COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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2000/0210 (ACC)

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 30 March 1999, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for additional mutual agricultural concessions in the framework of the Europe Agreements between the European Community and the associated Central and Eastern European Countries.

2. The negotiations, which have been undertaken in the overall context of the accession process, have been based on Article 21(5) of the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic. Article 21(5) provides that the Community and the Slovak Republic shall examine in the Association Council, product by product and on an orderly and reciprocal basis, the possibility of granting each other further concessions taking account of the volume of trade in agricultural products between them, of their particular sensitivity, of the rules of common agricultural policy of the Community and of the rules of the agricultural policy of the associated country.

3. According to the Council decision, the negotiations should lead to a fair equilibrium, both in terms of exports and imports, between the interests of the European Community and its Member States and those of the associated countries.

4. The result of the negotiations between the Commission and the Slovak Republic on additional agricultural concessions provides for an immediate and full liberalisation of the imports into the Community of some agricultural products, as well as the exports of those products from the Community to the Slovak Republic. The scope for concessions within tariff quotas has also been enlarged compared to the reciprocally currently granted concession.

5. As a result of the adjustments agreed with the Slovak Republic, a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic has to be established. A swift implementation of the adjustments forms an essential part of the results of the negotiations for the conclusion of a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic. Because of the duration of the procedure for the adoption of such a new protocol, a new Additional Protocol cannot enter into force on 1 July 2000.

6. A Council Regulation, made on an autonomous and transitional basis, would enable such a swift implementation of the results of the negotiations. This present Council Regulation would be replaced by the new additional protocol on the entry into force of the latter. The same model was used in 1997, to take into account the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the consequences of the last EU enlargement.

7. The Slovak Republic will also take all necessary legislative provisions, on an autonomous and transitional basis, in order to implement simultaneously the engagements of the Slovak Republic issued from the results of the negotiations.

8. The purpose of this proposal is to permit the early implementation, from 1 July 2000, of the results of the agricultural negotiations for the conclusion of a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic. It provides for the amendments of the Annexes of the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic, which set out the concessions granted by the Community on imports originating in theSlovak Republic.

9. The Council is requested to adopt the proposed Regulation.

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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) The Europe Agreement concluded between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part[1], provide for certain concessions for certain agricultural products originating in the Slovak Republic.

(2) Improvements to the preferential agreements of the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic were provided for in the Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, to take into account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, of the Republic of Finland and of the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture[2]. The Council approved the above-mentioned Protocol on behalf of the Community by Council Decision of 5 October 1998[3].

(3) In accordance with the directives adopted by the Council on 30 March 1999, the Commission and the Slovak Republic concluded on 4 May 2000 negotiations on a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement.

(4) The new Additional Protocol, which provide for additional agricultural concessions, will be based on Article 21(5) of the Europe Agreement, establishing that the Community and the Slovak Republic shall examine in the

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[1] OJ L 359, 31.12.1994, p. 2.
[2] OJ L 306, 16.11.1998, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 306, 16.11.1998, p. 1.

Association Council, product by product and on an orderly and reciprocal basis, the possibility of granting each other further concessions.

(5) A swift implementation of the adjustments forms an essential part of the results of the negotiations for the conclusion of a new Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic.

(6) It is therefore appropriate to provide for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of the agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic.

(7) The Slovak Republic will take all useful legislative provisions, on an autonomous and transitional basis, in order to enable a rapid and simultaneous implementation of the adaptation of the agricultural concessions of the Slovak Republic provided for in the Europe Agreement.

(8) Since the measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation are management measures within the meaning of Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission[4], they should be adopted by use of the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of that Decision.

(9) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code[5] codified the management rules for tariff quotas designed to be used following the chronological order of dates of customs declarations.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The arrangements for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in the Slovak Republic as set out in Annex A(a) and A(b) to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annex XI to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part.

2. On the entry into force of the new additional protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement referred to in paragraph 1, the concessions provided for in that Protocol shall replace those referred to in Annex A(a) and A(b) to this Regulation.

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4 OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

5 OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation at last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1662/1999 (OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p. 25).

3. The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3(2).

Article 2

1. Tariff quotas with an order number above 09.5100 shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

2. Quantities of goods subject to tariff quotas and released for free circulation as from 1 July 2000 under the concessions provided for in Annex XI to the Europe Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95[6] before the entry into force of this Regulation shall be fully counted against the quantities provided for in the Annex A (b) of this Regulation.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the committee instituted by Article 23 of Council Regulation (EC) N° 1766/92 on the common organisation of the market of cereals[7] or, where appropriate, the committee instituted by the relevant provisions of the other Regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7(3) thereof.

