



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with
Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

When on 1 July 1995 the Community started to implement its GATT commitment on agriculture this led to an increase in customs duties for certain processed agricultural goods. In order to maintain the preferences granted to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania in the framework of the Free Trade Agreements the Community took autonomous measures. These autonomous measures which were extended by Regulation (EC) No 1820/96 were intended to stay in force until the relevant agreements are adapted.

Since adaptation of the Free Trade Agreements may not be accomplished by 31.12.1997 and in order to avoid any deterioration in access to the EU market for preferential trade from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania the measures foreseen in the Regulation mentioned before should be extended until 30 June 1997.

This proposal does not entail any additional expenditure other than those already agreed upon adoption of the Regulation it will replace.

For these reasons, the Commission proposes that the Council adopt the following Regulation.

**PROPOSAL FOR A
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO**

**adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with
Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products**

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,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden,

Whereas, pending adaptation of Protocol 2 to the Free Trade Agreements, concluded with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania¹, Council Regulation (EC) No 1820/96² was adopted, which, until 31 December 1996 maintains the degree of preference granted, thus offsetting possible negative effects the implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round may have on exports of these countries to the Community;

Whereas, pending adoption of improved concessions granted to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania by the respective Joint Committees, Council Regulation (EC) No 1820/96 laid down new concessions on a provisional and autonomous basis;

Whereas the negotiations which are currently under way with the countries concerned for the conclusion of Protocols amending the Free Trade Agreements have not yet been concluded; whereas 'interim' Protocols covering solely the trade-related aspects of the amending protocols cannot enter into force on 1 January 1997; whereas it is therefore advisable to extend the concessions on an autonomous basis until 30 June 1997;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ No L 373, 31.12.1994, p.1 (Estonia)
OJ No L 374, 31.12.1994, p.1 (Latvia)
OJ No L 375, 31.12.1994, p.1 (Lithuania)

² OJ No L 241, 21.9.1996, p. 1

Article 1

1. From 1 January to 30 June 1997 the goods originating in Lithuania listed in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties at importation into the Community are given in Annex II. The reduced agricultural components apply within the annual quotas set out in Annex I.
2. From 1 January to 30 June 1997, the goods originating in Latvia listed in Annex III to this Regulation shall be subject to the tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable at importation into the Community are given in Annex II. The reduced agricultural components apply within the annual quotas set out in Annex III.
3. From 1 January to 30 June 1997, the goods originating in Estonia listed in Annex IV to this Regulation shall be subject to the tariff quotas and preferential duties mentioned in that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable at importation into the Community are given in Annex II. The reduced agricultural components apply within the annual quotas set out in Annex IV.

Article 2

The quotas referred to in Annexes I, III and IV to this Regulation shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1460/96 establishing the detailed rules for implementing the preferential trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, as provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93³.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1997.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

³ OJ No L 187, 26.7.1996, p. 18

ANNEX I**LITHUANIA**

Order No	CN code	Description	1997 quota (tonnes)	Preference
09.6533	1518 00 10 1518 00 31 1518 00 39 1518 00 91 1518 00 95 1518 00 99	Animal and vegetable fats	300	6% 0% 4% 6% 0% 6%
09.6501	17049071 17049075	Boiled sweets Caramels	400	EAR
09.6503	1806 90	Chocolate	500	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	400	6%
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	330	0.79 ECU/% vol/hl+3.08 ECU/hl
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	40	39.6%

