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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 by extending to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98

Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

concerning the suspension of the trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed on 29 April 1997

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process adopted by the Council on 18 September 2000 (Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000)¹ introduced a very high degree of duty-free access to the EC market (around 95%) for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Kosovo as defined by UNSC Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999, granted limited concessions for Montenegrin aluminium products originating in the FRY and continued the granting of wine concessions in form of a global tariff quota which equally applies to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Slovenia pending the conclusion of wine agreements with these countries. These improved preferences are linked to specific conditions to be respected by the beneficiaries (economic reforms, regional cooperation, standstill clause) and contain specific anti-fraud provisions underpinned by a strengthened temporary suspension clause.

2. In the light of recent developments in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), the General Affairs Council of 9 October 2000 asked the Commission to submit a proposal on extending to the FRY the benefit of these exceptional trade measures.

The full extension to the FRY of these autonomous trade preferences will overrule the limited concessions (tariff quotas) for Montenegrin aluminium products originating in the FRY contained in Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2000. It is, therefore, proposed to repeal these quotas. On the other hand, Kosovo, as defined by UNSC Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999, is subject to international civil administration by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) which has established a separate customs administration. Therefore, it is proposed to maintain Kosovo as a separate beneficiary for the autonomous trade preferences.

3. Recital (11) of Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2000 already indicated that the equivalent of improved autonomous trade preferences under this Regulation would be granted to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, currently linked to the European Community by a Cooperation Agreement (with trade preferences at a less preferential level), pending completion of the negotiations on a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the European Community and its Member States. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia already benefits from concessions for wine under Regulation (EC) 2007/2000. In order to achieve the objective of granting improved trade preferences, it would have been necessary to either amend the existing Cooperation Agreement or to suspend its trade and trade-related provisions and apply the autonomous trade preferences on an interim basis.

Given that the former option would have entailed lengthy procedures resulting in discrimination of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

¹ OJ L 240, 23.09.2000, p.1.

relative to the other countries covered by the Regulation, the option of suspending the trade provisions of the existing Cooperation Agreement by means of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, based on a Council Decision and extending the autonomous trade preferences has been chosen. This extension is of course of provisional nature until the entry into force of a Stabilisation and Association Agreement or of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters related to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with this country.

4. The aim of the attached proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 is:
 - to extend the autonomous trade preferences contained in Council Regulation 2007/2000 to the FRY while repealing the tariff quotas for aluminium products and keeping Kosovo as defined by UNSC Resolution of 10 June 1999 as a separate beneficiary;
 - to extend provisionally the autonomous trade preferences to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
 - to adjust the tariff quotas for certain fishery products in the light of the extension of the autonomous trade regime to both countries;
 - to remove the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from the GSP.
5. For both countries the granting of these trade preferences is linked to their readiness to engage in effective economic reforms and in regional cooperation with the other countries concerned by the EU Stabilisation and Association process. In practice, the implementation of the trade preferences for the FRY will equally require full cooperation between all relevant authorities within the FRY (between the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro) and between the FRY and UNMIK, because of the latter's specific responsibilities for Kosovo.
6. The aim of the attached proposal for a Council Decision (EC) is:
 - to approve the suspension of the trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia by means of an exchange of letters;
 - to authorize the President of the Council to designate the person empowered to sign the letter in order to bind the Community.

7. The Commission proposes the attached proposals for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 by extending to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98 and for a Council Decision concerning the suspension of the trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed on 29 April 1997 for adoption to the Council.

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amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 by extending to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98

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) Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) Nos 1763/1999 and 6/2000², does not apply to imports into the Community of products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the exception of wine imports and does not apply to all imports from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
- (2) The suspension, by means of an exchange of letters, of the trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed on 29 April 1997 allows for autonomous trade preferences to be granted to this country provisionally until the entry into force of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters related to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- (3) The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in the light of recent developments in the country, complies with the basic conditions for the granting of autonomous trade preferences as set out in the Council Conclusions of 29 April 1997. The General Affairs Council of 9 October 2000 invited the Commission to submit proposals on extending to the FRY the benefit of the exceptional trade measures as provided by Regulation (EC) 2007/2000.
- (4) Kosovo, as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999 is subject to international civil administration by the United Nations

² OJ L 240, 23.09.2000, p. 1.

Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) which has established a separate customs administration.

- (5) It is, therefore, appropriate to extend fully the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including Kosovo as defined by UNSC Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 1 (1) ‘originating in the Republics of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia as well as Kosovo’ shall be replaced by ‘originating in the Republics of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo as defined by UNSC Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999’;
2. in Article 1 (2) ‘and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’ shall be deleted;
3. Article 1 (3) shall be repealed;
4. in Article 2 (2) ‘Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia’ to be replaced by ‘Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia’;
5. in Article 4 (1) ‘in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia’ shall be replaced by ‘in the countries and territories referred to in Article 1 (1)’
6. in Article 4(2),
 - (1) the amount of ‘10900’ tonnes shall be replaced by ‘22525’ tonnes;
 - (2) a point (c) ‘1650 tonnes (carcase weight) for ‘baby-beef’ products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’ and a point (d) ‘9975 tonnes (carcase weight) for ‘baby-beef’ products originating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo’ shall be inserted;
 - (3) the third subparagraph shall be replaced by ‘Imports into the Community of ‘baby-beef’ products defined in Annex II and originating in Albania shall not benefit from a tariff concession’;
7. Article 5 shall be repealed;
8. in Article 7 the words ‘and Article 5’ shall be deleted;
9. in Article 13 ‘XM Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁽¹⁾’ shall be inserted after ‘BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁽¹⁾’

10. in Article 16 (1) ‘and goods originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which are put into free circulation in the Community before [the first day of the third month following the entry into force of this Regulation]’ shall be inserted after ‘1 January 2001’;
11. Annex I shall be replaced by a new Annex I as follows:

Concerning the tariff quotas referred to in Article 4(1)

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 preferential scheme being determined, within the context of these Annexes, by the coverage of the CN codes. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application of the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

Order No	CN Code	Description	Quota volume per year ³	Beneficiaries	Rate of duty
09.1571	0301 91 10 0301 91 90 0302 11 10 0302 11 90 0303 21 10 0303 21 90 0304 10 11 ex 0304 10 19 ex 0304 10 91 0304 20 11 ex 0304 20 19 ex 0304 90 10 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 0305 49 45 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus aguabonita</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gilae</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> and <i>Oncorhynchus chrysogaster</i>): live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	150 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption
09.1573	0301 93 00 0302 69 11 0303 79 11 ex 0304 10 19 ex 0304 10 91 ex 0304 20 19 ex 0304 90 10 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 ex 0305 49 80 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Carp: live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	350 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption

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One global volume per tariff quota shared among the beneficiaries.

09.1575	ex 0301 99 90 0302 69 61 0303 79 71 ex 0304 10 38 ex 0304 10 98 ex 0304 20 95 ex 0304 90 97 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 ex 0305 49 80 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Sea bream (<i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> spp.): live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	150 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption
09.1577	ex 0301 99 90 0302 69 94 ex 0303 77 00 ex 0304 10 38 ex 0304 10 98 ex 0304 20 95 ex 0304 90 97 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 ex 0305 49 80 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Sea bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>): live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	650 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption
09.1579	1604 13 11 1604 13 19 ex 1604 20 50	Prepared or preserved sardines	250 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	6%
09.1561	1604 16 00 1604 20 40	Prepared or preserved anchovies	1000 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	12,5%

09.1515		2204 21 79	Wine of fresh grapes, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 15% vol, other than sparkling wine	545 000 hl	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo, Slovenia	Exemption
	ex	2204 21 80				
		2204 21 83				
	ex	2204 21 84				
		2204 29 65				
	ex	2204 29 75				
		2204 29 83				
	ex	2204 29 84				

12. Annex III shall be repealed.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the first day of the first month after its entry into force.

This Regulation shall cease to apply to products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as from the day of entry into force of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters relating to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia or the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TITLE OF OPERATION:

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 by extending to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98

2. BUDGET HEADING INVOLVED:

Chapter 12, Article 120.

3. LEGAL BASIS:

Article 133 of the EC Treaty.

