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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

**on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters
between the European Community and the Republic of Tunisia concerning
the reciprocal liberalisation measures and amendment of the agricultural
Protocols of the EC/Tunisia Association Agreement**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Article 16 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, which is in force since 1 March 1998, states that the Community and Tunisia are to liberalise gradually their reciprocal trade in agricultural and fishery products.
2. Article 18 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement provides that, from 1 January 2000, the Community and Tunisia are to assess the situation with a view to determining the liberalisation measures to be applied by the two Contracting Parties with effect from 1 January 2001.
3. The Council authorised the Commission to begin negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Israel and the Republic of Tunisia with a view to negotiating greater liberalisation of agricultural trade with these countries, in keeping with the spirit of the Association Agreement and the Barcelona process.
4. Protocol No 1 of the Agreement on the arrangements applying to imports into the Community of agricultural products originating in Tunisia provides for special arrangements for olive oil originating in that country. These arrangements apply a reduced rate of customs duty to untreated olive oil originating in Tunisia in the period 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1999, up to a maximum of 46 000 tonnes per year.

These arrangements were extended for one year and expire on 31 December 2000. However, definitive arrangements should be introduced in order to avoid a break in the traditional trade in olive oil and to include the concession on olive oil in the Protocol.
5. Following negotiations, the two parties have agreed to amend Protocols Nos 1 and 3 (on agriculture) with a view to further liberalising agricultural trade in keeping with the spirit of the Association Agreement and the Barcelona process.
6. This proposal asks the Council to amend Protocols Nos 1 and 3 of the Association Agreement by means of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133, in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 300(2), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 16 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part², which is in force since 1 March 1998, states that the Community and Tunisia are to liberalise gradually their reciprocal trade in agricultural and fishery products.
- (2) Article 18 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement provides that, from 1 January 2000, the Community and Tunisia are to assess the situation with a view to determining the liberalisation measures to be applied by the two Contracting Parties with effect from 1 January 2001.
- (3) The Community and the Republic of Tunisia have agreed to amend Protocols Nos 1 and 3 (on agriculture) by means of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters. This Agreement should be approved.
- (4) As the measures needed to implement this Decision 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 Commission³, they should be adopted in accordance with the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of that Decision,

¹ OJ C, p.

² OJ L 97, 30.3.1998, p. 1.

³ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of Tunisia concerning reciprocal liberalisation measures in respect of agricultural trade is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for Cereals established by Article 23 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92⁴ or, where appropriate, by the committees established by the corresponding provisions of other regulations on the common organisation of markets or by the Customs Code Committee established by Article 248a of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92⁵.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure referred to in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, with due regard to Article 7(3) of that Decision.
3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

Article 3

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement so as to bind the Community.

Article 4

The Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

⁴ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 (OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 37).

⁵ OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1.

ANNEX

AGREEMENT

in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of Tunisia concerning the reciprocal liberalisation measures and amendment of the agricultural Protocols of the EC/Tunisia Association Agreement

Letter No 1

Letter from the European Community

Brussels,

Sir,

I have the honour of referring to the negotiations which took place under Article 16 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, in force since 1 March 1998, which states that the Community and Tunisia are to gradually liberalise their reciprocal trade in agricultural and fishery products.

These negotiations were held in accordance with Article 18 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement which stipulates that, from 1 January 2000, the Community and the Republic of Tunisia are to assess the situation with a view to determining the liberalisation measures to be applied by the two Parties with effect from 1 January 2001.

On the conclusion of the negotiations the two Parties agreed to the following:

1. The dates in Article 1(5) of Protocol No 1 are replaced by "from 1 January 2002 to 1 January 2005".
2. In Article 2:
 - a) the designation "Côteaux de Teboura" in the second sentence should read "Côteaux de Tebourba".
 - b) the following paragraph is added:

"Wines with a designation of origin originating in Tunisia must be accompanied by a certificate indicating their origin in accordance with the model specified in the preferential agreement or by documents V I 1 or V I 2 completed in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 3590/85 on the certificate and analysis report required for the importation of wine, grape juice and grape must".
3. Article 3 of Protocol No 1 is replaced by the following:

"Article 3

1. Imports of untreated olive oil falling within CN codes 1509 10 10 and 1509 10 90, wholly obtained in Tunisia and transported direct from Tunisia to

the Community, shall be allowed enter the Community at a zero rate of duty from 1 January 2001, up to a maximum of 50 000 tonnes.

