

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/1274**of 1 July 2020****fixing a flat-rate reduction for the import duty for sorghum in Spain imported from third countries**

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 185 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Within the context of the agreements concluded under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations ⁽²⁾, the Union has committed to allowing Spain to import a quantity of 300 000 tonnes of sorghum per year.
- (2) Between 1 January 2020 and 26 April 2020, 43 069 tonnes of sorghum were imported into Spain. During that period, the import duty for sorghum was set at EUR 0 per tonne, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 642/2010 ⁽³⁾. Since 27 April 2020, and following the introduction of an import duty of more than zero for sorghum in accordance with that Regulation, 2 366 tonnes of sorghum have been imported into Spain.
- (3) To ensure that import quotas are fully used, Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ provides that a reduction may be applied to the import duty fixed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 642/2010.
- (4) In order to facilitate the import flow of sorghum in Spain until the end of the year 2020, it is necessary to apply a flat-rate reduction of 100 % to the import duty fixed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 642/2010 as regards the quantities of sorghum to be imported into Spain under the tariff quota opened on 1 January 2020 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A flat-rate reduction of the import duty for sorghum, as referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008, is established at 100 % of the import duty for sorghum fixed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 642/2010. This reduction shall apply to the available balance of the quantities of sorghum to be imported into Spain under the tariff quota opened on 1 January 2020 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 94/800/EC of 22 December 1994 concerning the conclusion on behalf of the European Community, as regards matters within its competence, of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations (1986-1994) (OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 642/2010 of 20 July 2010 on rules of application (cereal sector import duties) for Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 187, 21.7.2010, p. 5).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 of 18 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal (OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 57).

Article 2

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2020.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 July 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN
