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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Occupied Territories, Tunisia and Turkey, and providing detailed rules for extending and adapting these tariff quotas, and Council Regulation (EC) No 934/95 establishing tariff ceilings and a Community statistical surveillance in the framework of reference quantities for a certain number of products originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Tunisia, Syria, Malta, Morocco and the Occupied Territories

(presented by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, was signed in Brussels on 20 November 1995. Pending its entry into force, an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related measures was signed with Israel on 18 December 1995 and entered into force on 1 January 1996. Protocol 1 to the Interim Agreement concerns the arrangements applying to imports into the Community of agricultural products originating in Israel; it provides for tariff quotas to be opened or reference quantities fixed for certain products. Under an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters annexed to the Interim Agreement, Israel has also been guaranteed the right to export 200 000 tonnes of oranges to the Community at a reduced price.

Regulations (EC) No 1981/94 and No 934/95 respectively established tariff quotas and reference quantities for certain products originating in Israel. Both Regulations must therefore be amended in respect of products originating in Israel.

In the interests of simplification and efficiency, it is proposed that the Commission be authorized, once the Customs Code Committee has given its opinion, to make any amendments to the two Regulations made necessary by the conclusion of agreements between the Community and the countries concerned.

Such is the purpose of this proposal for a Regulation.

## Proposal

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amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Occupied Territories, Tunisia and Turkey, and providing detailed rules for extending and adapting these tariff quotas, and Council Regulation (EC) No 934/95 establishing tariff ceilings and a Community statistical surveillance in the framework of reference quantities for a certain number of products originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Tunisia, Syria, Malta, Morocco and the Occupied Territories

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Community tariff quotas have been opened for certain products originating in Israel under Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Occupied Territories, Tunisia and Turkey, and providing detailed rules for extending and adapting these tariff quotas;<sup>1</sup>

Whereas reference quantities have been established for certain products originating in Israel under Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 934/95 establishing tariff ceilings and a Community statistical surveillance in the framework of reference quantities for a certain number of products originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Tunisia, Syria, Malta, Morocco and the Occupied Territories;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas, pending the entry into force of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 20 November 1995, an Interim Agreement between the European Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part<sup>3</sup>, concerning trade and trade-related measures was signed on 18 December 1995 and entered into force on 1 January 1996; whereas Protocol 1 and the annex VI on the arrangements applying to imports into the Community of agricultural products and processed agricultural products originating in Israel provide for tariff quotas to be opened or reference quantities established for certain products;

Whereas Regulations (EC) No 1981/94 and (EC) No 934/95 should be amended in respect of products originating in Israel; whereas the amounts of the tariff quotas for some products are to be increased annually from 1 January 1997 to 1 January 2000 in four equal instalments each corresponding to 3% of these amounts; whereas under an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters, the Community has undertaken to admit 200 000 tonnes of Israeli oranges at reduced prices;

Whereas in the interests of simplification and efficiency and by analogy with the procedures applicable to agriculture and processed agricultural products, provision should be made for the Commission, after having sought the opinion of the Customs Code Committee, to amend Regulations (EC) No 1981/94 and (EC) No 934/95 in the light of agreements concluded between the Community and the countries in question,

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1 OJ No L 199, 2.8.1994, p.1. Last by Regulation (EC) No .../95, OJ No L 326, 30.12.1995, p. .

2 OJ No L 96, 28.4.1995, p.6.

3 OJ No L

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 6(1)(c) shall be replaced by the following:

"the necessary adaptations arising from the conclusion of agreements, protocols or exchanges of letters between the Community and the countries in question;"
2. The fourth indent of Article 6(2) shall be deleted.
3. In Annex II the table relating to Israel shall be replaced by the table in Annex I to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

Regulation (EC) No 934/95 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3(1)(c) shall be replaced by the following:

"the necessary adaptations arising from the conclusion of agreements, protocols or exchanges of letters between the Community and the countries in question;"
2. The fourth indent of Article 3(2) shall be deleted.
3. In Annex II the reference quantities for products originating in Israel shall be replaced by the reference quantities laid down in Annex II to this Regulation.

*Article 3*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1996.

