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II

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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Information concerning the signature of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

The above Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon was signed on 28 April 2016 in Brussels.

Information concerning the entry into force of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part

The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 27 June 2014 in Brussels ⁽¹⁾, enters into force on 1 July 2016, in accordance with Article 431(2) of the Agreement, as the last instrument of ratification or approval was deposited on 23 May 2016.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

Information concerning the entry into force of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part

The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 27 June 2014 in Brussels ⁽¹⁾, enters into force on 1 July 2016, in accordance with Article 464(2) of the Agreement, as the last instrument of ratification or approval was deposited on 23 May 2016.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/971**of 17 June 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with point (v) of Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products, commonly referred to as the Information Technology Agreement ('ITA'), was adopted in Singapore on 13 December 1996. Paragraph 3 of the Annex to the ITA states that participants are to meet periodically under the auspices of the Council on Trade in Goods of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to review the product coverage with a view to agreeing, by consensus, whether it is appropriate to modify the Attachments to that Annex to incorporate additional products in the light of technological developments, experience in applying the tariff concessions or changes to the Harmonised System nomenclature.
- (2) On 8 July 2009, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate a review of the ITA with a view to expanding its product coverage to reflect technological developments and convergence.
- (3) Negotiations on the expansion of the ITA have been conducted by the Commission in consultation with the special committee established under Article 207(3) of the Treaty.
- (4) On 28 July 2015, the participants in the negotiations issued a Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products ('the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA'), which records the results of the negotiations.
- (5) During the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Nairobi from 15 to 18 December 2015, the participants in the negotiations issued the Ministerial Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products of 16 December 2015 (WT/MIN 15/25) ('the Ministerial Declaration'), which endorses and opens for acceptance the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA in accordance with paragraph 9 thereof. The Ministerial Declaration also records the agreement of the participants in the negotiations with the draft schedules submitted by each of them pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA, which are included in WTO document G/MA/W/117.
- (6) The agreement in the form of the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA should be approved on behalf of the Union, together with the Union's schedule and the schedules submitted by other participants in the negotiations, which are included in the WTO document G/MA/W/117.
- (7) In accordance with the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA, the Union should submit to the WTO the necessary modifications to its schedule annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ('GATT 1994'), as set out in the Union schedule CLXXIII (G/MA/TAR/RS/357/corr.1),

⁽¹⁾ Consent of 8 June 2016 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Declaration on the expansion of the ITA and the schedules submitted in accordance with paragraph 5 thereof are hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

The text of the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA and the Attachments thereto are attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commission is hereby authorised to submit to the World Trade Organisation the necessary modifications to the Union's Schedule annexed to the GATT 1994 as set out in the Union schedule CLXXIII (G/MA/TAR/RS/357/corr.1).

Article 3

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to deposit, on behalf of the Union, the instrument of acceptance provided for in paragraph 9 of the Declaration on the expansion of the ITA ⁽¹⁾.

Article 4

The Declaration on the expansion of the ITA shall not be construed as conferring rights or imposing obligations which can be directly invoked before Union or Member State courts.

Article 5

This Decision enters into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 17 June 2016.

For the Council
The President
J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

⁽¹⁾ The date of entry into force of the Declaration will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

DECLARATION ON THE EXPANSION OF TRADE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS

The following Members of the World Trade Organisation ('WTO') which have agreed on the expansion of world trade in information technology products ('parties').

Albania	Malaysia
Australia	Montenegro
Canada	New Zealand
China	Norway
Costa Rica	Philippines
European Union	Singapore
Guatemala	Switzerland ⁽¹⁾
Hong Kong, China	Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
Iceland	Thailand
Israel	United States
Japan	
Korea	

Declare as follows:

1. Each party shall bind and eliminate customs duties and other duties and charges of any kind, within the meaning of Article II:1(b) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, as set forth below, with respect to the following:
 - (a) all products classified with Harmonised System ('HS') 2007 sub-headings listed in Attachment A to this Declaration; and
 - (b) all products specified in Attachment B to this Declaration, whether or not they are included in Attachment A.

Staging

2. The parties shall apply three year staging in four equal annual reductions of customs duties, beginning in 2016 and concluding in 2019, as standard staging, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, recognising that extended staging of reductions may be necessary in limited circumstances. The reduced rate should in each stage be rounded off to the first decimal. Each party shall incorporate commitments on staging for each product into its Schedule of Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ('Schedule of Concessions').

Implementation

3. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, and subject to the completion of domestic procedural requirements, each party shall eliminate all customs duties and other duties and charges of any kind on products listed in the Attachments as follows:
 - (a) elimination of customs duties in equal steps, the first such rate reduction effective no later than 1 July 2016, the second such rate reduction no later than 1 July 2017, the third such rate reduction no later than 1 July 2018, and the elimination of customs duties shall be completed effective no later than 1 July 2019; and
 - (b) elimination of such other duties and charges of any kind, within the meaning of Article II:1(b) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994, shall be completed by 1 July 2016.