2. Starting on 1 January 2002, this quantity shall be increased annually by 1 500 tonnes over four years, with a view to achieving an annual quantity of 56 000 tonnes from 1 January 2005.
3. If these imports risk harming the balance on the Community market in olive oil, especially because of the Community's obligations regarding this product in the WTO, the Contracting Parties shall consult each other with a view to finding measures appropriate to the situation, acceptable to both Parties and capable of resolving the problem. "
4. The Annexes to Protocols Nos 1 and 3 are replaced by Annexes 1A and 1B hereto; a new Annex 2, comprising the model certificate for wines with a designation of origin, is hereby added to Protocol No 1.
5. From 1 January 2005 the Community and the Republic of Tunisia will assess the situation with a view to determining the liberalisation measures to be applied by the Community and Tunisia from 1 January 2006, in accordance with the objective laid down in Article 16 of the Association Agreement.

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own procedures.

The provisions of this agreement shall be applicable from 1 January 2001.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your Government to the above.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the European Union

Letter No 2

Letter from the Republic of Tunisia

Brussels,

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, worded as follows:

"I have the honour of referring to the negotiations which took place under Article 16 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, in force since 1 March 1998, which states that the Community and Tunisia are to gradually liberalise their reciprocal trade in agricultural and fishery products.

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The provisions of this agreement shall be applicable from 1 January 2001.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your Government to the above."

The Republic of Tunisia has the honour of confirming its agreement with the contents of this letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Republic of Tunisia

ANNEX -1 A

Protocol No 1

1. Arrangements applying to imports into the Community of agricultural products originating in Tunisia

2. Designation of origin certificate

CN code	Description	Rate of reduction of customs duties (%)	Tariff quotas (tonnes)	Rate of reduction of customs duties outside existing or future tariff quotas (%)	Reference quantity (tonnes)	Specific provisions
		a	b	c	d	E
0101 19 90	Horses other than those for slaughter	100		80		Art. 1(6)
ex 0204	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen, other than meat of domestic sheep	100		-		
0208	Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen	100		-		
0407 00 90	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked, other than of poultry	100				
0409 00 00	Natural honey	100	50			
ex 0602 40	Roses, grafted or not, other than cuttings	100		-		
0603 10	Cut flowers and flower buds, fresh	100	1000	-		Art. 1(5)
ex 0701 90 50	New potatoes, from 1 January to 31 March (1)	100	16 800	50		Art. 1(5)
0702 00	Tomatoes, from 1 October to 31 May	100 (*)		60 (*)		Art. 1(6)
0703 10 11 0703 10 19	Onions, from 15 February to 15 May	100		60		Art. 1(6)
0703 20 00	Garlic, from 1 November to 31 March	100		60		Art. 1(6)
ex 0706 10 00	Carrots, from 1 January to 31 March	100		40		Art. 1(6)
0707 00 05	Cucumbers, from 1 October to 31 March	100 (*)		0		Art. 1(6)
0708 10 00	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>), from 1 October to 30 April	100		60		Art. 1(6)
0708 20 00	Beans (<i>Vigna spp. Phaseolus spp.</i>), from 1 November to 30 April	100		60		Art. 1(6)
0709 10 00	Globe artichokes, from 1 October to 31 December	100 (*)		30 (*)		Art. 1(6)
0709 20 00	Asparagus, from 1 October to 31 March	100		0		Art. 1(6)
0709 30 00	Aubergines, from 1 December to 30 April	100		-		Art. 1(6)
0709 40 00	Celery other than celeriac, from 1 November to 31 March	100		0		Art. 1(6)
0709 60 10	Sweet peppers	100		40		Art. 1(6)
0709 60 99	Other peppers of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or of the genus <i>Pimenta</i>	100		-		
0709 90 50	Fennel, from 1 November to 31 March	100		0		Art. 1(6)
0709 90 70	Courgettes, from 1 December to 15 March	100 (*)		-		
ex 0709 90 90	Wild onions of the species <i>Muscari comosum</i> , from 15 February to 15 May Parsley, from 1 November to 31 March	100 100		60 0		Art. 1(6)
0710 80 59	Other peppers of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or of the genus <i>Pimenta</i>	100		-		
0711 20 10	Olives for uses other than the production of oil (2)	100	10	-		
0711 30 00	Capers	100		90		Art. 1(6)
0711 90 10	Peppers of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or of the genus <i>Pimenta</i> , other than sweet peppers	100		-		
ex 0713 50 00	Broad beans and horse beans, for sowing	100		60		Art. 1(6)
ex 0713	Leguminous vegetables, other than those for sowing	100		-		
0802 11 90 0802 12 90	Almonds, whether or not shelled, other than bitter almonds	100		0	1120	Art. 1(5)
ex 0804 10 00	Dates, in immediate packings of a net content of 35 kg or less	100		-		
ex 0805 10	Fresh oranges	100 (*)	35 123	80 (*)		Art. 1(5)
ex 0805 10 80	Oranges, other than fresh	100		0	1680	Art. 1(5)
ex 0805 20	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), fresh; clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids	100 (*)		80 (*)		Art. 1(6)
ex 0805 30 10	Lemons, fresh	100 (*)		80 (*)		Art. 1(6)

