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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the
administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and
industrial products**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In response to requests from several Member States, the Commission's departments, together with the government experts concerned, considered whether to open, increase and extend autonomous tariff quotas for certain industrial products.
2. Following the discussion, at a meeting of the Economic Tariff Questions Group, it was concluded that the Member States could approve new quotas, increases or extensions to quotas for the products covered by the proposal for a Regulation, without disturbing the markets for such products.

Hence the attached proposal for a Regulation.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, by virtue of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96¹, the Council opened Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products; whereas Community demand for the products in question should be met under the most favourable conditions; whereas Community tariff quotas should therefore be opened at reduced or zero rates of duty for appropriate volumes, and increased or extended in the case of certain existing tariff quotas, avoiding any disturbance to the markets for these products;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended,

¹ OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2631/97 (OJ L 356, 31.12.1997, p. 1).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the quota period from 1 January to 30 June 1998, Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is hereby amended as follows:
 - order number 09.2935: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 70,000 tonnes,
 - order number 09.2967: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 3,000,000 units.

2. For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 1998, Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is hereby amended as follows:
 - order number 09.2947: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 1,300 tonnes,
 - order number 09.2959: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 45,000 tonnes,
 - order number 09.2963: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 500,000,000 units.

Article 2

The quota period for tariff quota with order number 09.2965 in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is amended in 1.1.-31.12.1998.

Article 3

The tariff quotas shown in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96.

Article 4

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

Articles 1 and 2 shall apply with effect from 1 January 1998, Article 3 with effect from 1 July 1998.

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description	Amount of quota	Quota duty (%)	Quota period
09.2967	ex 8518 29 20 ex 8518 29 80	20 30	Loudspeaker, having a diameter of less than 23 mm, for use in the manufacture of products falling within subheading 8525 20 91 (a)	3,000,000 units	0	1.7.-31.12.1998
09.2968	ex 2825 30 00	20	Vanadium oxides and hydroxides, in the form of powder, only for the production of alloys(a)	300 tonnes	0	1.7.-31.12.1998
09.2969	ex 3920 62 19 ex 3920 91 00	80 10	Film of polyethylene terephthalate metallised on one or both sides, or laminate of such films metallised on the outer surfaces, and having the following characteristics: - a visible light transmission of not less than 50 %, - not coated with an adhesive or any other non-plastic material, - whether or not covered on both sides with a layer of polyvinyl butyral, - a total thickness not exceeding 0,2 mm without taking into account any presence of layers of polyvinyl butyral, for use in the manufacture of heat-reflecting laminated glass(a)	52,500 m ²	0	1.7.-31.12.1998
09.2970	2933 61 00	-	Melamine	5,000 tonnes	0	1.7.-31.12.1998
09.2971	ex 3818 00 10	45	Doped silicon wafers having a diameter of 300 mm (±0,25 mm), for use in the manufacture of products falling within heading No 8542 (a)	15,000 units	0	1.7.-31.12.1998
09.2972	ex 5603 92 90	50	Nonwoven of staple fibers having a tensile strength (in the machine direction) of 3,8 kg/5 cm or more, in rolls with : -a width of 78 mm or more but not exceeding 252 mm and -a length of 980 m or more, for use in the manufacture of floppy discs (a)	7,600,000 m ²	0	1.7.-31.12.1998
09.2973	ex 8540 91 00	95	Flat mask, consisting of circular holes, with a diagonal measurement of 39 cm (±0,5 cm)	250,000 units	0	1.7.-31.12.1998

(a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Budget heading concerned: Chapter 12, Article 120
2. Legal basis: Article 28 of the Treaty
3. Title of tariff measure: Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products.
4. Objective: To ensure that the Community processing industry is supplied on favourable terms.
5. Method of calculation:

Note: this table lists only products to the Regulation which have a financial incidence.

Product description	Variation in quota volume (Units/tonnes/m ²)	Variation in estimated price (ECU/Unit)	Variation in normal duty (%) (CCT 1998)	Variation in quota duty (%)	Expected variation in the loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period (in ECU)
Gum rosin 09.2935	+ 20,000 t (initial volume: 50,000 t)	0 (initial price: 32.5)	0 (initial duty: 5)	0	32,500
Polyfluoride 09.2947	+ 400 t (initial volume: 900 t)	0 (initial price: 9,000)	0 (initial duty: 10.1)	0	363,600
Saturating kraft 09.2959	+ 15,000 u (initial volume: 30,000 u)	0 (initial price: 515)	0 (initial duty: 4.6)	0	355,350
Resistor 09.2963	+ 200,000,000 u (initial volume: 300,000,000 u)	0 (initial price: 0.0039)	0 (initial duty: 1.9)	0	14,820
Loudspeaker I 09.2967	+ 1,000,000 u (initial volume: 2,000,000 u)	0 (initial price: 10)	0 (initial duty: 2.7)	0	270,000
Loudspeaker II 09.2967	+ 3,000,000 u	10	2.7	-	810,000
Vanadium 09.2968	+ 300 t	10,000	5.5	-	165,000

PET 09.2969	+ 52,500 m ²	28.67	10.4	-	156,538
Melamine 09.2970	+ 5,000 t	1,373	6.8	-	466,820
Doped silicon 09.2971	+ 15,000 u	1,085	3.5	-	569,625
Nonwoven 09.2972	+ 7,600,000 m ²	0.223	4.9	-	83,045
Mask 09.2973	+ 250,000 u	14.55	3.3		120,037

Total loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period:

+ 3,407,335 ECU .

Anti-fraud measures: Provisions on the management of tariff quotas include the measures needed to prevent and protect against frauds and irregularities.

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