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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87[(1)] established a goods nomenclature, hereinafter referred to as the 'Combined Nomenclature', and set out the conventional duty rates of the Common Customs Tariff.

(2) By Decision 2006/333/EC of 20 March 2006 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the course of their accession to the European Union[(2)] the Council approved the said Agreement on behalf of the Community, with a view to closing negotiations initiated pursuant to Article XXIV:6 of GATT 1994.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 711/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

(3) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 should therefore be amended and supplemented accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 shall be amended as follows:

(a) in Part two, Schedule of customs duties, the duty rates shall be amended as shown in point (a) of the Annex to this Regulation;

(b) Annex 7 of Section III of Part three, WTO Tariff Quotas to be opened by the competent Community authorities, shall be amended with the duties and supplemented with the volumes following the terms and conditions shown in point (b) of the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

Article 1, point (b) shall apply six weeks from the date of the publication of this Regulation.

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

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ANNEX

Notwithstanding 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 concessions being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN codes as they exist at the time of adoption of the current Regulation. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the concessions are to be determined by application of the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(a) In Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, Part two, Schedule of customs duties, the duty rates are the following:

CN code	Description	Duty rate
Tariff item number 0304 20 58	Frozen fillets of hake	Bound duty of 6,1 %
Tariff item number 0304 20 85	Frozen fillets of Alaska pollack (Theragra chalcogramma)	Bound duty of 14,2 %
Tariff item number 0304 90 05	Surimi	Bound duty of 14,2 %
Tariff item number 2106 10 80	Protein concentrates	Elimination of the ad valorem duty of 9 %
Tariff item number 3920 91 00	Polyvinyl butyral	Bound duty of 6,1 %
Tariff item number 7609 00 00	Aluminium tube	Bound duty of 5,9 %
Tariff number 8102 96 00	Molybdenum wire	Bound duty of 6,1 %

(b) Annex 7, WTO Tariff Quotas to be opened by the competent Community authorities, Part three, Section III of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, the other terms and conditions are the following:

CN code	Description	Other terms and conditions
Tariff item numbers 0102 90 05, 0102 90 29, 0102 90 49, 0102 90 59, 0102 90 69, 0102 90 79	Live bovine animals, bulls, cows and heifers (other than for slaughter) of the following mountain breeds: spotted Simmental, Schwyz and Fribourg	Adjust the EC tariff rate quota (*erga omnes*) to 711 heads, in-quota rate 4 %
Tariff item numbers 0102 90 05, 0102 90 29, 0102 90 49, 0102 90 59, 0102 90 69	Live bovine animals, heifers and cows (other than for slaughter) of the following mountain breeds: grey, brown, yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	Adjust the EC tariff rate quota (*erga omnes*) to 710 heads, in-quota rate 6 %

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Tariff item numbers 0102 90 05, 0102 90 29, 0102 90 49	Live bovine animals weighing 300 kg or less intended for fattening	Adjust the EC tariff rate quota (*erga omnes*) to 24 070 heads, in-quota rate 16 % + EUR 582/t
Tariff item numbers 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 90	Live sheep, other than pure-bred breeding animals	Adjust the EC tariff rate quota to 5 676 tonnes, in-quota rate 10 %
Tariff item numbers 0202 20 30, 0202 30, 0206 29 91	Meat of bovine animals, frozen; un-separated or separated forequarters; boneless and edible offal of bovine animals, frozen; thick skirt and thin skirt. The meat imported shall be used for processing	Add 4 003 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers ex 0203 19 55 and ex 0203 29 55	Frozen boneless hams and loins	Open a country allocated (US) tariff rate quota 4 722 tonnes, in-quota rate EUR 250/t
Tariff item numbers ex 0203 19 55, ex 0203 29 55	Frozen boneless hams and loins	Add 1 265 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers 0203 11 10, 0203 21 10	Carcasses and half carcasses of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen	Add 67 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers 0203 12 11, 0203 12 19, 0203 19 11, 0203 19 13, 0203 19 15, 0203 19 55, 0203 19 59, 0203 22 11, 0203 22 19, 0203 29 11, 0203 29 13, 0203 29 15, 0203 29 55, 0203 29 59	Cuts of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen, with or without bone, excluding tenderloin, presented separately	Add 35 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers and in-quota rates (see footnote[a])	Poultry	Open a country allocated (US) tariff rate quota 16 665 tonnes
Tariff item numbers 0207 11 10, 0207 11 30, 0207 11 90, 0207 12 10, 0207 12 90	Chicken carcasse, fresh, chilled or frozen	Add 49 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers 0207 13 10, 0207 13 20, 0207 13 30, 0207 13 40, 0207 13 50, 0207 13 60, 0207 13 70, 0207 14 20, 0207	Chicken cuts, fresh, chilled or frozen	Add 4 070 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota

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Tariff item number 0207 14 10	Cuts of fowl	Add 1 605 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota, in quota rate EUR 795/t
Tariff item numbers 0207 24 10, 0207 24 90, 0207 25 10, 0207 25 90, 0207 26 10, 0207 26 20, 0207 26 30, 0207 26 40, 0207 26 50, 0207 26 60, 0207 26 70, 0207 26 80, 0207 27 30, 0207 27 40, 0207 27 50, 0207 27 60, 0207 27 70	Turkey meat, fresh, chilled or frozen	Add 201 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers 0207 27 10, 0207 27 20, 0207 27 80	Turkey cuts, frozen	Add 2 485 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers ex 0406 10 20, ex 0406 10 80	Pizza cheese	Add 60 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers ex 0406 30 10, 0406 90 13	Emmentaler	Add 38 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers ex 0406 30 10, 0406 90 15	Gruyère, sbrinz	Add 213 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item number 0406 90 01	Cheese for processing	Add 7 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item number 0406 90 21	Cheddar	Add 5 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota
Tariff item numbers ex 0406 10 20, ex 0406 10 80, 0406 20 90, 0406 30 31, 0406 30 39, 0406 30 90, 0406 40 10, 0407 40 50, 0407 40 90, 0406 90 17, 0406 90 18, 0406 90 23, 0406 90 25, 0406 90 27, 0406 90 29, 0406 90 31, 0406 90 33, 0406 90 35, 0406 90 37, 0406 90 39, 0406 90 50, ex 0406 90 63, 0406 90 69, 0406 90 73, ex 0406 90 75, ex	Fresh cheeses	Add 25 tonnes (*erga omnes*) in the EC tariff rate quota