⁽¹⁾ On behalf of the customs union of Switzerland and Lichtenstein.

Accelerated implementation

4. The parties encourage autonomous immediate elimination of customs duties or accelerated implementation prior to the dates set out in paragraph 3 above, for instance for products with relatively low customs duties.

Scheduling timeframe

5. As early as possible, and no later than 30 October 2015, each party shall provide all other parties with a draft schedule containing (a) the details concerning how the appropriate duty treatment shall be provided in its Schedule of Concessions and (b) a list of detailed HS subheadings involved for products specified in Attachment B, which shall also include a headnote stating that such products shall be provided duty-free treatment wherever they are classified in the HS. Each draft schedule shall be reviewed and approved by the parties on a consensus basis taking into account the concerns expressed by the parties in the negotiations. This review process should be completed no later than 4 December 2015.
6. After this review process has been completed for any such draft schedule of a party, that party shall submit its approved schedule, subject to the completion of domestic procedural requirements, as a modification to its Schedule of Concessions, in accordance with the Decision of 26 March 1980 on Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules of Tariff Concessions (BISD 27S/25).
7. Each party shall implement paragraphs 3 and 6 of this Declaration once the parties review and approve on a consensus basis draft schedules that represent approximately 90 per cent of world trade ⁽¹⁾ in the products covered by this Declaration.

Format of draft schedules of concessions

8. In order to implement its binding and elimination of customs duties and other duties and charges of any kind on products listed in the Attachments, each party's modifications to its Schedule of Concessions shall:
 - (a) in the case of products classified with HS 2007 subheadings listed in Attachment A, create, where appropriate, sub-divisions in its Schedule of Concessions at the national tariff line level; and
 - (b) in the case of the products specified in Attachment B, attach an annex to its Schedule of Concessions including all products in Attachment B, which is to specify the detailed tariff classification for those products at either the national tariff line level or the HS 6-digit level.

Acceptance

9. The Declaration shall be open for acceptance by all WTO Members. Acceptance shall be notified in writing to the WTO Director-General who shall communicate it to all parties.

Non-tariff barriers

10. The parties agree to intensify consultations concerning non-tariff barriers in the information technology sector. To this effect, the parties support the possible development of an upgraded work programme on non-tariff barriers.

Final considerations

11. Parties shall meet periodically, and at least one year prior to regular amendments to the Harmonised System nomenclature by the World Customs Organisation, and no later than January 2018, to review the product coverage specified in the Attachments and consider whether, in the light of technological developments, experience in applying the tariff concessions, or changes to the HS nomenclature, the Attachments should be updated to incorporate additional products.
12. The parties recognise that the results of these negotiations involve concessions that should be taken into account in ongoing multilateral non-agricultural market access negotiations within the framework of the Doha Development Agenda.

⁽¹⁾ To be calculated by the WTO Secretariat and communicated to the parties on the basis of the most recent data available.

Attachments to this Declaration:

- Attachment A lists the HS 2007 subheadings or parts thereof to be covered by this Declaration.
 - Attachment B lists specific products to be covered by this Declaration wherever they are classified in the HS 2007.
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ATTACHMENT A

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
001	350691	ex	Optically clear free-film adhesives and optically clear curable liquid adhesives of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of flat panel displays or touch-sensitive screen panels
002	370130		Other plates and film, with any side exceeding 255 mm
003	370199		Other
004	370590		Other
005	370790		Other
006	390799	ex	Thermoplastic liquid crystal aromatic polyester copolymers
007	841459	ex	Fans of a kind used solely or principally for cooling microprocessors, telecommunication apparatus, automatic data processing machines or units of automatic data processing machines
008	841950	ex	Heat exchange units made of fluoropolymers and with inlet and outlet tube bores with inside diameters measuring 3 cm or less
009	842010	ex	Roll laminators of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuit substrates or printed circuits
010	842129	ex	Liquid filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus made of fluoropolymers and with filter or purifier membrane thickness not exceeding 140 microns
011	842139	ex	Filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus for gases, with stainless steel housing, and with inlet and outlet tube bores with inside diameters not exceeding 1,3 cm
012	842199	ex	Parts of filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus for liquids, made of fluoropolymers and with filter or purifier membrane thickness not exceeding 140 microns; parts of filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus for gases, with stainless steel housing, and with inlet and outlet tube bores with inside diameters not exceeding 1,3 cm
013	842320	ex	Scales for continuous weighing of goods on conveyors using electronic means for gauging weights
014	842330	ex	Constant weight scales and scales for discharging a predetermined weight of material into a bag or container, including hopper scales, using electronic means for gauging weight
015	842381	ex	Other weighing machinery, having a maximum weighing capacity not exceeding 30 kg using electronic means for gauging weight
016	842382	ex	Other weighing machinery, having a maximum weighing capacity exceeding 30 kg but not exceeding 5 000 kg using electronic means for gauging weight, excluding machines for weighing motor vehicles
017	842389	ex	Other weighing machinery, having a maximum weighing capacity exceeding 5 000 kg using electronic means for gauging weight

