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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2285/2003

of 22 December 2003

amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products

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) It is in the interest of the Community to suspend partially or totally the autonomous common customs tariff duties for a number of new products not listed in the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 of 27 June 1996 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products [1].

(2) The products for which it is no longer in the Community's interest to maintain suspension of autonomous common customs tariff duties or for which the description needs to be altered in order to take account of technical developments should be withdrawn from the list in the Annex to the said Regulation.

(3) Products whose description needs to be altered should be regarded as new products.

(4) In view of the large number of amendments coming into force on 1 January 2004, the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 should be replaced by a completely new version with effect from that date so as to make it more easily understood by the user.

(5) To take account of the enlargement of the European Community with effect from 1 May 2004, new products will need to be added to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 with effect from that date.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 should be amended accordingly.

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

(8) Since this Regulation is to apply from 1 January 2004, it should enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 shall be replaced by the text which appears in Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

The products listed in Annex II to this Regulation shall be inserted into the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1255/96.

[1] OJ L 158, 29.6.1996, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1048/2003 (OJ L 161, 30.6.2003, p. 1).

Article 3

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

Article 1 shall apply from 1 January 2004.

Article 2 shall apply from 1 May 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, on 22 December 2003.

For the Council

The President

A. MATTEOLI

ANNEX I

CN code	TARIC	Description	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
ex 0302 69 99 ex 0303 79 98	10 10	Sturgeons, fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing [a] [b]	0
ex 0302 69 99	20	Lump fish (*Cyclopterus lumpus*) with roe, fresh or chilled, for processing [a]	0
ex 0302 69 99 ex 0303 79 98	30 20	Red snapper (*Lutjanus purpureus*), fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing [a] [c]	0
ex 0302 70 00 ex 0302 70 00 ex 0302 70 00 ex 0302 70 00 ex 0303 80 90 ex 0303 80 90	11 31 41 91 10 19	Hard fish roes, fresh, chilled or frozen	0
ex 0303 11 00 ex 0303 19 00	10 10	Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus spp.*), frozen and headless, for the processing industry for manufacture into pastes or spreads [a]	0
ex 0304 10 38 ex 0304 10 98 ex 0304 20 61 ex 0304 90 97	45 60 10 31	Fillets and meat of dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), fresh, chilled or frozen	6
ex 0305 20 00 ex 0305 20 00 ex 0305 20 00 ex 0305 20 00 ex 0305 20 00	11 18 19 21 30	Hard fish roes, salted or in brine	0
ex 0306 19 90 ex 0306 29 90	10 10	Krill for processing [a]	0
ex 0603 90 00 ex 0604 99 90	10 10	Flowers, flower buds, foliage, leaves and other parts of plants, not further prepared than dried, dyed or bleached, for use in the manufacture of pot pourri of subheading 3307 49 00 [a]	0
ex 0710 21 00	10	Peas in pods, of the species *Pisum sativum* of the variety *Hortense axiphium*, frozen, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm, to be used, in their pods, in the manufacture of prepared meals [a] [c]	0
ex 0710 80 95	50	Bamboo shoots, frozen, not put up for retail sale	0
ex 0711 59 00 ex 0711 59 00	11 91	Mushrooms, excluding mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus*, provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water, or in other preservative solutions, but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, for the food-canning industry [a]	0
ex 0712 32 00 ex 0712 32 00 ex 0712 33 00 ex 0712 33 00 ex 0712 39 00 ex 0712 39 00	11 21 11 21 11 21	Mushrooms, excluding mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus*, dried, whole or in identifiable slices or pieces, for treatment other than simple repacking for retail sale [a] [c]	0
ex 0804 10 00 ex 0804 10 00	11 21	Dates, fresh or dried, not put up for retail sale	0
ex 0810 40 50	10	Fruit of the species *Vaccinium macrocarpon*, fresh	0
ex 0810 90 95	10	Rose-hips, fresh	0
0811 90 50 0811 90 70 ex 0811 90 95 ex 0811 90 95	 66 67	Fruit of the genus *Vaccinium*, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	0

