

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1985/2003
of 10 November 2003
amending Regulation (EC) No 427/2003 on a transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism for
imports originating in the People's Republic of China**

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 427/2003 ⁽¹⁾ lays down quantitative quotas for certain products originating in the People's Republic of China.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1351/2003 ⁽²⁾ established administrative procedures for the first tranche of the 2004 quantitative quotas for certain products originating in the People's Republic of China.
- (3) In view of the enlargement of the European Community on 1 May 2004 it is appropriate to increase the quotas in accordance with Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 and the Understanding of the interpretation of this Article.

- (4) It is therefore appropriate to amend Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 427/2003,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 427/2003 shall be replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 10 November 2003.

For the Council
The President
A. MARZANO

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 65, 8.3.2003, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 192, 31.7.2003, p. 8.

ANNEX

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Phasing-out timetable of industrial (non-textile) quotas on imports originating in China

Product description	HS/CN code	January to December 2003	January to April 2004	May to December 2004	2005
Footwear	ex 6402 99 ⁽¹⁾	47 480 959	18 201 035	58 538 970	Removal
	6403 51 6403 59	3 712 459	1 423 109	3 183 457	Removal
	ex 6403 91 ⁽¹⁾ ex 6403 99 ⁽¹⁾	14 698 530	5 634 436	13 992 904	Removal
	ex 6404 11 ⁽²⁾	22 106 953	8 474 332	18 901 998	Removal
	6404 19 10	38 683 955	14 828 849	33 502 413	Removal
Tableware, kitchenware of porcelain or china	6911 10	73 139	28 036	67 905	Removal
Ceramic tableware, kitchen- ware, other than of porcelain or china	6912 00	55 334	21 212	58 124	Removal

⁽¹⁾ Excluding footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralise impact or materials such as low-density polymers.

⁽²⁾ Excluding:

- (a) footwear which is designed for a sporting activity and has, or has provision for the attachment of, spikes, sprigs, stops, clips, bars or the like, with a non-injected sole;
- (b) footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralise impact or materials such as low-density polymers.