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
018	842390	ex	Parts of weighing machinery using electronic means for gauging weight, excluding parts of machines for weighing motor vehicles
019	842489	ex	Mechanical appliances for projecting, dispersing, or spraying of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits or printed circuit assemblies
020	842490	ex	Parts of mechanical appliances for projecting, dispersing, or spraying of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits or printed circuit assemblies
021	844230		Machinery, apparatus, and equipment
022	844240		Parts of the foregoing machinery, apparatus or equipment
023	844250		Plates, cylinders and other printing components; plates, cylinders and lithographic stones, prepared for printing purposes (for example, planed, grained or polished)
024	844331		Machines which perform two or more of the functions of printing, copying or facsimile transmission, capable of connecting to an automatic data processing machine or to a network
025	844332		Other, capable of connecting to an automatic data processing machine or to a network
026	844339		Other
027	844391		Parts and accessories of printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 84.42
028	844399		Other
029	845610	ex	Machine tools operated by laser or other light or photon beam processes of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits, printed circuit assemblies, parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines
030	846693	ex	Parts and accessories of machine tools operated by laser or other light or photon beam processes of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits, printed circuit assemblies, parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of machine-tools operated by ultrasonic processes of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits, printed circuit assemblies, parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of machining centres of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of numerically controlled (other lathes) of a kind used solely or principally the manufacture of parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of numerically controlled (other drilling) of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of numerically controlled (other milling machines) of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of sawing or cutting-off machines of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines; Parts and accessories of machine-tools operated by electro-discharge processes of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits, printed circuit assemblies, parts of heading 8517, or parts of automatic data processing machines

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
031	847210		Duplicating machines
032	847290		Other
033	847310		Parts and accessories of the machines of heading 8469
034	847340		Parts and accessories of the machines of heading 8472
035	847521		Machines for making optical fibres and preforms thereof
036	847590	ex	Parts of machines of subheading 847521
037	847689	ex	Money-changing machines
038	847690	ex	Parts of money-changing machines
039	847989	ex	Automated electronic component placement machines of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuit assemblies
040	847990	ex	Parts of automated electronic component placement machines of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuit assemblies
041	848610		Machines and apparatus for the manufacture of boules or wafers
042	848620		Machines and apparatus for the manufacture of semiconductor devices or of electronic integrated circuits
043	848630		Machines and apparatus for the manufacture of flat panel displays
044	848640		Machines and apparatus specified in Note 9(C) to this Chapter
045	848690		Parts and accessories
046	850440		Static converters
047	850450		Other Inductors
048	850490		Parts
049	850590	ex	Electromagnets of a kind used solely or principally for magnetic resonance imaging apparatus other than electromagnets of heading 90.18
050	851430	ex	Other furnaces and ovens of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits or printed circuit assemblies
051	851490	ex	Parts of other furnaces and ovens of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits or printed circuit assemblies
052	851519	ex	Other wave soldering machines of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuit assemblies
053	851590	ex	Parts of other wave soldering machines of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuit assemblies

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
054	851761		Base stations
055	851762		Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus
056	851769		Other
057	851770		Parts
058	851810		Microphones and stands therefor
059	851821		Single loudspeakers, mounted in their enclosures
060	851822		Multiple loudspeakers, mounted in the same enclosure
061	851829		Other
062	851830		Headphones and earphones, whether or not combined with a microphone, and sets consisting of a microphone and one or more loudspeakers
063	851840		Audio-frequency electric amplifiers
064	851850		Electric sound amplifier sets
065	851890		Parts
066	851981		Using magnetic, optical or semiconductor media
067	851989		Other
068	852110		Magnetic tape-type
069	852190		Other
070	852290		Other
071	852321		Cards incorporating a magnetic stripe
072	852329		Other
073	852340		Optical media
074	852351		Solid-state non-volatile storage devices
075	852352		'Smart cards'
076	852359		Other
077	852380		Other
078	852550		Transmission apparatus
079	852560		Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
080	852580		Television cameras, digital cameras and video camera recorders
081	852610		Radar apparatus
082	852691		Radio navigational aid apparatus
083	852692		Radio remote control apparatus
084	852712		Pocket-size radio cassette-players
085	852713		Other apparatus combined with sound recording or reproducing apparatus
086	852719		Other
087	852721	ex	Radio-broadcast receivers not capable of operating without an external source of power, of a kind used in motor vehicles, combined with sound recording or reproducing apparatus capable of receiving and decoding digital radio data system signals
088	852729		Other
089	852791		Combined with sound recording or reproducing apparatus
090	852792		Not combined with sound recording or reproducing apparatus but combined with a clock
091	852799		Other
092	852849		Other
093	852871		Not designed to incorporate a video display or screen
094	852910		Aerials and aerial reflectors of all kinds; parts suitable for use therewith
095	852990	ex	Other, excluding organic light emitting diode modules and organic light emitting diode panels for the apparatus of subheadings 8528.72 or 8528.73
096	853180	ex	Other apparatus excluding doorbells, chimes, buzzers and similar
097	853190		Parts
098	853630		Other apparatus for protecting electrical circuits
099	853650		Other switches
100	853690	ex	Other apparatus, excluding battery clamp of a kind used for motor vehicles of heading 8702, 8703, 8704, or 8711
101	853810		Boards, panels, consoles, desks, cabinets and other bases for the goods of heading 8537, not equipped with their apparatus
102	853939	ex	Cold-cathode fluorescent lamps(CCFLs) for backlighting of flat panel displays

