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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 499/96 of 19 March 1996 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas of the Union for certain fish and fishery products originating in Iceland[(1)], and in particular Article 5(1)(a) and (d) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) By Decision (EU) 2016/837 of 21 April 2016[(2)], the Council authorised the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021, the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway and the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland.

(2) The text of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland ('the Additional Protocol') which is attached to Decision (EU) 2016/837 provides for the renewal of three duty-free tariff quotas that ended on 30 April 2014 and for one new duty-free tariff quota for release for free circulation in the European Union of certain fish and fishery products originating in Iceland.

(3) In accordance with the Additional Protocol, the volumes of the tariff quotas covering the period from 1 May 2014 until the date on which the provisional application of the Additional Protocol becomes effective shall be proportionally allocated and made available for the period from the date of provisional application of the Additional Protocol until 30 April 2021. The Additional Protocol does not provide for any carrying-over of remaining volumes in a tariff quota to a subsequent application period.

(4) It is necessary to amend Regulation (EC) No 499/96 in order to implement the tariff quotas laid down in the Additional Protocol.

(5) The tariff quotas should apply from the date on which the provisional application of the Additional Protocol becomes effective until 30 April 2021. This Regulation should

therefore apply from the date of provisional application of the Additional Protocol laid down in Article 3 of Decision (EU) 2016/837.

(6) Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[3] repealed Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000[4] and ended the system of reference prices for fishery products. It is therefore necessary to delete the condition laid down in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 499/96 on respecting reference prices.

(7) Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland defining the concept of originating products and setting out the methods of administrative cooperation has been amended by Decision No 1/2016 of the EU-Iceland Joint Committee of 17 February 2016[5]. It is therefore necessary to provide that Protocol 3 as amended is to apply.

(8) Rules on the management of tariff quotas are laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447[6] replacing Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93[7] from 1 May 2016. Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 499/96 should be amended to take account of the new rules.

(9) The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 499/96 should be amended in order to take account of amendments of the Combined Nomenclature codes ('CN codes') laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87[8] and of the Taric subdivisions. For reasons of clarity it is appropriate to replace the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 499/96 in its entirety.

(10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 499/96 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2 is deleted,

(b) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

3. Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, as amended by Decision of the EU-Iceland Joint Committee No 1/2016, shall apply[9].;

(2) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

Article 2

The tariff quotas set out in this Regulation shall be managed in accordance with Articles 49 to 54 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447[10].;

(3) Article 3 is deleted;

(4) The Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1219. (See end of Document for details)*

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 August 2016.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

‘ANNEXNotwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than an indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN codes as they exist at the time of adoption of this Regulation. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application of the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)	Quota duty (%)
09.0792	ex 0303 51 00	10 20	Herring (*Clupea harengus, Clupea pallasii*), frozen, excluding livers and roes, for industrial manufacture[ab]	From 1.1 to 31.12	950	0
09.0812	0303 51 00		Herring (*Clupea harengus, Clupea pallasii*), frozen, excluding livers and roes[b]	From 1.8.2016 to 30.4.2017	1 050	0
				From 1.5.2017 to 30.4.2018	1 400	
				From 1.5.2018 to 30.4.2019	1 400	
				From 1.5.2019 to 30.4.2020	1 400	
				From 1.5.2020 to 30.4.2021	1 400	

a Entry under this subheading is subject to the conditions laid down in the relevant provisions of the European Union (see Article 254 of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1)).

b As the most-favoured nation (“MFN”) duty is free from 15 February to 15 June, the benefit of the tariff quota shall not be granted to goods declared for release for free circulation during this period.’

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09.0793	0302 13 00 0302 14 00 0304 41 00 0304 81 00		Fresh or chilled fish (excluding livers and roes) and fresh or chilled or frozen fillets of: Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka, Oncorhynchus gorbuscha, Oncorhynchus keta, Oncorhynchus tschawytscha, Oncorhynchus kisutch, Oncorhynchus masou and Oncorhynchus rhodurus*), Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and Danube salmon (*Hucho hucho*)	From 1.1 to 31.12	50	0
09.0794			Fresh or chilled:	From 1.1 to 31.12	250	0
	0302 23 00		Sole (*Solea* spp.)			
	0302 24 00 0302 29		Turbot (*Psetta maxima*), megrim (*Lepidorhombus* spp.) and other flat fish			

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