

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1786/2006
of 4 December 2006
amending Annexes III B, IV, and VI to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 as regards textile quotas for 2007

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 of 7 March 1994 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 517/94 establishes the annual quantitative limits for certain textile products originating in Montenegro, Kosovo ⁽²⁾ and North Korea.
- (2) As from 1 January 2007, the European Union will include two new Member States, Romania and Bulgaria. Article 6(7) of the Act of Accession provides that the quantitative restrictions applied by the Community on imports of textile and clothing products are to be adjusted to take account of the accession of the new Member States to the Community. The quantitative restrictions applicable to imports of certain textile products from third countries into the enlarged Community should consequently be adjusted so as to cover imports into the two new Member States. This requires the amendment of certain Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 517/94.
- (3) In order to prevent the enlargement of the Community from having restrictive effects on trade, it is appropriate, when amending the quantities, to use a methodology which takes into account, for the purpose of adjusting

the new quota levels, the traditional imports into the new Member States. A formula consisting of the average of the last three years' imports into the two new Member States originating in third countries provides an adequate measurement of those historical flows. Due to the fact that Montenegro became independent on 3 June 2006, the Commission has no separate figures of the trade flow between Montenegro and Kosovo, on one hand, and the new Member States on the other hand. Therefore, the new quota levels have been established using the most appropriate criterion for doing so, namely the population ratios of the two new Member States. A growth rate has been added in both cases.

- (4) Annexes III B, IV and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 should therefore be amended so as to list quota levels applicable for the year 2007. The detailed rules governing 2007 quota allocation are those contained in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1785/2006 ⁽³⁾ on the management of textile quotas established under Regulation (EC) No 517/94 for the year 2007.
- (5) All provisions of Regulation (EC) No 517/94 are to apply to imports into the new Member States. Regulation (EC) No 517/94 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textile Committee established by Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 517/94,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes III B, IV and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 are replaced as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2007.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 67, 10.3.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 931/2005 (OJ L 162, 23.6.2005, p. 37).

⁽²⁾ As defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

⁽³⁾ See page 5 of this Official Journal.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annexes III B, IV and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 are amended as follows:

1. Annex III B is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX III B

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

Republic of Montenegro, Kosovo ⁽¹⁾

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	631
2	tonnes	765
2a	tonnes	173
3	tonnes	84
5	1 000 pieces	356
6	1 000 pieces	191
7	1 000 pieces	104
8	1 000 pieces	297
9	tonnes	78
15	1 000 pieces	148
16	1 000 pieces	75
67	tonnes	65

⁽¹⁾ As defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.'

2. Annex IV is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX IV

Annual Community quantitative limits referred to in Article 3(1)

North Korea

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	128
2	tonnes	153
3	tonnes	117
4	1 000 pieces	289
5	1 000 pieces	189
6	1 000 pieces	218
7	1 000 pieces	101
8	1 000 pieces	302
9	tonnes	71
12	1 000 pairs	1 308
13	1 000 pieces	1 509

Category	Unit	Quantity
14	1 000 pieces	154
15	1 000 pieces	175
16	1 000 pieces	88
17	1 000 pieces	61
18	tonnes	61
19	1 000 pieces	411
20	tonnes	142
21	1 000 pieces	3 416
24	1 000 pieces	263
26	1 000 pieces	176
27	1 000 pieces	289
28	1 000 pieces	286
29	1 000 pieces	120
31	1 000 pieces	293
36	tonnes	96
37	tonnes	394
39	tonnes	51
59	tonnes	466
61	tonnes	40
68	tonnes	120
69	1 000 pieces	184
70	1 000 pieces	270
73	1 000 pieces	149
74	1 000 pieces	133
75	1 000 pieces	39
76	tonnes	120
77	tonnes	14
78	tonnes	184
83	tonnes	54
87	tonnes	8
109	tonnes	11
117	tonnes	52
118	tonnes	23
142	tonnes	10
151A	tonnes	10
151B	tonnes	10
161	tonnes	152'

3. Annex VI is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX VI

OUTWARD PROCESSING TRAFFIC

Annual Community limits referred to in Article 4(2)

Republic of Montenegro, Kosovo ⁽¹⁾

Category	Unit	Quantity
5	1 000 pieces	403
6	1 000 pieces	1 196
7	1 000 pieces	588
8	1 000 pieces	1 325
15	1 000 pieces	691
16	1 000 pieces	369

⁽¹⁾ As defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.'