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
103	854231		Processors and controllers, whether or not combined with memories, converters, logic circuits, amplifiers, clock and timing circuits, or other circuits
104	854232		Memories
105	854233		Amplifiers
106	854239		Other
107	854290		Parts
108	854320		Signal generators
109	854330	ex	Electroplating and electrolysis machines of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of printed circuits
110	854370	ex	Articles specifically designed for connection to telegraphic or telephonic apparatus or instruments or to telegraphic or telephonic networks
111	854370	ex	Microwave amplifiers
112	854370	ex	Cordless infrared remote control devices for video game consoles
113	854370	ex	Digital flight-data recorders
114	854370	ex	Portable battery operated electronic reader for recording and reproducing text, still image or audio file
115	854370	ex	Digital signal processing apparatus capable of connecting to a wired or wireless network for the mixing of sound
116	854390		Parts
117	880260	ex	Telecommunications satellites
118	880390	ex	Parts of telecommunication satellites
119	880521		Air combat simulators and parts thereof
120	880529		Other
121	900120		Sheets and plates of polarising material
122	900190		Other
123	900219		Other
124	900220		Filters
125	900290		Other

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
126	901050		Other apparatus and equipment for photographic (including cinematographic) laboratories; negatoscopes
127	901060		Projection screens
128	901090	ex	Parts and accessories of articles of subheadings 901050 and 901060
129	901110		Stereoscopic microscopes
130	901180		Other microscopes
131	901190		Parts and accessories
132	901210		Microscopes other than optical microscopes; diffraction apparatus
133	901290		Parts and accessories
134	901310	ex	Telescopes designed to form parts of machines, appliances, instruments or apparatus of this Chapter or Section XVI
135	901320		Lasers, other than laser diodes
136	901390	ex	Parts and accessories, other than for telescopic sights for fitting to arms or for periscopes
137	901410		Direction finding compasses
138	901420		Instruments and appliances for aeronautical or space navigation (other than compasses)
139	901480		Other instruments and appliances
140	901490		Parts and accessories
141	901510		Rangefinders
142	901520		Theodolites and tachymeters (tacheometers)
143	901540		Photogrammetrical surveying instruments and appliances
144	901580		Other instruments and appliances
145	901590		Parts and accessories
146	901811		Electro-cardiographs
147	901812		Ultrasonic scanning apparatus
148	901813		Magnetic resonance imaging apparatus
149	901819		Other
150	901820		Ultra-violet or infra-red ray apparatus

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
151	901850		Other ophthalmic instruments and appliances
152	901890	ex	Electro-surgical or electro-medical instruments and appliances, and parts and accessories thereof
153	902150		Pacemakers for stimulating heart muscles, excluding parts and accessories
154	902190		Other
155	902212		Computed tomography apparatus
156	902213		Other, for dental uses
157	902214		Other, for medical, surgical or veterinary uses
158	902219		For other uses
159	902221		For medical, surgical, dental or veterinary uses
160	902229		For other uses
161	902230		X-ray tubes
162	902290	ex	Parts and accessories of apparatus based on the use of X-rays
163	902300		Instruments, apparatus and models, designed for demonstrational purposes (for example, in education or exhibitions), unsuitable for other uses
164	902410		Machines and appliances for testing metals
165	902480		Other machines and appliances
166	902490		Parts and accessories
167	902519		Other
168	902590		Parts and accessories
169	902710		Gas or smoke analysis apparatus
170	902780		Other instruments and apparatus
171	902790		Microtomes; parts and accessories
172	902830		Electricity meters
173	902890		Parts and accessories
174	903010		Instruments and apparatus for measuring or detecting ionising radiations
175	903020		Oscilloscopes and oscillographs
176	903031		Multimeters without a recording device
177	903032		Multimeters with a recording device

Item	HS 2007	ex (*)	Product Description
178	903033	ex	Other, without a recording device, excluding resistance measuring instruments
179	903039		Other, with a recording device
180	903084		Other, with a recording device
181	903089		Other
182	903090		Parts and Accessories
183	903110		Machines for balancing mechanical parts
184	903149		Other
185	903180		Other instruments, appliances and machines
186	903190		Parts and accessories
187	903220		Manostats
188	903281		Hydraulic or pneumatic
189	950410		Video games of a kind used with a television receiver
190	950430	ex	Other games, operated by coins, banknotes, bank cards, token, or by any other means of payment, other than automatic bowling equipment and games of chance that immediately return a monetary award
191	950490	ex	Video game consoles and machines, other than those of subheading 950430

(*) Partially covered subheadings are identified by the symbol 'ex'.