3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2000.

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6 OJ L 328, 30.12.1995, p. 31. Regulation at last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2435/1998 (OJ L 303, 13.11.1998, p. 1).

7 OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX A(a)

Custom duties on imports applicable in the Community to products originating in the Slovak Republic and listed below shall be abolished

CN code [1]	CN code [1]	CN code [1]	CN code [1]	CN code [1]	CN code [1]
0101 20 10	0602 90 59	0806 20 12	0910 40 19	1511 90 99	2302 50 00
0104 20 10	0602 90 70	0806 20 18	0910 40 90	1512 21 10	2306 90 19
0106 00 10	0602 90 91	0806 20 91	0910 91 90	1512 21 90	2308 90 90
0106 00 20	0602 90 99	0806 20 92	0910 99 99	1512 29 10	2309 10 13
	0603 10 30	0806 20 98		1512 29 90	2309 10 15
0205 00 11	0603 10 40	0808 20 90	1006 10 10	1513 11 10	2309 10 19
0205 00 19	0603 10 50	0810 40 30	1007 00 10	1513 11 91	2309 10 33
0205 00 90	0603 90 00	0810 40 50		1513 11 99	2309 10 39
0206 80 91	0604 10 90	0810 40 90	1106 10 00	1513 19 11	2309 10 51
0206 90 91	0604 91 21	0810 50 00	1106 30 90	1513 19 19	2309 10 53
0207 13 91	0604 91 29	0810 90 85		1513 19 30	2309 10 59
0207 14 91	0604 91 41	0811 90 70	1208 10 00	1513 19 91	2309 10 70
0207 26 91	0604 91 49	0811 90 85	1209 11 00	1513 19 99	2309 10 90
0207 27 91	0604 91 90	0812 10 00	1209 19 00	1513 21 11	2309 90 10
0207 35 91	0604 99 90	0812 90 30	1209 21 00	1513 21 19	2309 90 31
0207 36 89		0812 90 40	1209 23 80	1513 21 30	2309 90 33
0208 10 11	0701 10 00	0812 90 50	1209 29 50	1513 21 90	2309 90 35
0208 10 19	0703 10 11	0812 90 60	1209 29 80	1513 29 11	2309 90 39
0208 20 00	0703 20 00	0812 90 70	1209 30 00	1513 29 19	2309 90 41
0208 90 10	0703 90 00	0812 90 95	1209 91 10	1513 29 30	2309 90 43
0208 90 50	0709 51 30	0813 10 00		1513 29 50	2309 90 49
0208 90 60	0709 51 50	0813 20 00	1209 91 90	1513 29 91	2309 90 51
0208 90 80	0709 51 90	0813 30 00	1209 99 91	1513 29 99	2309 90 53
0210 90 10	0709 52 00	0813 40 10	1209 99 99	1515 21 10	2309 90 59
0210 90 79	0709 90 40	0813 40 30	1211 90 30	1515 21 90	2309 90 70
	0709 90 50	0813 40 50	1212 10 10	1515 29 10	2309 90 91
0407 00 90	0710 80 59	0813 40 95	1212 10 99	1515 29 90	2309 90 93
0410 00 00	0711 10 00	0813 50 12	1214 90 10	1515 30 90	2309 90 95
	0711 30 00	0813 50 15		1515 50 11	2309 90 97
0601 10 10	0711 90 10	0813 50 19	1302 19 05	1515 50 19	
0601 10 20	0711 90 70	0813 50 31		1515 50 91	
0601 10 30	0713 50 00	0813 50 39	1503 00 19	1515 50 99	
0601 10 40	0713 90 10	0813 50 91	1503 00 90	1515 90 29	
0601 10 90	0713 90 90	0813 50 99	1504 10 10	1515 90 39	
0601 20 30	0714 90 90	0814 00 00	1504 10 99	1515 90 40	
0601 20 90			1504 20 10	1515 90 59	
0602 10 90	0802 12 90	0901 12 00	1504 30 10	1515 90 60	
0602 20 90	0802 21 00	0901 21 00	1507 10 10	1516 20 96	
0602 30 00	0802 22 00	0901 22 00	1507 10 90	1518 00 31	
0602 40 10	0802 31 00	0902 10 00	1507 90 10	1518 00 39	
0602 40 90	0802 32 00	0904 12 00	1507 90 90	1518 00 91	
0602 90 10	0802 40 00	0904 20 10	1508 10 90	1518 00 95	
0602 90 30	0802 50 00	0904 20 90	1508 90 10	1522 00 91	
0602 90 41	0802 90 50	0905 00 00	1508 90 90		
0602 90 45	0802 90 60	0907 00 00	1511 10 90	2008 19 11	
0602 90 49	0802 90 85	0910 20 90	1511 90 19	2008 19 51	
0602 90 51	0806 20 11	0910 40 13	1511 90 91	2008 92 72	

(1) As defined in Commission regulation (EC) N° 2204/1999 of 12 October 1999, amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, OJ L 278, 28 October 1999.