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

Done at ...,

*For the Council  
The President*

## ANNEX I

### Tariff quotas

Order Number	CN Code	Taric	Description	Quota volume per year or indicated period (in tonnes)	Quota duty (1)	Rate of reduction of customs duties excess of tariff quotas (%)
09.1306	0603 10		Fresh cut flowers and flower buds	19 500	exemption	0
09.1341	ex 0603 10 69	10 30	Other flowers and flower buds, fresh: - 1 January to 15 April 1996 - 1 November to 15 April of subsequent years	3 180 5 000	exemption	0
09.1351	0603 90		Dried flowers	100	exemption	0
09.1309	ex 0701 90 51	15	New potatoes: - 1 January to 31 March 1996 - 1 January to 31 March 1997 - 1 January to 31 March 1998 - 1 January to 31 March 1999 - 1 January to 31 March of subsequent years	20 000 20 600 21 200 21 800 22 400	exemption	0
09.1342	0702 00		Fresh or chilled tomatoes	1 000	exemption	0
09.1335	ex 0703 10 11  ex 0703 10 19  ex 0709 90 90	20 30  92 93  52 53 54	Fresh or chilled onions: - 15 February to 15 May   Wild onions of the species <i>Muscari comosum</i> : - 15 February to 15 May	13 400	exemption	60
09.1311	ex 0704 90 90	92 94 95	Chinese cabbage: - 1 January to 31 March 1996 - 1 November 1996 to 31 March 1997 - 1 November 1997 to 31 March 1998 - 1 November 1998 to 31 March 1999 - 1 November to 31 March of subsequent years	600 1 030 1 060 1 090 1 120	exemption	0
09.1313	0705 11 05 ex 0705 11 10  0705 11 80	35 39	'Iceberg' lettuce: - 1 January to 31 March 1996 - 1 November 1996 to 31 March 1997 - 1 November 1997 to 31 March 1998 - 1 November 1998 to 31 March 1999 - 1 November to 31 March of subsequent years	180 309 318 327 336	exemption	0
09.1317	ex 0706 10 00	11 14	Carrots: - 1 January to 30 April 1996 - 1 January to 30 April 1997 - 1 January to 30 April 1998 - 1 January to 30 April 1999 - 1 January to 30 April of subsequent years	6 100 6 283 6 466 6 649 6 832	exemption	40
09.1321	ex 0709 40 00	13 14	Celery sticks: - 1 January to 30 April	13 000	exemption	50
09.1303	0709 60 10		Sweet peppers and peppers	8 900	exemption	40
09.1343	0709 90 90 0810 90 85		Other fruits and vegetables - 1 January to 31 December 1996 - 1 January to 31 December 1997 - 1 January to 31 December 1998 - 1 January to 31 December 1999 - 1 January to 31 December of subsequent years	2 000 2 060 2 120 2 180 2 240	exemption	0
09.1353	0710 40 00 2004 90 10		Sweet corn, frozen - 1 January to 31 December 1996 - 1 January to 31 December 1997 - 1 January to 31 December of subsequent years	9 275 9 940 10 600	70% of the agricultural component	0

(1) The exemption or reduction applies only to the ad valorem duty, save for the products from order No 09.1352 to 09.1359.

Order Number	CN Code	Taric	Description	Quota volume per year or indicated period (in tonnes)	Quota duty (1)	Rate of reduction of customs duties excess of tariff quotas (%)
09.1354	0711 90 30 2001 90 30 2005 80 00		Sweet corn, not frozen - 1 January to 31 December 1996 - 1 January to 31 December 1997 - 1 January to 31 December of subsequent years	4 725 5 060 5 400	70% of the agricultural component	0
09.1344	0712 90 30 0712 90 50 0712 90 90		Dried tomatoes Dried carrots Other dried vegetables	100	exemption	0
09.1323	0805 10 01 0805 10 05 0805 10 09 0805 10 11 0805 10 15 0805 10 19 0805 10 21 0805 10 25 0805 10 29 0805 10 31 0805 10 33 0805 10 35 0805 10 37 0805 10 38 0805 10 39 0805 10 42 0805 10 44 0805 10 46 0805 10 51 0805 10 55 0805 10 59 0805 10 61 0805 10 65 0805 10 69 ex 0805 10 82 ex 0805 10 84  ex 0805 10 86		Fresh oranges	290 000	exemption (2)	60
09.1325	ex 0805 20 11  ex 0805 20 13  ex 0805 20 15  ex 0805 20 17	11 21 31 41 51 61 11 21 31 41 51 61 11 21 31 41 51 61 11 21 31 41 51 61	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas): clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids, fresh	21 000	exemption	60