ATTACHMENT B

192	<p>Multi-component integrated circuits (MCOs): a combination of one or more monolithic, hybrid, or multi-chip integrated circuits with at least one of the following components: silicon-based sensors, actuators, oscillators, resonators or combinations thereof, or components performing the functions of articles classifiable under heading 8532, 8533, 8541, or inductors classifiable under heading 8504, formed to all intents and purposes indivisibly into a single body like an integrated circuit, as a component of a kind used for assembly onto a printed circuit board (PCB) or other carrier, through the connecting of pins, leads, balls, lands, bumps, or pads.</p> <p>For the purpose of this definition the following expressions mean:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Components' may be discrete, manufactured independently then assembled onto the rest of the MCO, or integrated into other components. 2. 'Silicon based' means built on a silicon substrate, or made of silicon materials, or manufactured onto integrated circuit die. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 'Silicon based sensors' consist of microelectronic or mechanical structures that are created in the mass or on the surface of a semiconductor and that have the function of detecting physical or chemical quantities and transducing these into electric signals, caused by resulting variations in electric properties or displacement of a mechanical structure. <p>'Physical or chemical quantities' relates to real world phenomena, such as pressure, acoustic waves, acceleration, vibration, movement, orientation, strain, magnetic field strength, electric field strength, light, radioactivity, humidity, flow, chemicals concentration, etc.</p> 3(b) 'Silicon based actuators' consist of microelectronic and mechanical structures that are created in the mass or on the surface of a semiconductor and that have the function of converting electrical signals into physical movement. 3(c) 'Silicon based resonators' are components that consist of microelectronic or mechanical structures that are created in the mass or on the surface of a semiconductor and have the function of generating a mechanical or electrical oscillation of a predefined frequency that depends on the physical geometry of these structures in response to an external input. 3(d) 'Silicon based oscillators' are active components that consist of microelectronic or mechanical structures that are created in the mass or on the surface of a semiconductor and that have the function of generating a mechanical or electrical oscillation of a predefined frequency that depends on the physical geometry of these structures.
193	<p>Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Backlights modules, which are lighting sources that consist of one or more LEDs, and one or more connectors and are mounted on a printed circuit or other similar substrate, and other passive components, whether or not combined with optical components or protective diodes, and used as backlights illumination for liquid crystal displays (LCDs)</p>
194	<p>Touch-Sensitive Data Input Devices (so-called touch screens) without display capabilities, for incorporation into apparatus having a display, which function by detecting the presence and location of a touch within the display area. The sensing of touch may be obtained by means of resistance, electrostatic capacity, acoustic pulse recognition, infra-red lights, or other touch-sensitive technology</p>
195	<p>Ink cartridges (with or without an integrated print head) for insertion into apparatus of HS subheadings 844331, 844332 or 844339, and incorporating mechanical or electrical components; thermoplastic or electrostatic toner cartridges (with or without moving parts) for insertion into apparatus of HS subheadings 844331, 844332 or 844339; solid ink in engineered shapes for insertion into apparatus of HS subheadings 844331, 844332 or 844339</p>
196	<p>Printed matter which grants the right to access, install, reproduce or otherwise use software (including games), data, internet content (including in-game or in-application content) or services, or telecommunications services (including mobile services) (**)</p>

197	Self-adhesive circular polishing pads of a kind used for the manufacture of semiconductor wafers
198	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles , of plastic, specially shaped or fitted for the conveyance or packing of semiconductor wafers, masks, or reticles, of subheading 392310 or 848690
199	Vacuum pumps of a kind used solely or principally for the manufacture of semiconductors or flat panel displays
200	Plasma cleaner machines that remove organic contaminants from electron microscopy specimens and specimen holders
201	Portable interactive electronic education devices primarily designed for children

(**) The tariff elimination for printed matter shall only affect the rights and obligations with respect to trade in goods, that is, it shall not affect market access other than tariffs of the participants. Nothing in the ITA expansion agreement shall prevent an ITA member from regulating the content of such goods, including internet content, among other things. Nothing in the ITA expansion agreement shall affect a member's market access rights and obligations on trade in services or prevent a member from regulating its services market.

