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REQUEST FOR A WTO WAIVER

New ACP-EC Partnership Agreement

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 March 2000, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities.

Attached are the pertinent parts of the post Lomé Agreement, for circulation to Members as Addendum 1 to the waiver request. The full text of the Agreement can be consulted in the Market Access Division of the WTO Secretariat.

<u>DECISION</u> OF THE ACP-EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

WTO WAIVER

The ACP-EC Council of Ministers;

- 1. **RECALLING** that on 14 October 1996, the WTO General Council decided to extend until 29 February 2000 the waiver for the fourth ACP-EC Convention of Lomé;
- 2. **STRESSING** that trade preferences represent pivotal and indispensable instrument of development;
- 3. **AWARE** of the central importance of the Lomé Convention for the socio-economic development of ACP countries;
- 4. **RECOGNISING** the importance of trade and investment for the development of ACP countries and considering that trade and investment can best operate and be enhanced in a stable and predictable global environment;
- 5. **RECOGNISING** that the ultimate objective of ACP-EU economic and trade co-operation is to enable the ACP States to integrate successfully in the global economy within the multilateral trading system and the need to conclude with the EU new WTO compatible trading arrangements after a preparatory period.
- 6. **DECIDES** to invite the competent authorities of both sides to request an appropriate waiver to permit the European Community to provide preferential treatment for products originating in ACP States as provided for in the trade regime applicable during the preparatory period as jointly agreed by the ACP-EC Ministers and annexed to this decision;
- 7. **CONFIRMS** that this trade regime applicable throughout the preparatory period will provide for preferential treatment substantially equivalent to the trade regime of the fourth Lomé Convention;
- 8. **CONFIRMS** that it will be applied as from 1st March 2000 on the basis of a decision of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers;
- 9. **CONFIRMS** that in this context, WTO compatible new trading arrangements will be concluded during the preparatory period.

Title II - Economic and trade Co-operation

Chapter 1 : Objectives and principles

Article 34 Objectives

- 1. Economic and trade co-operation shall aim at fostering the smooth and gradual integration of the ACP States into the world economy, with due regard for their political choices and development priorities, thereby promoting their sustainable development and contributing to poverty eradication in the ACP countries.
- 2. The ultimate objective of economic and trade co-operation is to enable the ACP States to play a full part in international trade. In this context, particular regard shall be had to the need for the ACP States to participate actively in multilateral trade negotiations. Given the current level of development of the ACP countries, economic and trade co-operation shall be directed at enabling the ACP States to manage the challenges of globalisation and to adapt progressively to new conditions of international trade thereby facilitating their transition to the liberalised global economy.
- 3. To this end economic and trade co-operation shall aim at enhancing the production, supply and trading capacity of the ACP countries as well as their capacity to attract investment. It shall further aim at creating a new trading dynamic between the parties, at strengthening the ACP countries trade and investment policies and at improving the ACP countries' capacity to handle all issues related to trade.
- 4. Economic and trade co-operation shall be implemented in full conformity with the provisions of the WTO, including special and differential treatment, taking account of the Parties' mutual interests and their respective levels of development.

Article 35 Principles

- 1. Economic and trade co-operation shall be based on a true, strengthened and strategic partnership. It shall further be based on a comprehensive approach which builds on the strengths and achievements of the previous ACP-EC Conventions, using all means available to achieve the objectives set out above by addressing supply and demand side constraints. In this context, particular regard shall be had to trade development measures as a means of enhancing ACP States' competitiveness. Appropriate weight shall therefore be given to trade development within the ACP States' development strategies, which the Community shall support.
- 2. Economic and trade co-operation shall build on regional integration initiatives of ACP States, bearing in mind that regional integration is a key instrument for the integration of ACP countries into the world economy.
- 3. Economic and trade co-operation shall take account of the different needs and levels of development of the ACP countries and regions. In this context, the Parties reaffirm their attachment to ensuring special and differential treatment for all ACP countries and to maintaining special treatment for ACP LDCs and to taking due account of the vulnerability of small, landlocked and island countries.

Chapter 2 : New trading arrangements

Article 36 Modalities

- 1. In view of the objectives and principles set out above, the Parties agree to conclude new WTO compatible trading arrangements, removing progressively barriers to trade between them and enhancing co-operation in all areas relevant to trade.
- 2. The Parties agree that the new trading arrangements shall be introduced gradually and recognise the need, therefore, for a preparatory period.
- 3. In order to facilitate the transition to the new trading arrangements, the non-reciprocal trade preferences applied under the 4th ACP-EC Convention shall be maintained during the preparatory period for all ACP countries, under the conditions defined in Annex V to the present Agreement.
- 4. In this context, the Parties reaffirm the importance of the commodity protocols, attached to Annex V of this Agreement. They agree on the need to review them in the context of the new trading arrangements, in particular as regards their compatibility with WTO rules, with a view to safeguarding the benefits derived therefrom, bearing in mind the special legal status of the Sugar Protocol.