(*) The rate of reduction applies only to the *ad valorem* customs duty.

(1) Once Community rules governing potatoes come into force, this period will be extended to 15 April and the reduction in the rate of duty applying to quantities in excess of the quota will be 50%.

(2) Entry under this subheading is subject to the conditions laid down in the relevant Community provisions [see Articles 291 to 300 of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 71) and subsequent amendments].

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		a				
0805 40 00	Grapefruit	80	b	c	d	E
0806 10 10	Table grapes, fresh, from 15 November to 31 July	100 (*)		-		
0807 11 00	Watermelons, from 1 April to 15 June	100		-		
0807 19 00	Melons, from 1 November to 31 May	100		50		Art. 1(6)
0809 10 00	Apricots	100 (*)		0	2 240	Art. 1(5)
0809 40 05	Plums, from 1 November to 15 June	100 (*)		-		
0810 10 00	Strawberries, from 1 November to 31 March	100		60		Art. 1(6)
0810 20 10	Raspberries, from 15 May to 15 June	50		-		
ex 0810 90 85	Pomegranates	100				
ex 0810 90 85	Prickly pears	100				
ex 0812 90 20	Oranges, finely shredded, provisionally preserved	80		-		
ex 0812 90 95	Other citrus fruit, finely shredded, provisionally preserved	80		-		
0904 12 00	Pepper, crushed or ground	100		-		
0904 20 90	Peppers, crushed or ground	100		-		
0910	Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	100		-		
1209 91 90	Other vegetable seeds(3)	100		60		Art. 1(6)
1209 99 99	Other seeds or fruit for sowing(3)	100		60		Art. 1(6)
1211 90 30	Tonquin beans	100		-		
1212 10	Locust beans, including locust bean seeds	100		-		
ex 1302 20	Pectic substances and pectinates	25		-		
1509 10	Olive oil and its fractions, virgin	100	50 000			Art. 3(2)
ex 2001 10 00	Cucumbers, with no added sugar	100		-		
ex 2001 20 00	Onions, with no added sugar	100		-		
2001 90 20	Fruit of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> , other than sweet peppers or pimentos	100		-		
ex 2001 90 50	Mushrooms, with no added sugar	100		-		
ex 2001 90 65	Olives, with no added sugar	100		-		
ex 2001 90 70	Sweet peppers, with no added sugar	100		-		
ex 2001 90 75	Salad beetroot, with no added sugar	100		-		
ex 2001 90 85	Red cabbage, with no added sugar	100		-		
ex 2001 90 96	Other, with no added sugar	100		-		
2002 10 10	Tomatoes, peeled	100		30		Art. 1(6)
ex 2002 90	Tomato concentrate	100	4 000	0		(4)
2003 10 20	Mushrooms of the genus <i>Agaricus</i> provisionally preserved, completely cooked - of the species <i>Psalliota</i> - other	100 (*) 100 (*)		50 (*) 60 (*)		Art. 1(6) Art. 1(6)
2003 10 30	Other mushrooms of the genus <i>Agaricus</i> - of the species <i>Psalliota</i> - other	100 (*) 100 (*)		50 (*) 60 (*)		Art. 1(6) Art. 1(6)
2003 10 80	Other mushrooms	100		60		Art. 1(6)
2003 20 00	Truffles	100	5	-		

