COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2276/2003

of 22 December 2003

opening tariff quotas and laying down the duties applicable within these tariff quotas for imports into the European Community of certain processed agricultural products originating in Egypt

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2580/2000 [2], in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pending conclusion of the procedure for ratification and entry into force of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Egypt, of the other, signed on 25 June 2001, an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters has been concluded regarding the provisional application of the trade provisions set out in the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement with Egypt, hereafter referred to as 'the Agreement', which enters into force on 1 January 2004. The Council has approved the Agreement by its Decision of 19 December 2003 concerning the provisional application of the trade provisions and the accompanying measures of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Egypt, of the other [3].

(2) The Agreement will replace the trade provisions laid down in the Cooperation Agreement between the Member States of the European Economic Community and Egypt signed in Brussels on 18 January 1977 [4] and in the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and Egypt, signed in Brussels on 18 January 1977 [5].

(3) The trade provisions set out in the Agreement provide for the application of mutual concessions regarding import duties for certain processed agricultural products.

(4) The Community concessions relate to imports of certain processed agricultural products originating in Egypt. These concessions take the form of a total exemption from duties, an exemption from *ad valorem* duties and a reduction in specific duties in the context of annual tariff quotas.

(5) The annual tariff quotas based on the Agreement should be opened. The duties applicable within these annual tariff quotas must be the subject of a specific calculation. The calculation must be made in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1460/96 of 25 July 1996 establishing the detailed rules for implementing the preferential trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, as provided for in Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 [6].

(6) 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 [7] lays down the rules for managing tariff quotas. The tariff quotas opened by the present Regulation must be managed in accordance with those rules.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee on horizontal questions concerning trade in processed agricultural products not listed in Annex I to the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The annual quotas for products originating in Egypt set out in Annex I are hereby opened from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004 and from 1 January to 31 December of the following years under the conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 2

The Community tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with Articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

Article 3

The duties applicable within the tariff quotas from 1 January 2004 on imports of goods originating in Egypt covered by Annex II, table 3, of Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the Community and Egypt are set out in Annexes I, II and III to this Regulation.

Article 4

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 2004.

[1] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 15.
[3] Not yet published in the Official Journal.
[4] OJ L 266, 27.9.1978, p. 2.
[5] OJ L 316, 12.12.1979, p. 2.
[6] OJ L 187, 26.7.1996, p. 18.
[7] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1; Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1334/2002 (OJ L 187, 26.7.2003, p. 16).

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2003.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Quotas applicable on imports of products originating in Egypt for 2004 and the following years and duties applicable within the annual tariff quotas from 1 January 2004 on imports into the Community of certain products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 originating in Egypt

Serial No	CN code	Description	Annual quota for 2004 and the following years (in tonnes)	Applicable duties (*)
09.1773	ex 1704	Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa; excluding liquorice extract containing more than 10 % by weight of sucrose but not containing other added substances	1 000	
	1704 10	– Chewing gum, whether or not sugar-coated:		
		– – Containing less than 60 % by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose)		
	1704 10 11	– – – Gum in strips		0 % + 18,9 EUR/100 kg MAX 12,5 %
	1704 10 19	– – – Other		0 % + 18,9 EUR/100 kg MAX 12,5 %
		– – Containing 60 % or more by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose):		
	1704 10 91	– – – Gum in strips		0 % + 21,6 EUR/100 kg MAX 12,7 %
	1704 10 99	– – – Other		0 % + 21,6 EUR/100 kg MAX 12,7 %
	1704 90	– Other:		
	1704 90 30	– – White chocolate		0 % + 31,5 MAX 13,2 % + 11,5 EUR/100 kg
		– – Other:		
	1704 90 51	– – – Pastes, including marzipan, in immediate packings of a net content of 1 kg or more		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1704 90 55	– – – Throat pastilles and cough drops		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1704 90 61	– – – Sugar-coated (panned) goods		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
		– – – Other:		
	1704 90 65	– – – – Gum confectionery and jelly confectionery, including fruit pastes in the form of sugar confectionery		0 % + EAR MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R
	1704 90 71	– – – – Boiled sweets, whether or not filled		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1704 90 75	– – – – Toffees, caramels and similar sweets		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
		– – – – Other:		
	1704 90 81	– – – – – Compressed tablets		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1704 90 99	– – – – – Other		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)