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(2) Within a quota of 200.000 tonnes (Order No 09.1324) for 1 December 1995 to 31 May 1996, the price above which the specific additional duty provided for in the list of the Community's concessions to the WTO is reduced to 0% is ECU 275 a tonne.  
Where the entry price of a consignment is 2%, 4%, 6% or 8% lower than ECU 275 a tonne, the specific customs duty is respectively 2%, 4%, 6% or 8% of that entry price.  
Where the entry price of a consignment is less than 92% of ECU 275 a tonne, the specific customs duty bound at the WTO applies.

Order Number	CN Code	Taric	Description	Quota volume per year or indicated period (in tonnes)	Quota duty (1)	Rate of reduction of customs duties excess of tariff quotas (%)	
09.1325 cont'	ex 0805 20 19	01					
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		ex 0805 20 31	21				
			23				
			31				
			51				
			71				
		ex 0805 20 33	91				
			11				
			21				
			31				
			41				
		ex 0805 20 35	51				
			61				
			11				
			21				
			31				
		ex 0805 20 37	41				
			51				
			61				
			11				
			21				
		ex 0805 20 39	31				
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			51				
			61				
			11				

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Order Number	CN Code	Taric	Description	Quota volume per year or indicated period (in tonnes)	Quota duty (1)	Rate of reduction of customs duties excess of tariff quotas (%)	
09.1345	ex 0805 20 21	21	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas): clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids, fresh: - 15 March to 30 September	14 000	exemption	0	
		31					
		51					
	ex 0805 20 23	21					
		31					
		51					
	ex 0805 20 25	21					
		31					
		51					
	ex 0805 20 27	21					
		31					
		51					
	ex 0805 20 29	21					
		23					
		31					
		51					
		71					
09.1315	ex 0805 30 20	11	Lemons, fresh	7 700	exemption	40	
		15					
		21					
		25					
		31					
		35					
		41					
		45					
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		41					
		51					
		61					
09.1346		ex 0805 30 90	11	Limes, fresh	1 000	exemption	0
			19				
09.1327		ex 0807 11 00	20 30	Watermelons: - 1 April to 15 June	9 400	exemption	50
09.1329		ex 0807 19 00	13	Melons: - 1 November to 31 May of the following year	11 400	exemption	50
			14				
			20				
			33				
			34				
			40				
	71						
79							
09.1339	ex 0810 10 05	11	Strawberries: - 1 November to 31 March of the following year	2 600	exemption	60	
		19					
		31					
	ex 0810 10 80	39					
		51					
		59					

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Order Number	CN Code	Taric	Description	Quota volume per year or indicated period (in tonnes)	Quota duty (1)	Rate of reduction of customs duties excess of tariff quotas (%)
09.1301	ex 2008 50 92 ex 2008 50 94	20 20	Apricot pulp, not containing added spirit or sugar	180	exemption	0
09.1350	2008 92 51 2008 92 59 2008 92 72 2008 92 74 2008 92 76 2008 92 78		Fruit mixes	250	exemption	0
09.1331	2009 11 11 2009 11 19 2009 11 91 2009 11 99 2009 19 11 2009 19 19 2009 19 91 2009 19 99		Orange juice	92 600	exemption	70
09.1333	ex 2009 11 11 ex 2009 11 19 ex 2009 11 91 ex 2009 11 99  ex 2009 19 11 ex 2009 19 19 ex 2009 19 91 ex 2009 19 99	10 10 10 10 91 10 10 10 10	Of which: orange juice imported in packages of a capacity of two litres or less	22 400	exemption	70
09.1319	2009 50		Tomato juice	10 200	exemption	60
09.1352	2204 21 10 ex 2204 21 79 ex 2204 21 79 ex 2204 21 80 ex 2204 21 80 ex 2204 21 83 ex 2204 21 83 ex 2204 21 83 ex 2204 21 84 ex 2204 21 84 ex 2204 21 84 ex 2204 21 84 ex 2204 21 94 ex 2204 21 94 ex 2204 21 98 ex 2204 21 98 ex 2204 21 99	79 80 79 80 10 79 80 80 10 79 80 80 10 80 10 80 80	Wine, other	1 610 hl	0	0