(3) This concession relates only to seeds complying with the directives on the marketing of seeds and plants.

(4) The quantity of tomato concentrate will rise to 4 000 tonnes in accordance with the following timetable: 1.1.2001 – 2 500 tonnes; 1.1.2002 – 2 875 tonnes; 1.1.2003 – 3 250 tonnes; 1.1.2004 - 3 625 tonnes; from 1.1.2005 – 4 000 tonnes.

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CN code	Description	Rate of reduction of customs duties (%)	Tariff quotas (tonnes)	Rate of reduction of customs duties outside existing or future tariff quotas (%)	Reference quantity (tonnes)	Specific provisions
		a				
2004 10 99	Other potatoes	100	b	50	d	Art. 1(6)
ex 2004 9030	Capers and olives	100		-		
2004 90 50	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>) and green beans	100		20		Art. 1(6)
2004 90 98	Asparagus, carrots and mixtures	100		20		Art. 1(6)
	Other	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2005 10 00	Homogenised vegetables:					
	Asparagus, carrots and mixtures	100		20		Art. 1(6)
	Other	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2005 20 20	Potatoes, thinly sliced, fried or baked, whether or not salted or flavoured, in airtight packings, suitable for immediate consumption	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2005 20 80	Other potatoes	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2005 40 00	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)	100		20		Art. 1(6)
2005 51 00	Beans, shelled	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2005 59 00	Other beans	20		-		
2005 60 00	Asparagus	20		-		
2005 70	Olives	100		-		
2005 90 10	Fruit of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> , other than sweet peppers or pimentos	100		-		
2005 90 30	Capers	100		-		
2005 90 50	Globe artichokes	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2005 90 60	Carrots	100		20		Art. 1(6)
2005 90 70	Mixtures of vegetables	100		20		Art. 1(6)
2005 90 80	Other	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2007 10 91	Homogenised preparations of tropical fruit	50		-		
2007 10 99	Other	50		-		
2007 91 90	Citrus fruit, other	50		-		
2007 99 91	Apple purée, including compotes	50		-		
2007 99 98	Other	50		-		
2008 30 51	Grapefruit segments	80		-		
2008 30 71						
ex 2008 30 91						
ex 2008 30 99						
ex 2008 30 55	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas) finely shredded, clementines, wilkings and similar	80		-		
ex 2008 30 75						
ex 2008 30 59	Oranges and lemons, finely shredded	80		-		
ex 2008 30 79						
ex 2008 30 91	Citrus fruit, finely shredded	80		-		
ex 2008 30 99						
ex 2008 30 91	Citrus pulp	40		-		
2008 50 61	Apricots	100		20		Art. 1(6)
2008 50 69						
ex 2008 50 92	Apricot halves	100		50		Art. 1(6)
ex 2008 50 94						
ex 2008 50 99						
ex 2008 50 92	Apricot pulp	100	5 160	30		
ex 2008 50 94	Peach (including nectarine) halves	50		-		
ex 2008 70 94						
ex 2008 70 99	Peach (including nectarine) halves	100		50		Art. 1(6)
2008 92 51	Mixtures of fruit	100	1 000 (5)	55		
2008 92 59						
2008 92 72						
2008 92 74						
2008 92 76						
2008 92 78						

(5) Tariff quota common to the six headings relating to mixtures of fruit.

