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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**adopting autonomous and transitional measures concerning the importation of certain
processed agricultural products originating in Latvia**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Unlike the Adaptation Protocols with Estonia and Lithuania, the initialled Protocol adapting the Europe Agreement with Latvia has yet to enter into force. Given the current progress of the procedures for formally adopting the Protocol with Latvia, the latter is unlikely to be in application on 1 January 2000.

The purpose of this proposal is therefore to extend until the end of the year 2000 the autonomous measures which the European Union is applying in respect of imports of processed agricultural products originating in Latvia.

The granted concessions will continue to be applied on an autonomous basis until the Adaptation Protocol enters into force.

Should the Protocol concluded with Latvia enter into force during the year 2000, the concessions provided for therein will replace the measures laid down in the annexes to the proposal for a Regulation as from the date of application of the Adaptation Protocol.

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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) Council Regulation No 26/1999¹ was adopted pending adaptation of the respective Protocols 2 of the Europe Agreements concluded with the Baltic States in order to maintain until 31 December 1999 the degree of preference already granted following the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of negotiations in the agriculture sector.
- (2) The procedures for formal adoption of the Adaptation Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Europe Agreement with Latvia, hereinafter referred to as the "Adaptation Protocol", may not be completed in time for it to enter into force on 1 January 2000. It is therefore necessary to provide for the extension of the concessions made to Latvia on an autonomous basis until 31 December 2000.
- (3) Since the measures provided for in the event of suspension of this Regulation are management measures within the meaning of Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission,² they should be adopted by the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of that Decision.
- (4) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code³ consolidated the arrangements for managing tariff quotas, which are to be used in the chronological order of the dates of acceptance of the declarations for release for free circulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 26/1999 of 21 December 1998 adopting autonomous and transitional measures for Europe Agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products (OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p.1).

² OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p.23.

³ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/1999 (OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p.25).

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 2000 the goods originating in Latvia listed in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential customs duties indicated in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to imports into the Community are given in Annex II.

Article 2

If Latvia discontinues the application of the reciprocal measures in favour of the Community, the Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3 of this Regulation, suspend application of the measures provided for in Article 1.

Article 3

The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee referred to in Article 15 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93.⁴ Where reference is made to this Article, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be applied. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

Article 4

1. The concessions applying to trade in processed agricultural products provided for in the Adaptation Protocol concluded with Latvia shall replace the concessions provided for in the respective annexes to this Regulation:
 - a) as from 1 January 2000, if the Adaptation Protocol is in force on that date, or
 - b) as from the date of entry into force of the Adaptation Protocol, if the latter enters into force after 1 January 2000.
2. The detailed rules implementing the measures provided for in this Regulation shall also apply in respect of the corresponding measures provided for in the Adaptation Protocol.

Article 5

The quotas referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Articles 308a to 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

⁴ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p.18. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 (OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p.28).

Article 6

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

It shall apply as from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Order No	CN Code	Description	2000 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1.1 to 30.6.2000	from 1.7 to 31.12.2000
09.6535	1704 90 30 1704 90 51 1704 90 55 1704 90 61 1704 90 65 1704 90 71 1704 90 75 1704 90 81 1704 90 99	Sugar confectionery	350	EAR	EAR
09.6536	1806 31 00 1806 32 10 1806 32 90 1806 90 11 1806 90 19	Chocolate	700	EAR	EAR
09.6537	1901 90 11 1901 90 19 1901 90 91 1901 90 99	Food preparations	280	EAR EAR 7.0 % EAR	EAR EAR 6.4 % EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	280	EAR	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	39	4.9 %	4.5 %
09.6513	2105	Ice cream	40	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	650	2.6 %	0 %

ANNEX II

Basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating agricultural components and additional duties

	from 1.1 to 30.6.2000	from 1.7 to 31.12.2000
	EUR/100 kg	
Trigo blando / Blød hvede / Weichweizen / Μαλακό σιτάρι / Common wheat / Blé tendre / Grano tenero / Zachte tarwe / Trigo mole / Tavallinen vehnä / Vete	7,277	6,653
Trigo duro /Härd hvede / Hartweizen /Σκληρό σιτάρι / Durum wheat / Blé dur /Grano duro /Durum tarwe / Trigo duro /Durumvehnä / Durumvete	11,295	10,326
Centeno/ Rug / Roggen /Σίκαλη /Rye /Seigle / Segala / Rogge / Centeio / Ruis /Råg	7,090	6,483
Cebada / Byg / Gerste / Κριθάρι /Barley/ Orge / Orzo / Gerst / Cevada / Ohra / Korn	7,090	6,483
Maiz / Majs / Mais / Καλαμπόκι / Maize / Maïs / Granturco / Maïs / Milho / Maissi / Majs	7,193	6,577
Arroz descascarillado de grano largo / Ris, afskallet, langkornet / Reis, langkörnig, geschält / Αποφλοιωμένο ρύζι μακρόσπερμο / Long-grain husked rice / Riz décortiqué à grains longs / Riso semigreggio a grani lunghi / Langkorrelige gedopte rijst / Arroz em películas de grãos longos / Pitkäjyväinen esikuorittu riisi / Ris, skalat långkornigt	20,237	18,502
Leche desnatada en polvo / Skummetmælkspulver / Magermilchpulver / Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη / Skimmed-milk powder / Lait écrémé en poudre / Latte scremato in polvere / Magere-melkpoeder / Leite desnatado em pó/ Rasvaton maitojauhe / Skummjölkspulver	24,750	23,760
Leche entera en polvo / Sodmælkspulver / Vollmilchpulver / Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη / Whole-milk powder / Lait entier en poudre / Latte intero in polvere / Vollemelkpoeder / Leite inteiro em pó / Rasvainen maitojauhe / Mjölkpulver	28,532	26,086
Mantequilla / Smør / Butter / Βούτυρο / Butter / Beurre / Burro / Boter / Manteiga / Voi / Smör	41,467	37,912
Azúcar blanco / Hvidt sukker / Weißzucker / Λευκή ζάχαρη / White sugar / Sucre blanc / Zucchero bianco / Witte suiker / Açúcar branco / Valkoinen sokeri / Vitt socker	30,573	29,350

FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
		DATE: 20/09/1999		
1. BUDGET HEADING: Chapter 12 - Article 120		APPROPRIATIONS:		
2. TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation adopting autonomous and transitional measures concerning the importation of certain processed agricultural products originating in Latvia				
3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 133				
4. AIMS OF PROJECT: To extend the autonomous measures in favour of Latvia pending formal adoption of the Adaptation Protocol initialled with that partner				
5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (EUR million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR [n] (EUR million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR [n+1] (EUR million)	
5.0 EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION - OTHER				
5.1 REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	-0,280 Mio EUR			
	[n+2]	[n+3]	[n+4]	[n+5]
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE				
5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION: Difference between full customs duty and reduced duty within the quotas used by Latvia (on the basis of average imports into the EU - 1998-99)				
6.0	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?			NO
6.1	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?			NO
6.2	IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?			NO
6.3	WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?			NO
OBSERVATIONS:				