4. OBJECTIVE:

- The full extension of the EC autonomous preferential trade arrangements to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;
- The provisional granting of these preferences to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia until the entry into force of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters in the framework of a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU;

5. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The existing Cooperation Agreement with FYROM already provides for duty-free access for at least 80% of all imports from this country. The abolishment of remaining tariff ceilings for certain industrial products and the improved access for agricultural products including processed agricultural products and fisheries may increase the rate of duty-free access to the Community up to 95%. A significant financial impact in terms of losses for the Community budget is, however, unlikely, mainly because in the past FYROM was unable to use fully the given preferences. Imports from FYROM represent 0,08% of total imports of the Community; imports from the FRY represent 0,07% of total imports of the Community. The additional losses to the Community budget may be roughly put at around 20MEURO.

6. FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD:

Provisions on the management of tariff quotas, specific conditions for entitlement to the preferential arrangements (Article 2) and a temporary suspension clause (Article 12) include the measures necessary for preventing and protecting against fraud and irregularities in the case of failure to provide administrative cooperation as required for the verification of evidence of origin or massive increase of exports into the Community above the level of normal production and export capacity of the countries and territories concerned.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Art. 133 thereof, in conjunction with Art. 300, §2, second indent;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas,

- (1) A Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was signed by way of an exchange of letters on 29 April 1997, and entered into force on 1 January 1998;
- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2000⁴ introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) Nos 1763/1999 and 6/2000, does not apply to imports into the Community of products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the exception of wine imports;
- (3) By Council Regulation (EC) No..../2000 amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2000 the equivalent of improved autonomous trade preferences under Council Regulation No. 2007/2000 has been granted to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the exception of concessions for wine, until the entry into force of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters in the context of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia or the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
- (4) The trade provisions and related annexes of the Cooperation Agreement therefore need to be suspended in order to apply to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia the improved autonomous trade preferences under Council Regulation No. 2007/2000, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No..../2000 .

⁴ OJ L 240, 23.09.2000, p.1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS

Article 1

The exchange of letters, attached in the Annex, between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade related provisions, including the relevant Annexes, of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed by way of exchange of letters on 29 April 1997 is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the letter in order to bind the Community.

Article 2

The decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply from the day of application of the Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2000.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

Between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning the suspension of trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement

Letter from the European Community

Sir,

In view of the improved autonomous trade preferences approved by the Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000, introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) Nos 1763/1999 and 6/2000, as last amended by Council Regulation No. , it has been agreed between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to suspend the provisions of Title II on trade and trade related provisions, including all related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed by way of exchange of letters on 29 April 1997.

Council Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000, as amended by Council Regulation no.will therefore regulate, as from its date of application, the trade regime between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Title II on trade and trade related provisions, including all related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, shall cease to apply to former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at the same date.

The suspension of Title II, and all trade related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement shall cease whenever the Council Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2000 will cease to apply to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Council Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2000, as amended, shall cease to apply to products originating in former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia upon entry into force of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters in the context of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia or the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the Community and its Member States and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the above.

[formule de politesse]

On behalf of the European Community

Letter from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, herewith attached, concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade related provisions, including all related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed by way of exchange of letters on 29 April 1997.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has the honour to confirm its agreement with the content of this letter.

[formule de politesse]

*For the Government of the
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2563/2000
of 20 November 2000**

amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 by extending to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's stabilisation and association process and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98

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) Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's stabilisation and association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1763/1999 and (EC) No 6/2000⁽¹⁾, does not apply to imports into the Community of products originating in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the exception of wine imports and does not apply to all imports from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
- (2) The suspension, by means of an Exchange of Letters, of the trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia⁽²⁾ signed on 29 April 1997 allows for autonomous trade preferences to be granted to that country.
- (3) The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), in the light of recent developments in the country, complies with the basic conditions for the granting of autonomous trade preferences as set out in the Council conclusions of 29 April 1997. The General Affairs Council of 9 October 2000 invited the Commission to submit proposals on extending to the FRY the benefit of the exceptional trade measures as provided by Regulation (EC) 2007/2000.
- (4) Kosovo, as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999 is subject to international civil administration by the United Nations

Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) which has established a separate customs administration.