Serial No	CN code	Description	Annual quota for 2004 and the following years (in tonnes)	Applicable duties (*)
09.1774	ex 1806	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa other than those defined in CN code 1806 10 15:	1 200	
	1806 10	– Cocoa powder, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter		
	1806 10 20	– – Containing 5 % or more but less than 65 % by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as ucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose		0 % + 17,6 EUR/100 kg
	1806 10 30	– – Containing 65 % or more but less than 80 % by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose		0 % + 21,9 EUR/100 kg
	1806 10 90	– – Containing 80 % or more by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose		0 % + 29,3 EUR/100 kg
	1806 20	– Other preparations in blocks, slabs or bars weighing more than 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk form in containers or immediate packings, of a content exceeding 2 kg		
	1806 20 10	– – Containing 31 % or more by weight of cocoa butter or containing a combined weight of 31 % or more of cocoa butter and milk fat		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 20 30	– – Containing a combined weight of 25 % or more, but less than 31 % of cocoa butter and milk fat		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
		– – Other:		
	1806 20 50	– – – Containing 18 % or more by weight of cocoa butter		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 20 70	– – – Chocolate milk crumb		0 % + EAR (1)
	1806 20 80	– – – Chocolate flavour coating		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 20 95	– – – Other		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
		– Other, in blocks, slabs or bars:		
	1806 31 00	– – Filled		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 32	– – Not filled:		
	1806 32 10	– – – With added cereal, fruit or nuts		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 32 90	– – – Other		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 90	– Other:		
		– – Chocolate and chocolate products:		
		– – – Chocolate, whether or not filled:		
	1806 90 11	– – – – Containing alcohol		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 90 19	– – – – Other		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
		– – – Other:		
	1806 90 31	– – – – Filled		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 90 39	– – – – Not filled		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)

Serial No	CN code	Description	Annual quota for 2004 and the following years (in tonnes)	Applicable duties (*)
09.1774 *(cont'd)*	1806 90 50	– – Sugar confectionery and substitutes therefor made from sugar substitution products, containing cocoa		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 90 60	– – Spreads containing cocoa		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 90 70	– – Preparations containing cocoa for making beverages		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
	1806 90 90	– – Other		0 % + EAR (1) MAX 13 % + AD S/Z R (2)
09.1775	ex 1902	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared, excluding stuffed pasta falling within CN codes 1902 20 10 and 1902 20 30:	1 500	
		– Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared:		
	1902 11 00	– – Containing eggs		0 % + 17,2 EUR/100 kg
	1902 19	– – Other:		
	1902 19 10	– – – Containing no common wheat flour or meal		0 % + 17,2 EUR/100 kg
	1902 19 90	– – – Other		0 % + 14,7 EUR/100 kg
	1902 20	– Stuffed pasta, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared:		
		– – Other:		
	1902 20 91	– – – Cooked		0 % + 4,2 EUR/100 kg
	1902 20 99	– – – Other		0 % + 11,9 EUR/100 kg
	1902 30	– Other pasta:		
	1902 30 10	– – Dried		0 % + 17,2 EUR/100 kg
	1902 30 90	– – Other		0 % + 6,7 EUR/100 kg
	1902 40	– Couscous:		
	1902 40 10	– – Unprepared		0 % + 17,2 EUR/100 kg
	1902 40 90	– – Other		0 % + 6,7 EUR/100 kg
09.1776	1904	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals (other than maize (corn)) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), precooked or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included:	1 000	
	1904 10	– Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products:		
	1904 10 10	– – Obtained from maize		0 % + 14 EUR/100 kg
	1904 10 30	– – Obtained from rice		0 % + 32,2 EUR/100 kg
	1904 10 90	– – Other		0 % + 23,5 EUR/100 kg
	1904 20	– Prepared foods obtained from unroasted cereal lakes or from mixtures of unroasted cereal flakes and roasted cereal flakes or swelled cereals:		