ANNEX II

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

	ecus/Ecu/ Ecu/ ecu/écus/ecua/ 100 kg
Trigo blando / Blød hvede / Weichweizen / Μαλακό σιτάρι / Common wheat / Blé tendre / Grano tenero / Zachte tarwe / Trigo mole / Tavallinen vehnä / Vete	9,148
Trigo duro / Hård hvede / Hartweizen / Σκληρό σιτάρι / Durum wheat / Blé dur / Grano duro / Durum tarwe / Trigo duro / Durumvehnä / Durumvete	14,199
Centeno/ Rug / Roggen / Σίκαλη / Rye / Seigle / Segala / Rogge / Centeio / Ruis / Råg	8,914
Cebada / Byg / Gerste / Κριθάρι / Barley/ Orge / Orzo / Gerst / Cevada / Ohra / Korn	8,751
Maiz / Majs / Mais / Καλαμπόκι / Maize / Maïs / Granturco / Maïs / Milho / Maissi / Majs	7,408
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	25,441
Leche desnatada en polvo / Skummetmælkspulver / Magermilchpulver / Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη / Skimmed-milk powder / Lait éréme en poudre / Latte scremato in polvere / Magere-melkpoeder / Leite desnatado em pó/ Rasvaton maitojauhe / Skummjölkspulver	27,436
Leche entera en polvo / Sodmælkspulver / Vollmilchpulver / Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη / Whole-milk powder / Lait entier en poudre / Latte intero in polvere / Vollemelkpoeder / Leite inteiro ein pó / Rasvainen maitojauhe / Mjölkspulver	35,869
Mantequilla / Smør / Butter / Βούτυρο / Butter / Beurre / Burro / Boter / Manteiga / Voi / Smör	55,129
Azúcar blanco / Hvidt sukker / Weißzucker / Λευκή ζάχαρη / White sugar / Sucre blanc / Zucchero bianco / Witte suiker / Açúcar branco / Valkoinen sokeri / Vitt socker	32,565

ANNEX III**LATVIA**

Order No	CN code	Description	1997 quota (tonnes)	Preference
09.6335	1704 90 65 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	250	EAR
09.6536	1806 31 00 1806 32 10 1806 32 90 1806 90 11 1806 90 19	Chocolate	500	EAR
09.6537	1901 90 11 1901 90 19 1901 90 91 1901 90 99		200	EAR EAR 8.8% EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	200	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	33	5.7%
09.6513	2105	Ice-cream	28	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	500	5.3%
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	330	0.79 ECU/% vol/hl+3.08 ECU/hl
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liqueurs	11	0.96 ECU/% vol/hl+6.16 ECU/hl

ANNEX IV**ESTONIA**

Order No	CN code	Description	1997 quota (tonnes)	Preference
09.6515	1704 10 11 1704 10 19 1704 90 71 1704 90 75	Sugar confectionery	150	EAR
09.6530	1805 00 00	Cocoa powder	28	0%
09.6517	ex 1806 1806 10 15	Chocolate confectionery, excluding CN code 1806 10 15	500	EAR 0%
09.6519	1905	Bakery goods	110	EAR
09.6521	2102 10 39	Yeasts	2000	EAR
09.9539	2103 90 90	Sauces and preparations	600	6%
09.6523	2105	Ice-cream	11	EAR
09.6531	2203	Beer	500	5.3%
09.6525	2208 60 11	Vodka	100	0.79 ECU/% vol/hl+3.08 ECU/hl
09.6529	2208 70 10	Liquors	17	0.96 ECU/% vol/hl+6.16 ECU/hl
09.6532	2208 90 69	Other spirits	17	0.96 ECU/% vol/hl+6.16 ECU/hl
09.6534	2402 20 90	Cigarettes	50	39.6%

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. BUDGET HEADING : Article 120

APPROPRIATIONS :

2. TITLE :

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) No , adopting autonomous and transitional measures for the free trade agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 113 (3)

4. AIMS: Extending the autonomous measures taken following enlargement of the Union and the implementation of the agreements on agriculture reached in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Period of 12 months

Current financial year()

Following financial year ()

5.0. Expenditures :
 - Charged to the EC budget (refunds/interventions)
 - National Authorities
 - Other

5.1. Revenue:
 - Own resources of the EC (levies/customs duties)

5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE
 5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION :

6.0. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER ON THE CURRENT BUDGET

yes/no

6.1. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET

yes/no

6.2. WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY

yes/no

6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY

yes/no

OBSERVATIONS :

This proposal does not entail any additional expenditure other than those already agreed upon adoption of Regulation (EC) No 1820/96 which it is replacing.

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