Article 37 Procedures

- 1. Economic partnership agreements shall be negotiated during the preparatory period which shall end by 31 December 2007 at the latest. Formal negotiations of the new trading arrangements shall start in September 2002 and the new trading arrangements shall enter into force by 1 January 2008, unless earlier dates are agreed between the Parties.
- 2. All the necessary measures shall be taken so as to ensure that the negotiations are successfully concluded within the preparatory period. To this end, the period up to the start of the formal negotiations of the new trading arrangements shall be actively used to make initial preparations for these negotiations.
- 3. The preparatory period shall also be used for capacity-building in the public and private sectors of ACP countries, including measures to enhance competitiveness, for strengthening of regional organisations and for support to regional trade integration initiatives, where appropriate with assistance to budgetary adjustment and fiscal reform, as well as for infrastructure upgrading and development, and for investment promotion. In this context, the Community will provide specific support from regional programmes in accordance with the provisions of Annex IV (implementation and management procedures) to groups of ACP States who are committed to negotiate economic partnership agreements with the EU.
- 4. The Parties will regularly review the progress of the preparations and negotiations and, will in 2006 carry out a formal and comprehensive review of the arrangements planned for all countries to ensure that no further time is needed for preparations or negotiations.
- 5. Negotiations of the economic partnership agreements will be undertaken with ACP countries which consider themselves in a position to do so, at the level they consider appropriate and in accordance with the procedures agreed by the ACP Group, taking into account regional integration process within the ACP.
- 6. In 2004, the Community will assess the situation of the non-LDC which, after consultations with the Community decide that they are not in a position to enter into economic partnership agreements and will examine all alternative possibilities, in order to provide these countries with a new framework for trade which is equivalent to their existing situation and in conformity with WTO rules.
- 7. Negotiations of the economic partnership agreements shall aim notably at establishing the timetable for the progressive removal of barriers to trade between the parties, in accordance

with the relevant WTO rules. On the Community side trade liberalisation shall build on the acquis and shall aim at improving current market access for the ACP countries through inter alia, a review of the rules of origin. Negotiations shall take account of the level of development and the socio-economic impact of trade measures on ACP countries, and their capacity to adapt and adjust their economies to the liberalisation process. Negotiations will therefore be as flexible as possible in establishing the duration of a sufficient transitional period, the final product coverage, taking into account sensitive sectors, and the degree of asymmetry in terms of timetable for tariff dismantlement, while remaining in conformity with WTO rules then prevailing.

- 8. The Parties shall closely co-operate and collaborate in the WTO with a view to defending the arrangements reached, in particular with regard to the degree of flexibility available.
- 9. The Community will start by the year 2000, a process which by the end of multilateral trade negotiations and at the latest 2005 will allow duty free access for essentially all products from all LDC building on the level of the existing trade provisions of the fourth ACP-EC Convention and which will simplify and review the rules of origin, including cumulation provisions, that apply to their exports.

Article 38 Joint Ministerial Trade Committee

- 1. A Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee shall be established.
- 2. The Ministerial Trade Committee shall pay special attention to current multilateral trade negotiations and shall examine the impact of the wider liberalisation initiatives on ACP-EC trade and the development of ACP economies. It shall make any necessary recommendations with a view to preserving the benefits of the ACP-EC trading arrangements.
- 3. The Ministerial Trade Committee shall meet at least once a year. Its rules of procedure shall be laid down by the Council of Ministers. It shall be composed of representatives of the ACP States and of the Community appointed by the Council of Ministers.

Chapter 3: Co-operation in the international fora

Article 39 General Provisions

- 1. The Parties underline the importance of their active participation in the World Trade Organisation as well as in other relevant international organisations by becoming members of these organisations and closely following their agenda and activities.
- 2. They agree to co-operate closely in identifying and furthering their common interests in international economic and trade Co-operation in particular in the WTO, including participation in setting and conducting the agenda in future multilateral trade negotiations. In this context, particular attention shall be paid to improve access to the Community and other markets for products and services originating in the ACP countries.
- 3. They also agree on the importance of flexibility in WTO rules to take account of the ACP's level of development as well of the difficulties faced in meeting their obligations. They further agree on the need for technical assistance to enable the ACP countries to implement their commitments.
- 4. The Community agrees to assist the ACP States in their efforts, in accordance with the provisions set out in this Agreement, to become active members of these organisations, by developing the necessary capacity to negotiate, participate effectively, monitor and implement these agreements.

