650,1
15	1 000 pieces	573,4
16	1 000 pieces	427,1
67	1 000 pieces	535,7

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	2 309
2	tonnes	2 848
2a	tonnes	644
3	tonnes	312
5	1 000 pieces	662
6	1 000 pieces	349
7	1 000 pieces	201
8	1 000 pieces	888
9	tonnes	292
15	1 000 pieces	257
16	1 000 pieces	192
67	1 000 pieces	241'

ANNEX II

ANNEX VI

OUTWARD PROCESSING TRAFFIC

Annual Community quantitative limits referred to in Article 4

Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Category	Unit	Quantity
5	1 000 pieces	1 544,0
6	1 000 pieces	3 465,3
7	1 000 pieces	2 138,0
8	1 000 pieces	4 040,4
15	1 000 pieces	1 895,2
16	1 000 pieces	1 040,5

Republic of Croatia

Category	Unit	Quantity
5	1 000 pieces	3 602,6
6	1 000 pieces	8 085,6
7	1 000 pieces	4 988,7
8	1 000 pieces	9 427,6
15	1 000 pieces	4 422,1
16	1 000 pieces	2 427,9

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

Category	Unit	Quantity
5	1 000 pieces	1 231
6	1 000 pieces	3 585
7	1 000 pieces	1 832
8	1 000 pieces	4 296
15	1 000 pieces	1 914
16	1 000 pieces	1 061'