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/972

of 17 June 2016

concerning the authorisation of L-arginine produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCTC 10423BP as a feed additive for all animal species

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 an application was submitted for the authorisation of L-arginine as a feed additive. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) That application concerns the authorisation of L-arginine produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCTC 10423BP as a feed additive for all animal species to be classified in the additive category 'nutritional additives'.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 1 December 2015 ⁽²⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, L-arginine produced by *Corynebacterium glutamicum* KCTC 10423BP does not have an adverse effect on animal health, human health or the environment and that it is an effective source of the amino acid arginine for all animal species; for the supplemental L-arginine to be fully efficacious in ruminants, it should be protected against degradation in the rumen. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The assessment of that substance shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that substance should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The substance specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'nutritional additives' and to the functional group 'amino acids, their salts and analogues', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ EFSA Journal 2016; 14(1):4345.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 17 June 2016.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method.	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						mg/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
Category of nutritional additives. Functional group: amino acids, their salts and analogues.									
3c361	—	L-arginine	<p><i>Additive composition</i></p> <p>Powder with a minimum content of L-arginine of 98 % (on a dry matter basis) and a maximum moisture content of 10 %</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance</i></p> <p>L-arginine ((S)-2-amino-5-guanidinopentanoic acid) produced by fermentation with <i>Corynebacterium glutamicum</i> KCTC 10423BP</p> <p>Chemical formula: C₆H₁₄N₄O₂</p> <p>CAS number: 74-79-3</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>For the characterisation of L-arginine in the feed additive:</p> <p>— Food Chemical Codex 'L-arginine monograph'.</p> <p>For the quantification of arginine in the feed additive:</p> <p>— ion exchange chromatography coupled with post-column derivatisation and photometric detection (IEC-VIS).</p> <p>For the quantification of arginine in premixtures, feed materials and compound feed:</p> <p>— ion exchange chromatography coupled with post-column derivatisation and photometric detection (IEC-VIS) — Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 ⁽²⁾</p>	All species				<p>1. The moisture content shall be indicated on the labelling of the additive.</p> <p>2. L-arginine may be placed on the market and used as an additive consisting of a preparation.</p>	8 July 2026

⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed (OJ L 54, 26.2.2009, p. 1).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/973
of 17 June 2016
concerning the authorisation of zinc bislysinate as a feed additive for all animal species
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, an application was submitted for the authorisation of Zinc chelate of L-Lysinate HCl accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) That application concerns the authorisation of Zinc chelate of L-Lysinate HCl as a feed additive for all animal species, to be classified in the additive category 'nutritional additives'.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 20 October 2015 ⁽²⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, Zinc chelate of L-Lysinate HCl does not have an adverse effect on animal or consumer health and that no safety concerns for users would arise provided that appropriate protective measures are taken.
- (5) With respect to the impacts on the environment, in particular the drainage and run-off of zinc to surface water, the Authority recommended in its opinion of 8 April 2014 ⁽³⁾ to decrease significantly the maximum contents of zinc in complete feed for several target species. However, in order not to risk not meeting the physiological needs of animals also in special life periods or any other negative impacts on animal health, the decrease of zinc contents recommended by the Authority should not be introduced in one step. With the objective of further reductions, feed business operators and research institutes should be encouraged to collect new scientific data about the physiological needs of the different animal species.
- (6) The Authority concluded furthermore that Zinc chelate of L-Lysinate HCl may be considered as an efficacious source of zinc for all animal species and recommended to name that substance zinc bislysinate. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The assessment of zinc bislysinate shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that substance should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The substance specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'nutritional additives' and to the functional group 'compounds of trace elements', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ EFSA Journal 2015;13(11):4267.

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal 2014;12(5):3668.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 17 June 2016.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						Content of element (Zn) in mg/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			

Category of nutritional additives. Functional group: compounds of trace elements

3b613	—	Zinc bislysinate	<p><i>Characterisation of the additive</i></p> <p>Powder or granulate with a minimum content of 13,5 % zinc and a minimum content of 85,0 % lysine.</p> <p>Zinc in form of zinc chelate of bislysinate HCl: minimum 85 %.</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance</i></p> <p>Zinc chelate of bislysinate HCl</p> <p>Chemical formula:</p> $\text{Zn}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)_2 \times 2\text{HCl} \times 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ <p>CAS number: 23333-98-4</p> <p><i>Analytical methods ⁽¹⁾</i></p> <p>For the quantification of Lysine content in the feed additive and premixtures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ion exchange chromatography coupled with post-column derivatisation and photometric detection (IEC-UV/FD), or — VDLUFA 4.11.6 or EN ISO 17180. <p>For the quantification of total zinc content in the feed additive and premixtures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES) — EN 15510, or 	All animal species	—	—	<p>Dogs and cats: 200 (total)</p> <p>Salmonids and milk replacers for calves: 180 (total)</p> <p>Piglets, sows, rabbits and all fish other than salmonids: 150 (total)</p> <p>Other species and categories: 120 (total)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The additive shall be incorporated into the feed in form of a premixture. 2. Zinc bislysinate may be placed on the market and used as an additive consisting of a preparation. 3. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and appropriate organisational measures to address the potential risks by inhalation, dermal contact or eyes contact. Where risks cannot be reduced to an acceptable level by these procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with appropriate personal protective equipment. 	8 July 2026
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Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						Content of element (Zn) in mg/kg of complete feed with a moisture content of 12 %			
			<p>— Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry after pressure digestion, (ICP-AES) — EN 15621.</p> <p>For the quantification of total zinc in the feed materials and compound feed:</p> <p>— Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES) — EN 15510, or</p> <p>— Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry after pressure digestion, (ICP-AES) — EN 15621, or</p> <p>— Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS) — Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 ⁽²⁾.</p>						

⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed (OJ L 54, 26.2.2009, p. 1).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/974**of 17 June 2016****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 17 June 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA*

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)			
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value	
0702 00 00	MA	134,8	
	ZZ	134,8	
0709 93 10	TR	133,0	
	ZZ	133,0	
0805 50 10	AR	169,6	
	BR	92,5	
	MA	179,9	
	TR	151,6	
	UY	147,6	
	ZA	163,6	
	ZZ	150,8	
	0808 10 80	AR	127,0
		BR	97,3
CL		131,1	
CN		66,5	
NZ		157,2	
US		120,4	
ZA		116,2	
ZZ		116,5	
0809 10 00		TR	267,2
	ZZ	267,2	
0809 29 00	TR	397,4	
	ZZ	397,4	
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	TR	174,9	
	ZZ	174,9	

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories (OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/975**of 17 June 2016****determining the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 under the tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 in the egg sector and for egg albumin**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 188(2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 ⁽²⁾ opened annual tariff quotas for imports of egg products and egg albumin.
- (2) The quantities covered by the applications for import licences lodged from 1 to 7 June 2016 for the subperiod from 1 July to 30 September 2016 are less than those available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod.
- (3) In order to ensure the efficient management of the measure, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications have not been lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 539/2007, to be added to the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 17 June 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA*

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 of 15 May 2007 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas in the egg sector and for egg albumin (OJ L 128, 16.5.2007, p. 19).

ANNEX

Order No	Quantities not applied for, to be added to the quantities available for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 (in kg, shell egg equivalent)
09.4015	27 000 000
09.4401	1 400 000
09.4402	3 875 000

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/976**of 17 June 2016****determining the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 536/2007 for poultrymeat originating in the United States of America**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 188(2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 536/2007 ⁽²⁾ opened an annual tariff quota for imports of poultrymeat products originating in the United States of America.
- (2) The quantities covered by the applications for import licences lodged from 1 to 7 June 2016 for the subperiod from 1 July to 30 September 2016 are less than those available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod.
- (3) In order to ensure the efficient management of the measure, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications have not been lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 536/2007, to be added to the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 17 June 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA*

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 536/2007 of 15 May 2007 opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for poultrymeat allocated to the United States of America (OJ L 128, 16.5.2007, p. 6).

ANNEX

Order No	Quantities not applied for, to be added to the quantities available for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 (kg)
09.4169	5 336 250

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/977**of 17 June 2016****determining the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 under the tariff quotas opened by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2077 for eggs, egg products and egg albumin originating in Ukraine**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 188(2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2077 ⁽²⁾ opened annual tariff quotas for imports of eggs and egg albumin originating in Ukraine.
- (2) The quantities covered by the applications for import licences lodged from 1 to 7 June 2016 for the subperiod from 1 July to 30 September 2016 are less than those available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the next quota subperiod.
- (3) In order to ensure efficient management of the measure, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications have not been lodged pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2077, to be added to the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 17 June 2016.

*For the Commission,**On behalf of the President,*

Jerzy PLEWA

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2077 of 18 November 2015 opening and providing for the administration of Union import tariff quotas for eggs, egg products and albumins originating in Ukraine (OJ L 302, 19.11.2015, p. 57).

ANNEX

Order No	Quantities not applied for, to be added to the quantities available for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 (shell egg equivalent weight in kg)
09.4275	1 012 500
09.4276	2 250 000

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/978**of 17 June 2016****determining the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 under the tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007 for poultrymeat originating in Israel**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 188(2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007 ⁽²⁾ opened annual tariff quotas for imports of poultrymeat products originating in Israel.
- (2) The quantities covered by the applications for import licences lodged from 1 to 7 June 2016 for the subperiod from 1 July to 30 September 2016 are less than those available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined, and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod.
- (3) In order to ensure the efficiency of the measure, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications have not been lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007, to be added to the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 17 June 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA*

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007 of 26 November 2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2398/96 as regards opening and providing for the administration of certain quotas for imports into the Community of poultrymeat products originating in Israel (OJ L 309, 27.11.2007, p. 40).

