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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 the sufficient and uninterrupted supply of certain goods insufficiently produced in the Union and to avoid any disturbances on the market for certain agricultural and industrial products, autonomous tariff quotas have been opened by Council Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013[(1)]. Products falling within those tariff quotas can be imported into the Union at reduced or zero duty rates. For the reasons indicated, it is necessary to open, with effect from 1 January 2015, tariff quotas at zero duty rates for an appropriate volume as regards nine additional products.

(2) In certain cases, the existing autonomous tariff quotas of the Union should be adapted. In the case of three products, it is necessary to amend the product description for clarification purposes and in order to take into account the most recent product developments. In the case of seven other products, the TARIC codes should be amended as a result of CN and classification changes. In the case of another product, the quota volume needs to be increased in the interest of economic operators of the Union. Also, for reasons of clarity one quota period should be specified and one order number should be changed.

(3) In the case of one product, the autonomous tariff quota of the Union should be closed with effect from 1 January 2015 as it is not in the Union's interest to continue granting it as from that date.

(4) Tariff quotas should be reviewed regularly with the possibility of deletion at the request of a party concerned.

(5) Due to the number of amendments to be made in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013, in the interests of clarity that Annex should be replaced.

(6) Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 1340/2014. (See end of Document for details)*

(7) As some of the amendments to the tariff quotas provided for in this Regulation should take effect from 1 January 2015, this Regulation should apply from that date and enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2015.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 December 2014.

For the Council

The President

M. MARTINA

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ANNEX

Order number	CN code	TARIC	Description	Quota period	Quota volume	Quota duty (%)
09.2849	ex 0710 80 69	10	Mushrooms of the species *Auricularia polytricha* (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling), frozen, for the manufacture of prepared meals[ab]	1.1.-31.12.	700 tonnes	0
09.2663	ex 1104 29 17	10	Sorghum grains, processed using milling techniques, that have been at least hulled and de-germed for use in the manufacture of loose fill packaging products[a]	1.1.-31.12.	1 500 tonnes	0
09.2664	ex 2008 60 39	30	Sweet cherries containing added spirit, whether or not with a sugar content	1.1.-31.12.	1 000 tonnes	10[c]

a Suspension of duties is subject to Articles 291 to 300 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

b However, the measure is not allowed where processing is carried out by retail or catering undertakings.

c The specific duty shall apply.

d New or amended position.

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			of 9 % by weight, of a diameter of not more than 19,9 mm, with stone, for use in chocolate products[a]			
09.2913	ex 2401 10 35 ex 2401 10 70 ex 2401 10 95 ex 2401 10 95 ex 2401 10 95 ex 2401 20 35 ex 2401 20 70 ex 2401 20 95 ex 2401 20 95 ex 2401 20 95	91 10 11 21 91 91 10 11 21 91	Natural unmanufactured tobacco, whether or not cut in regular size, having a custom value of not less than EUR 450 per 100 kg net weight, for use as binder or wrapper for the manufacture of goods falling within subheading 2402 10 00[a]	1.1.-31.12.	6 000 tonnes	0
09.2928	ex 2811 22 00	40	Silica filler in the form of granules, with a purity by weight of 97 % or more of silicon dioxide	1.1.-31.12.	1 700 tonnes	0

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09.2703	ex 2825 30 00	10	Vanadium oxides and hydroxides exclusively for use in alloys[a]	1.1.-31.12.	13 000 tonnes	0
09.2806	ex 2825 90 40	30	Tungsten trioxide, including blue tungsten oxide (CAS RN 1314-35-8 or CAS RN 39318-18-8)	1.1.-31.12.	12 000 tonnes	0
09.2929	2903 22 00		Trichloroethylene (CAS RN 79-01-6)	1.1.-31.12.	10 000 tonnes	0
09.2837	ex 2903 79 90	10	Bromochloromethane (CAS RN 74-97-5)	1.1.-31.12.	600 tonnes	0
09.2933	ex 2903 99 90	30	1,3-Dichlorobenzene (CAS RN 541-73-1)	1.1.-31.12.	2 600 tonnes	0
09.2950	ex 2905 59 98	10	2-Chloroethanol, for the manufacture of liquid thioplasts of subheading 4002 99 90 (CAS RN 107-07-3)[a]	1.1.-31.12.	15 000 tonnes	0
[d] 09.2830	ex 2906 19 00	40	Cyclopropylmethanol (CAS RN 2516-33-8)	1.1.-31.12.	20 tonnes	0
09.2851	ex 2907 12 00	10	o-Cresol having	1.1.-31.12.	20 000 tonnes	0

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