Article 40 Commodities

- 1. The Parties recognise the need to ensure a better operation of international commodity markets and to increase market transparency.
- 2. They confirm their willingness to step up consultations between them in the international fora and organisations dealing with commodities.
- 3. To this end, exchange of views shall take place at the request of either party:
 - regarding the operation of existing international agreements or specialised intergovernmental working parties with the aim of improving them and making them more effective, consistent with market trends;
 - when it is proposed to conclude or renew an international agreement or set up a specialised intergovernmental working party.

The aim of such exchanges of views shall be to take account of the respective interest of each party. They may take place, where necessary, in the framework of the Ministerial Trade Committee.

Chapter 4 : Trade in Services

Article 41 General Provisions

- 1. The Parties underline the growing importance of services in international trade and their major contribution to economic and social development.
- 2. They reaffirm their respective commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and underline the need for special and differential treatment to ACP suppliers of services;
- 3. In the framework of the negotiations for progressive liberalisation in trade and services, as provided for in article XIX of GATS, the EU undertakes to give sympathetic consideration to the ACP States priorities for improvement in the EC schedule, with a view to meeting their specific interests.
- 4. The Parties further agree on the objective of extending under the economic partnership agreements, and after they have acquired some experience in applying the MFN treatment under GATS, their partnership to encompass the liberalisation of services in accordance with the provisions of GATS and particularly those relating to the participation of developing countries in liberalisation agreements.
- 5. The Community shall support the ACP States' efforts to strengthen their capacity in the supply of services. Particular attention shall be paid to services related to labour, business, distribution, finance, tourism, culture and construction and related engineering services with a view to enhancing their competitiveness and thereby increasing the value and the volume of their trade in goods and services.

Article 42 Maritime Transport

- 1. The Parties acknowledge the importance of cost-effective and efficient maritime transport services in a safe and clean marine environment as the main mode of transportation facilitating international trade and thereby constituting one of the forces behind economic development and the development of trade.
- 2. They undertake to promote the liberalisation of maritime transport and to this end apply effectively the principle of unrestricted access to the international maritime transport market on a non-discriminatory and commercial basis.

- 3. Each Party shall grant, inter alia, a treatment no less favourable than that accorded to its own ships, for ships operated by nationals or companies of the other Party, and for ships registered in the territory of either party, with respect to access to ports, the use of infrastructure and auxiliary maritime services of those ports, as well as related fees and charges, customs facilities and the assignment of berths and facilities for loading and unloading.
- 4. The Community shall support the ACP States' efforts to develop and promote cost-effective and efficient maritime transport services in the ACP States with a view to increasing the participation of ACP operators in international shipping services.

Article 43

Information and Communication Technologies, and Information Society

- 1. The Parties recognise the important role of information and communication technologies, as well as the active participation in the Information Society, as a pre-requisite for the successful integration of the ACP countries into the world economy.
- 2. They therefore reconfirm their respective commitments under existing multilateral agreements, in particular the protocol on Basic Telecommunications attached to the GATS, and invite those ACP countries, which are not yet members to these agreements, to accede to them.
- 3. They furthermore agree to participate fully and actively in any future international negotiation, which might be conducted in this area.
- 4. The Parties will therefore take measures that will enable inhabitants of ACP countries easy access to information and communication technologies, through, amongst other, the following measures:
 - The development and encouragement of the use of affordable renewable energy resources;
 - The development and deployment of more extensive low-cost wireless networks.
- 5. The Parties also agree to step up co-operation between them in the area of information and communication technologies, and the Information Society. This co-operation shall, in particular, be directed towards greater complementary and harmonization of communication systems, at national, regional and international level and their adaptation to new technologies.

Chapter 5: Trade-related areas

Article 44 General Provisions

- 1. The Parties acknowledge the growing importance of new areas related to trade in facilitating progressive integration of the ACP States into the world economy. They therefore agree to strengthen their co-operation in these areas by establishing full and co-ordinated participation in the relevant international fora and agreements.
- 2. The Community shall support the ACP States' efforts, in accordance with the provisions set out in this Agreement and the development strategies agreed between the Parties to strengthen their capacity to handle all areas related to trade, including, where necessary, improving and supporting the institutional framework.

Article 45 Competition Policy

1. The Parties agree that the introduction and implementation of effective and sound competition policies and rules are of crucial importance in order to improve and secure an

- investment friendly climate, a sustainable industrialisation process and transparency in the access to markets.
- 2. To ensure the elimination of distortions to sound competition and with due consideration to the different levels of development and economic needs of each ACP country, they undertake to implement national or regional rules and policies including the control and under certain conditions the prohibition of agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices between undertakings which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition. The Parties further agree to prohibit the abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position in the common market of the Community or in the territory of ACP States.
- 3. The Parties also agree to reinforce co-operation in this area with a view to formulating and supporting effective competition policies with the appropriate national competition agencies that progressively ensure the efficient enforcement of the competition rules by both private and state enterprises. Co-operation in this area shall, in particular, include assistance in the drafting of an appropriate legal framework and its administrative enforcement with particular reference to the special situation of the least developed countries.