ANNEX

Order No	Quantities not applied for, to be added to the quantities available for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2016 (in kg)
09.4091	420 000
09.4092	2 800 000

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/979

of 20 May 2016

concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

Having regard to the Act of Accession Croatia, and in particular Article 3(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations ⁽²⁾ ('the Convention') was signed in Brussels on 18 December 1997. It enters into force 90 days after the notification of the completion of the constitutional procedures for the adoption of the Convention by the State, Member of the European Union at the time of adoption by the Council of the Act drawing up the Convention, which is last to complete that formality.
- (2) In accordance with Article 32(4) of the Convention, until the Convention enters into force, any Member State may, when giving the notification referred to in Article 32(2) of the Convention, or at any other later time, declare that as far as it is concerned the Convention is to apply to its relations with Member States that have made the same declaration.
- (3) Article 3(4) of the Act of Accession of Croatia ('Act of Accession') provides that Croatia is to accede to the conventions and protocols listed in Annex I to the Act of Accession. Those conventions and protocols comprise, inter alia, the Convention. The Convention is to enter into force in relation to Croatia on the date determined by the Council.
- (4) In accordance with Article 3(5) of the Act of Accession, the Council is to decide to make all adjustments required by reason of the accession of Croatia to the conventions and protocols listed in Annex I to the Act of Accession,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Convention shall enter into force in relation to Croatia on the first day of the first month following the date of publication of this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of 28 April 2016 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ OJ C 24, 23.1.1998, p. 2.

Article 2

The text of the Convention ⁽¹⁾ in Croatian shall be authentic under the same conditions as the texts of the Convention in other languages.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 20 May 2016.

For the Council
The President
K.H.D.M. DIJKHOFF

⁽¹⁾ The text in Croatian has been published in a special edition of the Official Journal (Chapter 19, Volume 014, page 156).

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/980**of 14 June 2016****appointing five members and six alternate members proposed by the Republic of Bulgaria of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Bulgarian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) Five members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Mr Vladimir KISSIOV, Mr Krassimir KOSTOV, Mr Madzhid MANDADZHA, Mr Krasimir MIREV and Ms Detelina NIKOLOVA.
- (3) Five alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Mr Stanislav BLAGOV, Mr Nikolay IVANOV, Ms Dimitranka KAMENOVA, Ms Anastasiya MLADENOVA and Mr Emil NAIDENOV.
- (4) An alternate member's seat has become vacant following the appointment of Ms Malina Edreva AUDOIN as a member of the Committee of the Regions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

(a) as members:

- Ms Malina Edreva AUDOIN, *Councillor, Sofia Municipal Council*,
- Mr Rumén Iliev GUNINSKI, *Mayor of Pravets Municipality*,
- Ms Diana Dimitrova OVCHAROVA, *Mayor of Ivaylovgrad Municipality*,
- Mr Stefan Nikolov RADEV, *Mayor of Sliven Municipality*,
- Mr Nikolay Jordanov ZAYCHEV, *Mayor of Peshtera Municipality*;

and

(b) as alternate members:

- Ms Lyubka Veselinova ALEKSANDROVA, *Mayor of Levski Municipality*,
- Mr Georgi Aleksandrov CHAKAROV, *Mayor of Polski Trambesh Municipality*,

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).

- Mr Dobromir Stoykov DOBREV, *Mayor of Gorna Oryahovitsa Municipality*,
- Mr Emil Stanev KABAIVANOV, *Mayor of Karlovo Municipality*,
- Ms Korneliya Dobрева MARINOVA, *Mayor of Lovech Municipality*,
- Mr Georg Leonidov SPARTANSKI, *Mayor of Pleven Municipality*.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 14 June 2016.

For the Council
The President
A.G. KOENDERS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2016/981
of 16 June 2016
appointing a member of the Court of Auditors

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 286(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal by the Republic of Lithuania,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The term of office of Ms Rasa BUDBERGYTĖ expired on 6 May 2016.
- (2) A new appointment should therefore be made,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Rimantas ŠADŽIUS is hereby appointed member of the Court of Auditors for the period from 16 June 2016 to 15 June 2022.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2016.

For the Council
The President
L.F. ASSCHER

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of 7 June 2016 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2016/982
of 17 June 2016
amending Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 23 June 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/386/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The Council does not recognise and continues to condemn the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and will remain committed to fully implement its non-recognition policy.
- (3) On the basis of a review of Decision 2014/386/CFSP, the restrictive measures should be renewed until 23 June 2017.
- (4) Decision 2014/386/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The second paragraph of Article 5 of Decision 2014/386/CFSP is replaced by the following:

‘This Decision shall apply until 23 June 2017.’.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 17 June 2016.

For the Council
The President
J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP of 23 June 2014 concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol (OJ L 183, 24.6.2014, p. 70).

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