CN code	Description	Rate of reduction of customs duties (%)	Tariff quotas (tonnes)	Rate of reduction of customs duties outside existing or future tariff quotas (%)	Reference quantity (tonnes)	Specific provisions
		a				
2009 11 2009 19	Orange juice	70 (*)		-		
2009 20	Grapefruit juice	70 (*)		-		
2009 30 11 2009 30 19	Juice of all other citrus fruit	60 (*)		-		
ex 2009 30 31 ex 2009 30 39	Juice of all other citrus fruit, other than lemon juice	60		-		
ex 2204	Wine of fresh grapes	100	179 200 hl	80		
ex 2204	Wine of fresh grapes with a designation of origin	100	56 000 hl	0		Conditions laid down in Article 2
ex 2302	Brans, sharps and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals or of leguminous plants, other than maize or rice	60		-		

(*) The rate of reduction applies only to the *ad valorem* customs duty.

1. Exporter (Name, full address, country):	2. Number	00000	
4. Consignee (Name, full address, country):	3. Name of the authority guaranteeing the designation of origin:		
	5. CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN		
6. Means of transport:	7. Designation of origin		
8. Place of unloading:			
9. Marks and numbers - number and kind of packages		10. Gross weight	11. Litres
12. Litres (in words):			
13. Certificate of the issuing authority:			
14. Customs stamp:	(See the translation under No 15)		

15.	We hereby certify that the wine described in this certificate is wine produced within the wine district of and is considered by Tunisian legislation as entitled to the designation of origin ‘.....’. The alcohol added to this wine is alcohol of vinous origin.
16.	(1)

(1) Space reserved for additional details given in the exporting country.

ANNEX 1-B

PROTOCOL No 3

on the arrangements applying to imports into Tunisia of agricultural products originating in the Community

Sole Article

The customs duties on imports into Tunisia of the products originating in the Community listed in the Annex shall not be higher than those shown in column (a) within the limits of the tariff quotas shown in column (b)

CN code	Description	Maximum customs duties (%)	Preferential tariff quotas (t)	Specific provisions
		a	b	
0102 10	Live bovine animals, pure-bred breeding animals	17	2 000	
0102 90	Other than pure-bred breeding animals	27	35	(*)
0105 11	Fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> (day-old chicks)	43	40	
0105 12	Turkeys (day-old chicks)			
0201 20	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, other cuts with bone in	27	8 000 (1)	(*)
0201 30	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, boneless	27	8 000(1)	(*)
0202 20	Meat of bovine animals, frozen, other cuts with bone in	27	8 000(1)	(*)
0202 30	Meat of bovine animals, frozen, boneless	27	8 000(1)	(*)
0207 12	Poultry not cut in pieces, frozen (fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i>)	43	400	(2)
0402 10	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1.5%	17	9 700(3)	(*)
0402 21	Milk and cream, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5%	17	9 700(3)	(*)
0402 99	Milk and cream, concentrated, other than in powder or other solid forms, whether or not with added sugar or other sweetening matter	17	9 700(3)	(*)
0405	Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk; dairy spreads	35	250	(*)
0406 30	Processed cheese, not grated or powdered	27	450	(*)
0407 00	- Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked - for hatching - gamebirds' eggs - other	- 20 43 43	1 100	(2)
0602 90	Other live plants (including their roots) other than those falling within subheadings 0602 10, 0602 20, 0602 30 00, 0602 40 and 0602 90 10	43	200	

(*) The quantities imported under the tariff quota opened by Tunisia within the WTO framework under the current access arrangements are deducted from the preferential tariff quota.

(1) The figure of 8 000 tonnes covers all four subheadings.

(2) From 1 July to end February.

(3) The figure of 9 700 tonnes covers all three subheadings.

