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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 20 December 1996, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 2505/96[(1)]. Community demand for the products to which that Regulation applies should be met under the most favourable conditions. For that purpose from 1 January 2008 certain existing tariff quota volumes should be increased or reduced and some new Community tariff quotas should be opened at zero rates of duty for appropriate volumes, while avoiding any disturbance of the markets for those products.

(2) The quota volume for two Community tariff quotas is insufficient to meet the needs of Community industry for the current quota period ending at 31 December 2007. Consequently those volumes should be increased with effect from 1 January 2007.

(3) It is no longer in the Community interest to continue to grant Community tariff quotas in 2008 for certain products on which duties were suspended in 2007. These products should therefore be removed from the table in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96.

(4) In view of the many changes to be made, clarity requires Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 to be replaced in its entirety.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) Having regard to the economic importance of this Regulation, it is necessary to rely on the grounds of urgency provided for in point 1,3 of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments in the European Union annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Community.

(7) Since quota periods start on 1 January 2008, this Regulation should apply from the same date and enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 1526/2007. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2007, in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96:

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2603 is fixed at 6 500 tonnes,

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2950 is fixed at 12 000 tonnes.

Article 3

With effect from 1 January 2008 in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96:

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2030 is fixed at 1 500 tonnes,

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2603 is fixed at 6 500 tonnes,

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2624 is fixed at 600 tonnes,

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2907 is fixed at 2 500 tonnes,

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2914 is fixed at 5 000 tonnes,

— the quota volume of the tariff quota for order number 09.2950 is fixed at 12 000 tonnes.

Article 4

In Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96, tariff quotas for order numbers 09.2763, 09.2806, 09.2808, 09.2810, 09.2812, 09.2814, 09.2816 and 09.2818 shall be inserted with effect from 1 January 2008.

Article 5

Tariff quotas for order numbers 09.2610, 09.2612, 09.2625, 09.2627, 09.2809, 09.2882, 09.2904, 09.2919, 09.2920, 09.2979 and 09.2995 shall be closed with effect from 1 January 2008.

Article 6

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 2008.

However, Article 2 shall apply from 1 January 2007.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2007.

For the Council

The President

J. SILVA

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ANNEX

Order No	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 %
09.2713	ex 2008 60 19 ex 2008 60 39	10 10	Sweet cherries, preserved in alcohol, of a diameter not exceeding 19,9 mm, stoned, for use in chocolate products: — with a sugar content exceeding 9 % by weight — with a sugar content not exceeding	1.1-31.12.	2 000 tonnes	10 %[c]

a Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions laid down in the relevant Community provisions (see Articles 291 to 300 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 — OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 71 and subsequent amendments).

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

c The specific additional duty is applicable.

d New or amended position.

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			9 % by weight[a]			
09.2719	ex 2008 60 19 ex 2008 60 39	20 20	Sour cherries (*Prunus cerasus*), preserved in alcohol, of a diameter not exceeding 19,9 mm, for use in chocolate products: — with a sugar content exceeding 9 % by weight — with a sugar content not exceeding 9 % by weight[a]	1.1.-31.12.	2 000 tonnes	10 %[c]
09.2913	ex 2401 10 41 ex 2401 10 49 ex 2401 10 50 ex 2401 10 70 ex 2401 10 90 ex 2401 20 41	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Natural unmanufactured tobacco, whether or not cut in regular size, having a custom value of not less than EUR 450 per 100 kg	1.1-31.12.	6 000 tonnes	0 %

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