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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 31 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) In order to ensure a sufficient and uninterrupted supply of certain agricultural and industrial products which are unavailable in the Union and thereby avoid any disturbances in the market for those products, autonomous Common Customs Tariff ('CCT') duties on those products have been suspended by Council Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013[(1)]. Those products can be imported into the Union at reduced or zero duty rates.

(2) The Union production of 87 products that are not listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 is inadequate or non-existent. It is therefore in the interest of the Union to suspend totally the autonomous CCT duties on those products.

(3) It is necessary to modify the conditions for the suspension of autonomous CCT duties for 26 products listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 in order to take into account technical product developments and economic trends in the market.

(4) For certain products listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013, the classification in the Combined Nomenclature (CN) of the products covered by suspensions should be amended.

(5) It is also necessary, in the interest of the Union, to amend the end date for the mandatory review of 720 products listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 in order to allow duty-free imports beyond that date. The autonomous CCT duty suspensions for those products have been reviewed and new revised dates should be set for their next mandatory review.

(6) It is no longer in the interest of the Union to maintain the suspension of autonomous CCT duties for 13 products listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013. The suspensions for those products should therefore be deleted. Moreover, according to the communication from the Commission concerning autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas[(2)] (the 'Commission communication'), for practical reasons, requests for tariff

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suspensions or quotas where the amount of uncollected customs duty is estimated to be less than EUR 15 000 per year cannot be taken into consideration. The mandatory review of the existing suspensions has indicated that imports in relation to 197 products listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 do not reach that threshold. Those suspensions should therefore be deleted.

(7) In the interest of clarity, and taking into account the number of amendments to be made, the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 should be replaced.

(8) Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(9) In order to avoid any interruption of the application of the autonomous suspension scheme and to comply with the guidelines set out in the Commission communication, the changes provided for in this Regulation regarding the suspensions for the products concerned should apply from 1 January 2019. This Regulation should therefore enter into force as a matter of urgency,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2019.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2018.

For the Council

The President

E. KÖSTINGER

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ANNEX

CN code	TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty	Supplementary unit	Date foreseen for mandatory review
ex 0709 59 10	10	Fresh or chilled chanterelles for treatment other than simple repacking for retail sale[ab]	0 %	—	31.12.2020
[g]ex 0710 21 00	10	Peas in pods, of the species *Pisum sativum* of the variety *Hortense axiphium*, frozen, of a thickness of not more than 6 mm, to be used, in their pods, in the manufacture of prepared meals[ab]	0 %	—	31.12.2023
[g]ex 0710 80 95	50	Bamboo shoots, frozen, not put up for retail sale	0 %	—	31.12.2023
ex 0711 59 00	11	Mushrooms, excluding mushrooms of the genera *Agaricus*, *Calocybe*, *Clitocybe*, *Lepista*, *Leucoagaricus*, *Leucopaxillus*, *Lyophyllum* and *Tricholoma*, provisionally preserved in brine, in	0 %	—	31.12.2021

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		sulphur water, or in other preservative solutions, but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, for the food-canning industry[b]			
[g]ex 0712 32 00 ex 0712 33 00 ex 0712 39 00	10 10 31	Mushrooms, excluding mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus*, dried, whole or in identifiable slices or pieces, for treatment other than simple repacking for retail sale[ab]	0 %	—	31.12.2023
[g]ex 0804 10 00	30	Dates, fresh or dried, for use in the manufacture (excluding packing) of products of drink or food industries[b]	0 %	—	31.12.2023
[g]0811 90 50 0811 90 70		Fruit of the genus *Vaccinium*, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	0 %	—	31.12.2023
ex 0811 90 95	70				

[g]ex 0811 90 95	20	Boysenberries, frozen, not containing added sugar, not put up for retail sale	0 %	—	31.12.2023
[g]ex 0811 90 95	30	Pineapple (*Ananas comosus*), in pieces, frozen	0 %	—	31.12.2023
[g]ex 0811 90 95	40	Rose-hips, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	0 %	—	31.12.2023
[g]ex 1511 90 19 ex 1511 90 91 ex 1513 11 10 ex 1513 19 30 ex 1513 21 10 ex 1513 29 30	20 20 20 20 20 20	Palm oil, coconut (copra) oil, palm kernel oil, for the manufacture of: — industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids of subheading 3823 19 10, — methyl esters of fatty acids of heading 2915 or 2916, — fatty alcohols of	0 %	—	31.12.2019