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ex 0811 90 95	20	Boysenberries, frozen, not containing added sugar, not put up for retail sale	0
ex 0811 90 95	30	Pineapple (*Ananas comosus*), in pieces, frozen	0
ex 0811 90 95	40	Rose-hips, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	0
ex 1511 90 19 ex 1511 90 91 ex 1513 11 10 ex 1513 19 30 ex 1513 21 10 ex 1513 29 30	10 10 10 10 10 10	Palm oil, coconut (copra) oil, palm kernel oil, for the manufacture of: — industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids of subheading 3823 19 10, — mixtures of methyl esters of fatty acids of subheading 3824 90 99, — methyl esters of fatty acids of heading 2915 or 2916, — stearic acid of subheading 3823 11 00 or — goods of heading No 3401 [a]	0
ex 1515 90 99	92	Vegetable oil, refined, containing by weight 35 % or more but not more than 50 % of arachidonic acid or 35 % or more but not more than 50 % of docosahexaenoic acid	0
ex 1518 00 91	10	Soya-bean oil, modified with maleic acid, for the manufacture of cosmetic products [a]	0
ex 1604 11 00 ex 1604 20 10	20 20	Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus spp.*), for the processing industry for manufacture into pastes or spreads [a]	0
ex 1604 30 90	10	Hard fish roes, washed, cleaned of adherent organs and simply salted or in brine, for processing [a]	0
ex 1605 10 00 ex 1605 10 00	11 19	Crabs of the species 'King' (*Paralithodes camchaticus*), 'Hanasaki' (*Paralithodes brevipes*), 'Kegani' (*Erimacrus isenbecki*), 'Queen' and 'Snow' (*Chionoecetes spp.*), 'Red' (*Geryon quinquedens*), 'Rough stone' (*Neolithodes asperrimus*), *Lithodes antarctica*, 'Mud' (*Scylla serrata*), 'Blue' (*Portunus spp.*), simply boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen, in immediate packings of a net content of 2 kg or more	0
ex 1605 10 00 ex 1605 10 00	92 94	Crabs of the species *Paralomis granulosa*	0
ex 1902 30 10 ex 1903 00 00	10 20	Transparent noodles, cut in pieces, obtained from beans (*Vigna radiata* (L.) Wilczek), not put up for retail sale	0 0 EUR/ 100 kg/net
ex 2005 90 80	70	Bamboo shoots, prepared or preserved, not put up for retail sale	0
ex 2106 10 20 ex 3504 00 00	10 30	Soya protein isolate, containing by weight 6,6 % or more but not more than 8,6 % of calcium phosphate	0
ex 2707 99 11	10	Crude light oils containing by weight: — 10 % or more of vinyltoluenes, — 10 % or more of indene and — 1 % or more but not more than 5 % of naphthalene	0
ex 2805 30 10	10	Alloy of cerium and other rare-earth metals, containing by weight 47 % or more of cerium	0
ex 2805 30 10	20	Alloy of lanthanum and other rare-earth metals, containing by weight 43 % or more of lanthanum	0
ex 2805 30 90	10	Lanthanum of a purity by weight of 99 % or more	0
ex 2811 19 80	10	Sulfamidic acid	0
ex 2811 22 00	10	Silicon dioxide in the form of powder, for use in the manufacture of high performance liquid chromatography columns (HPLC) and sample preparation cartridges [a]	0

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ex 2811 29 90	10	Tellurium dioxide	0
ex 2812 90 00	10	Nitrogen trifluoride	0
ex 2818 30 00	10	Aluminium hydroxide oxide in the form of pseudo-boehmite	4
ex 2819 90 90	10	Dichromium trioxide: — of a specific surface of 37 m^2/g or more (as determined by the BET method), — of a purity by weight of 99,5 % or more calculated on the dry substance, — of a specific gravity of 1,2 g/cm^3 or less, for the manufacture of magnetic chromium dioxide (a)	0
ex 2820 90 90	10	Manganese (II,III) oxide containing by weight 70 % or more of manganese	0
ex 2821 10 00	10	Diiron trioxide, in the form of powder, of a purity by weight of 99,2 % or more, for the manufacture of goods of heading No 8504 (a)	0
ex 2823 00 00	10	Titanium dioxide, of a purity by weight of 99,9 % or more, with an average grain-size of 1,2 µm or more but not exceeding 1,8 µm, for the manufacture of goods of heading No 8532 or 8533 (a)	0
ex 2825 50 00	10	Copper (I or II) oxide containing by weight 78 % or more of copper and not more than 0,03 % of chloride	0
ex 2826 90 90	10	Potassium hexafluorophosphate	0
ex 2827 39 80	10	Copper monochloride of a purity by weight of 96 % or more but not exceeding 99 %	0
ex 2827 60 00	10	Titanium tetraiodide	0
ex 2830 10 00	10	Disodium tetrasulfide, containing by weight 38 % or less of sodium calculated on the dry weight	0
ex 2830 20 00	10	Zinc sulfide containing: — 20,0 mg/kg or less of chloride, — 0,2 mg/kg or less of copper, — 0,5 mg/kg or less of iron and — 1,0 mg/kg or less of lead	0
ex 2836 91 00	20	Lithium carbonate, containing one or more of the following impurities at the concentrations indicated: — 2 mg/kg or more of arsenic, — 200 mg/kg or more of calcium, — 200 mg/kg or more of chlorides, — 20 mg/kg or more of iron, — 150 mg/kg or more of magnesium, — 20 mg/kg or more of heavy metals, — 300 mg/kg or more of potassium, — 300 mg/kg or more of sodium, — 200 mg/kg or more of sulfates, determined according to the methods specified in the European Pharmacopœia	0