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## ANNEX II

## Reference quantities

Order Number	CN Code	Taric	Description	Period	Origin	Reference quantity (in tonnes)
18.0060	ex 0709 30 00	10 20 30 60	Aubergines	1 December to 30 April of the following year	Israel	1 140
18.0120	0804 40		Avocados	1 January to 30 April	Israel	37 200
18.0130	ex 0806 10 29	46 50 60 70	Fresh table grapes	15 May to 11 July	Israel	2 280
18.0150	ex 0810 50 00	10	Kiwifruit	1 January to 30 April	Israel	240
18.0160	ex 0812 90 95	11 20	Other citrus fruit, comminuted, provisionally preserved	1 January to 31 December	Israel	1 320
18.0190	2008 30 51 2008 30 71		Grapefruit and pomelo segments	1 January to 31 December	Israel	16 440
18.0215	ex 2008 30 79	10	Grapefruit and pomelos, other than in segments	1 January to 31 December	Israel	2 400
18.0220	ex 2008 30 91	11 12 13 19 91 92	Grapefruit and pomelo segments Grapefruit and pomelos, other than in segments Citrus pulp Comminuted ground citrus fruits	1 January to 31 December	Israel	3 480
18.0225	ex 2008 30 99	11	Grapefruit and pomelo segments	1 January to 31 December	Israel	5 000
18.0240	2009 20 11 2009 20 19 2009 20 99		Grapefruit and pomelo juice	1 January to 31 December	Israel	34 440

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Budget heading involved: Chapter 12, Article 120
2. Legal basis: Article 113 of the Treaty
3. Title of tariff measure: Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Occupied Territories, Tunisia and Turkey, and providing detailed rules for extending and adapting these tariff quotas, and Council Regulation (EC) No 934/95 establishing tariff ceilings and a Community statistical surveillance in the framework of reference quantities for a certain number of products originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Tunisia, Syria, Malta, Morocco and the Occupied Territories.
4. Objective: compliance with contractual commitments (EC-Israel Interim Agreement)
5. Method of calculation:
  1. New tariff quotas:

Description	Quantities	Unit price ECU/unit	Normal rate of duty (%)	Quota duty	Loss of revenue (ECU)
Other flowers	5 000 T	4 220 /T	15,6	exemption	3 291 600
Dried flowers	100 T	10 029 /T	18,3	exemption	183 531
Tomatoes	1 000 T	695 /T	13,3 (average)	exemption	93 825
Other fruits and vegetables	2 000 T	2 994 /T	13 (average)	exemption	778 440
Tomatoes, carrots and other dried vegetables	100 T	3 301 /T	15,5	exemption	51 165
Clementines, wilkings, etc.	14 000 T	662 /T	19,3	exemption	1 788 724
Limes	1 000 T	1 223 /T	15,5	exemption	189 565
Prepared and preserved turkey meat	300 T	2 964 /T	15,6	8,5%	63 133
Frozen vegetables	1 000 T	2 273 /T	21,3	exemption	484 149
Deep-fried fruit slices	100 T	1 296 /T	22,7 (average)	exemption	29 419
Fruit mixes	250 T	1 880 /T	19,7 (average)	exemption	92 590
Sweet corn	16 000 T	–	129,18 ECU/T	90,43 ECU/T	620 064
White chocolate	100 T	–	578,81 ECU/T	405,17 ECU/T	17 364
Chocolate and other preparations containing cocoa	2 500 T	–	491,61 ECU/T	417,87 ECU/T	184 352
Preparation for infant use	100 T	–	1 076,06 ECU/T	753,24 ECU/T	32 282
Cereals products	200 T	–	461,92 ECU/T	323,34 ECU/T	27 715
Bakers' products	3 200 T	–	317,73 ECU/T	222,41 ECU/T	305 021

Total loss of revenue: ECU 8 232 939 a year

### 2. Existing tariff quotas and products subject to reference quantities

These measures entail no additional loss of revenue over and above that resulting from application of the previous EC-Israel Agreement.

6. Fight against fraud: Provisions on the management of tariff quotas include the measures necessary for preventing and protecting against fraud and irregularities

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