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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1555/2005
of 20 September 2005
abolishing tariff quota for imports of soluble coffee covered by CN code 2101 11 11**

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 diversity of soluble coffee available on the Community market has improved appreciably since 2002.
- (2) Since the objective pursued by Council Regulation (EC) No 2165/2001 of 5 November 2001 opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for imports of soluble coffee covered by CN code 2101 11 11 ⁽¹⁾ has now been achieved, the conditions for maintaining a zero-duty quota for soluble coffee beyond 1 January 2006 no longer apply.
- (3) In view of the Community market's current needs, the tariff quota for imports of soluble coffee of CN code 2101 11 11 should be closed from 1 January 2006.

Regulation (EC) No 2165/2001 should be repealed with effect from the same date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The zero-duty tariff quota established by Regulation (EC) No 2165/2001 for imports of soluble coffee covered by CN code 2101 11 11 shall be closed from 1 January 2006.

From 1 January 2006 imports of soluble coffee covered by CN code 2101 11 11 originating in any country shall no longer be eligible for a zero-duty tariff quota.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 2165/2001 shall be repealed with effect from 1 January 2006.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that 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, 20 September 2005.

For the Council
The President
M. BECKETT

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 9.11.2001, p. 1.