COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 786/2002

of 13 May 2002

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 as regards Community tariff quotas and reference quantities for certain agricultural products originating in Jordan

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 of 9 April 2001 providing for the management of Community tariff quotas and of reference quantities for products eligible for preferences by virtue of agreements with certain Mediterranean countries and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1981/94 and (EC) No 934/95 [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part [2], hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', tariff concessions within the framework of Community tariff quotas have been granted at import into the Community for certain agricultural products originating in Jordan.

(2) For certain cucumbers and melons for which the tariff concessions under the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan approved by Council Decision 87/512/EEC [3] apply within a reference quantity, the Agreement provides for an exemption of customs duties for unlimited volumes at import into the Community.

(3) For the implementation of the tariff concessions provided for in the Agreement it is necessary to replace the list of agricultural products for which tariff quotas are applicable and to delete the reference quantities for certain cucumbers and melons.

(4) According to the Agreement the volumes of the tariff quotas for some products should be increased from the entry into force of that Agreement by four equal annual instalments, each corresponding to 3 % of the base volumes specified in the Agreement.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(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

Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 May 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 May 2002.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 2.
[2] Not yet published in the Official Journal.
[3] OJ L 297, 21.10.1987, p. 18.