CN code	Description	Maximum customs duties	Final customs duties	Preferential tariff quotas	Specific provisions
		a			
0701 10 00	Seed potatoes, fresh or chilled	15	0	16 500	(4)
0701 90	Potatoes, fresh or chilled, other than seed potatoes	43		16 500	(5)
0713 10 10	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>), dried, shelled, whether or not skinned or split, for sowing	43		200	
0802 22 00	Hazelnuts or filberts, shelled	43	0	200	(4)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat	17		17 000	(*)
1001 90 00	Other than durum wheat	17		230 000	(*)
		17	0	230 000	(4) (6)
1003 00	Barley	17		12 000	(*)
1005 90 00	Maize (corn), other than seed	20	0	15 000	(4)
1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	27	0	4 000	(4)
1103 11	Groats and meal of wheat	43		300	
1103 13	Groats and meal of maize (corn)	43		800	
1107 10	Malt, not roasted	43		3 500	
1108 12 00	Maize (corn) starch	31	0	1 000	(4)
1210 20	Hop cones, ground	43		50	
1214 10	Lucerne (alfalfa) meal and pellets	29	0	15 000	(4)
1502 00	Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats, other than those falling within heading 1503	27		600	
1507 10	Soya bean oil, crude, whether or not degummed	15	0	100 000	(**) (4)
1508 10	Ground-nut oil, crude				
1511 10	Palm oil and its fractions, crude				
1512 11	Sunflower oil, crude				
1512 21	Cotton-seed oil, crude				
1514 10	Rape, colza or mustard oil, crude				
1515 11 00	Linseed oil, crude				
1515 21	Maize (corn) oil, crude	43		300	
1511 90	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, other than crude	43		300	
1514 90	Rape, colza or mustard oil, other than crude	43		900	
1516 10	Animal fats and oils, and their fractions	31		300	
1701 99	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, other than raw sugar, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	15		72 000	(*)
1702 30	Glucose and glucose syrup:			650	
	- Glucose containing added flavouring or colouring matter	43			
	- Other	20			
1702 90	Sugars, including invert sugar, other than lactose, maple sugar, glucose and fructose, and their syrups	43		200	
	- other sugars containing added flavouring or colouring matter				
	- other	29			
2304 00 00	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil	20	0	6 000	(4)
2309 10 00	Dog or cat food, put up for retail sale	43		35	
2309 90 00	Other animal foods	43		2 800	
2401 10 00	Tobacco, not stemmed/stripped	25		2 800	

(*) The quantities imported under the tariff quota opened by Tunisia within the WTO framework under the current access arrangements are deducted from the preferential tariff quota.

(**) Overall quota for the eight subheadings.

(4) The rate will be reduced to 0% in five equal steps between 1 January 2001 and 1 January 2005.

(5) From 1 October to 31 May.

(6) Additional quota to the existing one subject to customs duties of 17%.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
1. BUDGET HEADING: Chapter 10 (Agricultural duties)			APPROPRIATIONS: EUR 1 180 million	
2. TITLE: Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of Tunisia concerning the reciprocal liberalisation measures and amendment of the agricultural Protocols of the EC/Tunisia Association Agreement				
3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 133 of the Treaty				
4. AIMS OF PROJECT: To establish reciprocal agricultural concessions between the Community and Tunisia.				
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (EUR million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2000 (EUR million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR 2001 (EUR million)
5.0.	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION - OTHER	p.m.		p.m.
5.1.	REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	-16,5		-9,0
5.0.1.	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	2002	2003	2004
5.1.1.	ESTIMATED REVENUE	2005		
		p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
		-10,9	-12,8	-14,7
5.2.	METHOD OF CALCULATION: Annex 1-A Based on the average imports from Tunisia in the last three years and the duties actually applied to such imports, the loss of own resources to the Community budget as a result of the abolished duties listed in Annex 1-A is put at EUR 16,5 million.			
6.0.	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?			YES/NO
6.1.	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?			YES/NO
6.2.	IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?			YES/NO
6.3.	WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?			YES/NO
OBSERVATIONS: The calculations of own resources lost are based on the average imports and the duties actually applied to the products concerned.				