- (5) It is, therefore, appropriate to extend fully the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including Kosovo as defined by UNSC Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 1(1) the terms 'originating in the Republics of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia as well as in Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999 (hereinafter referred to as "Kosovo")' shall be replaced by 'originating in the Republics of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo as defined by UNSC Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999';
2. in Article 1(2) the terms 'and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia' shall be deleted;
3. Article 1(3) shall be repealed;
4. in Article 2(2) the terms 'For Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia' shall be replaced by 'For Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia';
5. in Article 4(1) the terms 'In Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia' shall be replaced by 'in the countries and territories referred to in Article 1(1)';

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 240, 23.9.2000, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 348, 18.12.1997, p. 2.

6. in Article 4(2):
- (a) the amount of '10 900' tonnes shall be replaced by '22 525' tonnes;
- (b) a point (c) reading '(c) 1 650 tonnes (carcase weight) for "baby-beef" products originating in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia' and a point (d) reading '(d) 9 975 tonnes (carcase weight) for "baby-beef" products originating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo' shall be added;
- (c) the third subparagraph shall be replaced by 'Imports into the Community of "baby-beef" products defined in Annex II and originating in Albania shall not benefit from a tariff concession';
7. In Article 4, the following paragraph shall be added:
- '3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Regulation, and in particular Article 12, given the particular sensitivity of the agricultural and fishery markets, if imports of agricultural and fishery products cause serious disturbance to the Community markets and their regulatory mechanisms, the Commission may take the appropriate measures in accordance with the rules of the competent Management Committee.'
8. Article 5 shall be repealed;
9. in Article 7, the terms 'and Article 5' shall be deleted;
10. in Article 13, the terms 'XM Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (!)' shall be inserted after 'BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (!)';
11. in Article 16(1), the terms 'and goods originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which are put into free circulation in the Community before the first day of the third month following the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 2563/2000 amending this Regulation' shall be inserted after '1 January 2001';
12. in Article 17, the date '31 December 2002' shall be replaced by '31 December 2005';
13. Annex I shall be replaced by the following Annex.

'ANNEX I

Concerning the tariff quotas referred to in Article 4(1)

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 preferential scheme being determined, within the context of these Annexes, by the coverage of the CN codes. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application of the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

Order No	CN code	Description	Quota volume per year (!)	Beneficiaries	Rate of duty
09.1571	0301 91 10 0301 91 90 0302 11 10 0302 11 90 0303 21 10 0303 21 90 0304 10 11 ex 0304 10 19 ex 0304 10 91 0304 20 11 ex 0304 20 19 ex 0304 90 10 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 0305 49 45 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus aguabonita</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gilae</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> and <i>Oncorhynchus chrysogaster</i>), live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	150 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption
09.1573	0301 93 00 0302 69 11 0303 79 11 ex 0304 10 19 ex 0304 10 91 ex 0304 20 19 ex 0304 90 10 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 ex 0305 49 80 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Carp: live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	350 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption

Order No	CN code	Description	Quota volume per year ⁽¹⁾	Beneficiaries	Rate of duty
09.1575	ex 0301 99 90 0302 69 61 0303 79 71 ex 0304 10 38 ex 0304 10 98 ex 0304 20 95 ex 0304 90 97 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 ex 0305 49 80 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Sea bream (<i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> spp.), live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	150 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption
09.1577	ex 0301 99 90 0302 69 94 ex 0303 77 00 ex 0304 10 38 ex 0304 10 98 ex 0304 20 95 ex 0304 90 97 ex 0305 10 00 ex 0305 30 90 ex 0305 49 80 ex 0305 59 90 ex 0305 69 90	Sea bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>); live; fresh or chilled; frozen; dried, salted or in brine, smoked; fillets and other fish meat; flours, meals and pellets, fit for human consumption	650 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	Exemption
09.1579	1604 13 11 1604 13 19 ex 1604 20 50	Prepared or preserved sardines	250 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	6 %
09.1561	1604 16 00 1604 20 40	Prepared or preserved anchovies	1 000 tonnes	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	12,5 %
09.1515	2204 21 79 ex 2204 21 80 2204 21 83 ex 2204 21 84 2204 29 65 ex 2204 29 75 2204 29 83 ex 2204 29 84	Wine of fresh grapes, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 15 % vol, other than sparkling wine	545 000 hl	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo, Slovenia	Exemption

⁽¹⁾ One global volume per tariff quota shared among the beneficiaries.

14. Annex III shall be repealed.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the first day of the first month after its entry into force.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2000.

For the Council

The President

H. VÉDRINE
