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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 1095/96 of 18 June 1996 on the implementation of the concessions set out in Schedule CXL drawn up in the wake of the conclusion of the GATT XXIV.6 negotiations[(1)], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007[(2)], and in particular Articles 20(n), 144(g) and 187(e) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulations (EC) Nos 2305/2003[(3)], 969/2006[(4)], 1067/2008[(5)] and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2081[(6)] lay down specific provisions on the lodging of import licence applications and the issuing of import licences for barley under quota 09.4126, maize under quota 09.4131 and common wheat of a quality other than high quality under quotas 09.4123, 09.4124, 09.4125 and 09.4133 and for certain cereals originating in Ukraine under quotas 09.4306, 09.4307 and 09.4308.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1964/2006[(7)] and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 480/2012[(8)] lay down specific provisions on the lodging of import licence applications and the issuing of import licences for rice originating in Bangladesh under quota 09.4517 and broken rice under quota 09.4079.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2379. (See end of Document for details)*

(3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006[9] lays down specific provisions on the lodging of import licence applications and the issuing of import licences for olive oil originating in Tunisia under the quota available.

(4) In view of the public holidays in 2016, derogations should be made, at certain times, from Regulations (EC) Nos 2305/2003, 969/2006, 1067/2008, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2081, Regulation (EC) Nos 1964/2006, Implementing Regulation (EU) No 480/2012 and Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 as regards the dates for lodging import licence applications and issuing import licences in order to ensure compliance with the quota volumes in question.

(5) Under Article 7d(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2006[10], export licences for out-of-quota sugar and isoglucose are issued from the Friday following the week during which the licence applications were lodged, provided that no particular measures have since been taken by the Commission.

(6) In view of the public holidays in 2016 and the resulting impact on the publication of the *Official Journal of the European Union*, the period between the lodging of applications and the day on which the licences are to be issued will be too short to ensure proper management of the market. That period should therefore be extended.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Cereals

1 By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003, for 2016, import licence applications for barley under quota 09.4126 may not be lodged before Monday 4 January 2016 or after 13.00 (Brussels time) on Friday 16 December 2016.

2 By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of Article 3(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003, for 2016, import licences for barley issued under quota 09.4126 and applied for during the periods referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be issued on the corresponding dates specified therein, subject to measures adopted pursuant to Article 7(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006[11].

3 By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 969/2006, for 2016, import licence applications for maize under quota 09.4131 may not be lodged before Monday 4 January 2016 or after 13.00 (Brussels time) on Friday 16 December 2016.

4 By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 969/2006, for 2016, import licences for maize issued under quota 09.4131 and applied for during the periods referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be issued on the corresponding dates specified therein, subject to measures adopted pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006.

5 By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008, for 2016, import licence applications for common wheat of a quality other than high quality under quotas 09.4123, 09.4124, 09.4125 and 09.4133 may not be lodged before Monday 4 January 2016 or after 13.00 (Brussels time) on Friday 16 December 2016.

6 By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008, for 2016, import licences for common wheat issued under quotas 09.4123, 09.4124, 09.4125 and 09.4133 and applied for during the periods referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be issued on the corresponding dates specified therein, subject to measures adopted pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006.

7 By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2081, for 2016, import licence applications for cereals originating in Ukraine under quotas 09.4306, 09.4307 and 09.4308 may not be lodged before Monday 4 January 2016 or after 13.00 (Brussels time) on Friday 16 December 2016.

8 By way of derogation from Article 2(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2081, for 2016, import licences for cereals originating in Ukraine issued under quotas 09.4306, 09.4307 and 09.4308 and applied for during the periods referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be issued on the corresponding dates specified therein, subject to measures adopted pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006.

Article 2

Rice

1 By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1964/2006, for 2016, import licence applications for rice originating in Bangladesh under quota 09.4517 may not be lodged before Monday 4 January 2016 or after 13.00 (Brussels time) on Friday 9 December 2016.

2 By way of derogation from the third subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 480/2012, for 2016, import licence applications for broken rice under quota 09.4079 may not be lodged before Monday 4 January 2016 or after 13.00 (Brussels time) on Friday 9 December 2016.

Article 3

Olive oil

1 By way of derogation from Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006, import licence applications for olive oil originating in Tunisia may not be lodged after Tuesday 13 December 2016.

2 By way of derogation from Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006, import licences for olive oil originating in Tunisia applied for during the periods referred to in Annex II to this Regulation shall be issued on the corresponding dates specified therein, subject to measures adopted pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006.