ANNEX A(b)

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in the Slovak Republic shall be subject to the concessions set out below

(MFN= Most Favoured Nation duty)

Order N°	**CN code**	**Description** [(1)]	**Applicable duty** (% of MFN) [(2)]	**ANNUAL QUANTITY** from 1.7.2000 to 30.6.2001 (tonnes)	**YEARLY INCREASE** as from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
	0101 19 90	Live horses, other than for slaughter	67	Unlimited		
09.4598 09.4537	0102 90 05 0102 90 21 0102 90 29 0102 90 41 0102 90 49	Live bovine animals of a live weight not exceeding 80 kg Live bovine animals of a live weight exceeding 80 kg but not exceeding 300 kg	20	178 000 heads 153 000 heads	0 0	(3) (3)
09.4563	ex 0102 90	Heifers and cows not for slaughter of the following mountain breeds: grey, brown, yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	6 % *ad valorem*	7 000 heads	0	(4)
09.4575	0104 10 30 0104 10 80 0104 20 90 0204	Live sheep or goats Meat of sheep or goats	free	4 300	0	(5)
09.4624	0201 0202	Meat of bovines, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	3 500	0	
09.4632	ex0203 0210 11 to 0210 19	Meat of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen Meat of swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	free	2 000	300	(8)
09.4633	ex0207 1602 31 to 1602 39	Poultry, fresh, chilled or frozen (other than 0207 13 91-14 91-26 91-27 91-35 91-36 89) Prepared or preserved meat of poultry	free	1 200	180	(8)
09.4611	0402 10 19 0402 21 19 0402 21 91	Skimmed milk powder Whole milk powder Whole milk powder	20	1 500	0	
09.4612	0405 10 11 0405 10 19 0405 10 30 0405 10 50 0405 20 90	Butter	20	750	0	
09.4613	0406	Cheese and curd	free	2 200	330	(8)
09.4614	0407 00 11 0407 00 19 0407 00 30	Eggs of poultry in shell	20	3 125	0	
09.4615	0408 11 80 0408 19 81 0408 19 89	Egg yolks, dried Egg yolks, liquid Egg yolks, frozen	20	250	0	(9)
09.4616	0408 91 80 0408 99 80	Birds' eggs, dried Birds' eggs, other	20	1 250	0	(10)
09.5561	0409 00 00	Natural honey	17	160	0	
	0409 00 00	Natural honey	93	Unlimited		

Order N°	CN code	Description [(1)]	Applicable duty (% of MFN) [(2)]	ANNUAL QUANTITY from 1.7.2000 to 30.6.2001 (tonnes)	YEARLY INCREASE as from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.5294	0603 10 10 0603 10 20 0603 10 80	Cut flowers and flower buds, fresh	20	125	0	
09.5771	0702 00 00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	free	2 000	300	(7) (8)
	ex0707 00 05	Cucumbers, fresh or chilled (from 16 May to 31 October)	80	Unlimited		(7)
	ex0708 10 00	Fresh or chilled peas, from 1 September to 31 May	free	Unlimited		
09.5773	ex0708 10 00	Fresh or chilled peas, from 1 June to 31 August	free	100	15	
09.5775	0709 20 20	Asparagus	free	400	60	
09.5295	0709 51 10	Mushrooms	free	250	0	
09.5777	0710 10 00	Potatoes, frozen	free	100	15	
	0711 40 00	Cucumbers and gherkins	80	Unlimited		
	0712 20 00	Onions	50	Unlimited		
	ex0712 90 90	Horseradish	free	Unlimited		
09.5286	0808 10	Apples, fresh	free	250	0	
09.5779	ex0809 20 05	Sour cherries, for processing	free	100	15	(7)
	0809 20 05	Sour cherries, fresh	73	Unlimited		(7)
	0809 40 90	Sloes	47	Unlimited		
09.5535	0810 20	Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries and loganberries	Free	250	0	(6)
	0810 20 10	Raspberries, fresh	41	Unlimited		
09.5781	0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh	free	100	15	
	0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh	41	Unlimited		
09.5783	0810 30 30	Redcurrants, fresh	free	100	15	
	0810 30 30	Redcurrants, fresh	41	Unlimited		
	0810 30 90	Other berries	24	Unlimited		
	0811 10 90	Strawberries, frozen	36	Unlimited		(6)
09.5785	0811 20 19	Berries, frozen, sugar content not more than 13 % by weight	free	100	15	
	ex 0811 20 19	Raspberries, frozen, sugar content not more than 13 % by weight	34	Unlimited		
09.5787	0811 20 31	Raspberries, frozen	free	100	15	
	0811 20 31	Raspberries, frozen	39	Unlimited		
09.5789	0811 20 39	Blackcurrants, frozen	free	250	40	
	0811 20 39	Blackcurrants, frozen	28	Unlimited		
09.5791	0811 20 51	Redcurrants, frozen	free	270	40	
	0811 20 51	Redcurrants, frozen	33	Unlimited		
09.5292	0811 20 90	Berries, frozen, other (gooseberries)	33	500	0	

