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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2012/734/EU of 25 June 2012 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other, and the provisional application of Part IV thereof concerning trade matters[(1)], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) By Decision 2012/734/EU, the Council authorised the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement'). Pursuant to Decision 2012/734/EU, the Agreement is to be applied on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion.

(2) Annex II to the Agreement concerns the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation. For a number of products, Appendix 2A to that Annex provides for the possibility of derogations from the rules of origin set out in Appendix 2 to Annex II in the framework of annual quotas. As the Union has decided to use that possibility, it is necessary to provide the conditions for the application of those derogations for imports from Central America.

(3) The quotas set out in Appendix 2A to Annex II should be managed on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with 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[(2)].

(4) Entitlement to benefit from the tariff concessions should be subject to the presentation of the relevant proof of origin to the customs authorities, as provided for in the Agreement.

(5) Since the Agreement applies on a provisional basis as of 1 August 2013, this Regulation should apply from the same date.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1 The rules of origin set out in Appendix 2A to Annex II to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement'), shall apply to the products listed in the Annex to this Regulation.

2 The rules of origin referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply by derogation from the rules of origin set out in Appendix 2 to Annex II to the Agreement, within the quotas set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

To benefit from the derogation set out in Article 1, the products shall be accompanied by a proof of origin as set out in Annex II to the Agreement.

*Article 3*

The quotas set out in the Annex shall be managed in accordance with Articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

*Article 4*

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

It shall apply from 1 August 2013.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 October 2013.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

José Manuel BARROSO

ANNEX

## CENTRAL AMERICA

Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the wording of the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than an indicative value, the scope of the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by CN codes as they exist at the time of adoption of this Regulation.

| **Order No** | **CN code** | **Description of goods** | **Quota period** | **Quota volume(in tonnes net weight if not otherwise specified)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09.7014 | 1604 14 16 | Tuna loins | From 1 August to 31 July | 4 000 |
| 09.7015 | 3920 | Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials | From 1 August to 31 July | 5 000 |
| 09.7016 | 8544 30 00 | Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships | From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013 | 5 000 |
| | 8544 42 | Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, fitted with connectors | | |
| | 8544 49 | Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, not fitted with connectors | From 1.1.2014 to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12 | 12 000 |
| | 8544 60 | Other electric conductors, for a voltage | | |