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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2479/03**by Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna (PPE-DE) to the Commission**

(24 July 2003)

Subject: Canned tuna from Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia

Since 1 July 2003 Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia have benefited from a quota for exports of canned tuna to the EU at a reduced tariff of 12% on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No 975/2003⁽¹⁾ of 5 June 2003 opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for imports of canned tuna covered by CN codes 1604 14 11, 1604 14 18 and 1604 20 70.

1. Can the Commission say which establishments are authorised to import this type of products into the Community, specifying in each case the country of origin of the canned products concerned?
2. Can the Commission say what type of checks are being or will be made on this canned tuna and on producers in order to guarantee food safety for Community consumers?

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 7.6.2003, p. 1.

Answer given by Mr Byrne on behalf of the Commission

(29 August 2003)

Sanitary conditions for the imports of fishery products, including tuna, from Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand are laid down in Commission Decision 94/324/EC⁽¹⁾, 95/190/EC⁽²⁾ and 94/325/EC⁽³⁾ respectively (as amended).

1. The list of establishments from which the imports of fishery products from Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia are authorised can be found in <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/sanco/vets/info/data/listes/ffp.html>.

The above cited Decisions provide that fishery products imported from the mentioned countries shall be marked with the indication of the name, in capital letters, of the exporting country and with the number or the code of the approved establishment.

2. The sanitary controls on all the fishery products (Community or imported) to be marketed in the Community are those provided by Council Directive 91/493/EEC⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ 94/324/EC: Commission Decision of 19 May 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Indonesia, OJ L 145, 10.6.1994.

⁽²⁾ 95/190/EC: Commission Decision of 17 May 1995 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Philippines, OJ L 123, 3.6.1995.

⁽³⁾ 94/325/EC: Commission Decision of 19 May 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Thailand, OJ L 145, 10.6.1994.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products, OJ L 268, 24.9.1991.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2501/03**by Anne Jensen (ELDR) to the Commission**

(29 July 2003)

Subject: Budget chapter B3-4000 for 2002

In 2002, the Commission allocated funding under budget chapter B3-4000 to programmes concerning 'corporate social responsibility', 'industrial relations', 'social dialogue' and 'financial participation'. A number of applications were successfully submitted to the Commission for project funding.

How many applications were submitted for project funding under the above programmes and what percentage of applications were rejected?