Order N°	CN code	Description [(1)]	Applicable duty (% of MFN) [(2)]	ANNUAL QUANTITY from 1.7.2000 to 30.6.2001 (tonnes)	YEARLY INCREASE as from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.5793 09.5795 09.5797 09.5291 09.5287	0811 90 50 0811 90 75 ex 0811 90 95 ex 0811 90 95 ex 0811 90 95 ex 0811	Fruits of the species vaccinium myrtillus, frozen Sour cherries, frozen Other fruits and nuts frozen (excl. rose-hips) Other fruits and nuts frozen (excl. rose-hips) Rose-hips Other than 0811 10 90-20 19-20 31-20 39-20 51-90 70-90 85	free free free 33 free 20	250 150 900 3 125 Unlimited 250	40 25 135 0 0	(6)
09.4617	ex1003 00 90	Barley, for the production of malt	20	17 000	0	
09.4618	1101 00 00	Wheat flour	20	16 875	0	
09.4619	1107 10 99	Malt, not roasted, other than of wheat	free	18 125	0	
09.5171	1210 10 00 1210 20 00	Hops	free	875	0	
09.4634	1601 00 1602 41 to 1602 49	Sausages and similar products Prepared or preserved meat of swine	free	200	50	(8)
	1602 50 31 1602 50 39 1602 50 80	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animal, other	65 65 65	Unlimited		
09.5296	2001 10 00	Cucumbers, preserved	free	125	0	
	2001 90 20	Fruits of the genus *Capsicum*, other than sweet peppers	50	Unlimited		
09.5799	ex2001 90 96	Asparagus	free	100	15	
09.5601	2002	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved	free	1 000	150	(8)
09.5801	2005 60 00	Asparagus	free	100	15	
	2007 99 10 2007 99 31	Plum purée and paste Cherry jams, jellies, marmalades, purées and pastes with a sugar content exceeding 30% by weight	86 83	Unlimited		(7)

Order N°	CN code	Description [1]	Applicable duty (% of MFN) [2]	ANNUAL QUANTITY from 1.7.2000 to 30.6.2001 (tonnes)	YEARLY INCREASE as from 1.7.2001 (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.5803	2009 11 19	Fruit juices	free	300	100	
	2009 11 99					
	2009 19 19					
	2009 20 19					
	2009 20 99					
	2009 30 19					
	2009 30 39					
	2009 30 55					
	2009 30 59					
	2009 30 95					
	2009 30 99					
	2009 40 19					
	2009 40 93					
	2009 40 99					
	2009 60 11					(7)
	2009 60 19					(7)
	2009 60 51					(7)
	2009 60 59					(7)
	2009 60 90					(7)
09.5539	2009 70	Apple juice	free	250	0	(7)
	2009 70 30	Apple juice	48	Unlimited		
	2009 70 93	Apple juice	48	Unlimited		
	2009 70 99	Apple juice	48	Unlimited		
	2009 80 99	Blackcurrant juice	36	Unlimited		

(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined nomenclature, the wording of the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where a MFN minimum duty exits, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) The quota for this product is opened for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and the Slovak Republic. Where it appears likely that total Community imports of live bovine animals may exceed 500 000 heads in a given marketing year the Community may take the management measures needed to protect its market, not withstanding any other rights given under the Agreement.

(4) The quota for this product is opened for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and the Slovak Republic.

(5) The Community may take into account, in the framework of its legislation and when appropriate the supply needs of its market and the need to maintain its market balance.

(6) Subject to minimum import price arrangements contained in the Annex to the present Annex.

(7) The reduction applies only to the *ad valorem* part of the duty.

(8) This concession is only applicable to products non-benefiting from any kind of export subsidies.

(9) As liquid egg-yolk equivalent: 1 kg dried egg yolks = 2,12 kg liquid eggs.

(10) As liquid equivalent: 1 kg dried eggs = 3,9 liquid eggs.

ANNEX TO ANNEX A(b)

Minimum import price arrangement for certain soft fruit for processing

1. Minimum import prices are fixed as follows for the following products for processing originating in the Slovak Republic:

CN Code	Description	Minimum import price (EUR/100 kg net)
ex 0810 20 10	Raspberries, fresh	63,1
ex 0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh	38,5
ex 0810 30 30	Redcurrants, fresh	23,3
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: whole fruit	75,0
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter : other	57,6
ex 0811 20 19	Frozen raspberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	99,5
ex 0811 20 19	Frozen raspberries, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	79,6
ex 0811 20 31	Frozen raspberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: whole fruit	99,5
ex 0811 20 31	Frozen raspberries, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter : other	79,6
ex 0811 20 39	Frozen blackcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: without stalk	62,8
ex 0811 20 39	Frozen blackcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter : other	44,8
ex 0811 20 51	Frozen redcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter: without stalk	39,0
ex 0811 20 51	Frozen redcurrants, containing no added sugar or other sweetening matter : other	29,5

2. The minimum import prices, as set out in Article 1, will be respected on a consignment by consignment basis. In the case of a customs declaration value being lower than the minimum import price, a countervailing duty will be charged equal to the difference between the minimum import price and the customs declaration value.

3. If the import prices of a given product covered by this Annex show a trend suggesting that the prices could go below the level of the minimum import prices in the immediate future, the European Commission will inform the Slovak authorities in order to enable them to correct the situation.

4. At the request of either the Community or the Slovak Republic, the Association Committee shall examine the functioning of the system or the revision of the level of the minimum import prices. If appropriate, the Association Committee shall take the necessary decisions.

5. To encourage and promote the development of trade and for the mutual benefit of all parties concerned, a consultation meeting will be organised three months before the beginning of each marketing year in the European Community. This consultation meeting will take place between the European Commission and the interested European producers' organisations for the products concerned, of the one part and the authorities', producers' and exporters' organisations of all the associated exporting countries, of the other part.

   During this consultation meeting, the market situation for soft fruit including, in particular, forecasts for production, stock situation, price evolution and possible market development, as well as possibilities to adapt supply to demand, will be discussed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE: 9/6/00

1.	BUDGET HEADING: Chapter 10			APPROPRIATIONS: 1.102,2 mio
2.	TITLE: Council Regulation establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Slovak Republic.			
3.	LEGAL BASIS: Article 133 of the Treaty			
4.	AIMS: To establish additional agricultural concessions between the Community and the Slovak Republick.			
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	12 MONTH PERIOD (EUR million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2000 (EUR million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR 2001 (EUR million)
5.0	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER			
5.1	REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	-0,8	-0,3	-0,8

		2002	2003	2004	2005
5.0.1	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				
5.1.1	ESTIMATED REVENUE	-0,8	-0,8	-0,8	-0,8

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:

* **<u>Annex A (a)</u>**

Taking into account the average imports from the Slovak Republic during the last 3 years as well as the duties actually applied on these imports, the loss of own resources for the community budget can be estimated at 0,1 mio € /year for the abolished duties listed under annex A (a)

* **<u>Annex A (b</u>**)

Taking into account the duties actually applied on the average imports of products for which the existing tariff concession is enlarged, and for which the duty is fixed at zero, the loss of own resources for the Community budget can be estimated at 0,7 mio €/year.

The yearly increase, from 2001 on, of the quantities of the concessions granted has no direct impact on the community budget, as it is estimated that there would be no imports of the concerned products with the full duties, and as such, that there is no loss on the estimated own resources

6.0	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?	YES
6.1	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?	YES
6.2	WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY?	NO
6.3	WILL APPROPRIATIONS NEED TO BE ENTERED IN FUTURE BUDGETS?	NO

OBSERVATIONS:

The calculations of the loss of own resources have been based on the average imports and actually applied duties on the concerned products.

Measures to prevent the risk of frauds: those foreseen in the Europe Agreement, in particular those concerning customs co-operation and rules of origin.