Article 46 Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

- 1. Without prejudice to the positions of the Parties in multilateral negotiations, the Parties recognise the need to ensure an adequate and effective level of protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights, and other rights covered by TRIPS including protection of geographical indications, in line with the international standards with a view to reducing distortions and impediments to bilateral trade.
- 2. They underline the importance, in this context, of adherence to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to the WTO Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- 3. They also agree on the need to accede to all relevant international conventions on intellectual, industrial and commercial property as referred to in Part I of the TRIPS Agreement, in line with their level of development.
- 4. The Community, its Member States and the ACP States may consider the conclusion of agreements aimed at protecting trademarks and geographical indications for products of particular interest of either Party.
- 5. For the purpose of this Agreement, intellectual property includes in particular copyright, including the copyright on computer programmes and neighbouring rights, including artistic designs, and industrial property which includes utility models, patents including patents for bio-technological inventions and plant varieties or other effective sui generis systems, industrial designs, geographical indications including appellations of origin, trademarks for goods or services, topographies of integrated circuits as well as the legal protection of data bases and the protection against unfair competition as referred to in Article 10 bis of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and protection of undisclosed confidential information on know how.
- 6. The Parties further agree to strengthen their co-operation in this field. Upon request and on mutually agreed terms and conditions co-operation shall inter alia extend to the following areas: the preparation of laws and regulations for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, the prevention of the abuse of such rights by rightholders and the infringement of such rights by competitors, the establishment and reinforcement of domestic and regional offices and other agencies including support for regional intellectual property organisations involved in enforcement and protection, including the training of personnel.

Article 47

Standardisation and Certification

- 1. The Parties agree to co-operate more closely in the field of standardisation, certification and quality assurance to remove unnecessary technical barriers and to reduce differences between them in those areas, so as to facilitate trade.
 - In this context, they reaffirm their commitment under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to trade, annexed to the WTO Agreement (TBT Agreement).
- 2. Co-operation in standardisation and certification shall aim at promoting compatible systems between the Parties and in particular include:
 - measures, in accordance with the TBT Agreement, to promote greater use of international technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, including sector specific measures, in accordance with the level of economic development of ACP countries.
 - co-operation in the area of quality management and assurance in selected sectors of importance to the ACP States,
 - support for capacity building initiatives in the ACP countries in the fields of conformity assessment, metrology and standardisation,
 - developing functioning links between ACP and European standardisation, conformity assessment and certification institutions.
- 3. The Parties undertake to consider, in due course, negotiating mutual recognition agreements in sectors of mutual economic interest.

Article 48

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

- 1. The Parties recognise the right of each Party to adopt or to enforce sanitary and phytosanitary measures necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health, subject to the requirement that these measures do not constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction to trade, generally. To this end, they reaffirm their commitments under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, annexed to the WTO Agreement (SPS-Agreement), taking account of their respective level of development.
- 2. They further undertake to reinforce co-ordination, consultation and information as regards notification and application of proposed sanitary and phytosanitary measures, in accordance with the SPS-Agreement whenever these measures might affect the interests of either Party. They also agree on prior consultation and co-ordination within the CODEX ALIMENTARIUS, the International Office of Epizodics and the International Plant Protection Convention, with a view to furthering their common interests.
- 3. The Parties agree to strengthen their co-operation with a view to reinforcing the capacity of the public and the private sector of the ACP countries in this field.

Article 49

Trade and Environment

- 1. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to promoting the development of international trade in such a way as to ensure sustainable and sound management of the environment, in accordance with the international conventions and undertakings in this area and with due regard to their respective level of development. They agree that the special needs and requirements of ACP States should be taken into account in the design and implementation of environment measures.
- 2. Bearing in mind the Rio Principles and with a view to reinforcing the mutual supportiveness of trade and environment, the Parties agree to enhance their co-operation in this field. Co-

operation shall in particular aim at the establishment of coherent national, regional and international policies, reinforcement of quality controls of goods and services related to the environment, the improvement of environment-friendly production methods in relevant sectors.

Article 50

Trade and Labour Standards

- 1. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the internationally recognised core labour standards, as defined by the relevant ILO Conventions, and in particular the freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining, the abolition of forced labour, the elimination of worst forms of child labour and non-discrimination in respect to employment.
- 2. They agree to enhance co-operation in this area, in particular in the following fields:
 - exchange of information on the respective legislation and work regulation;
 - the formulation of national labour legislation and strengthening of existing legislation;
 - educational and awareness-raising programmes.
 - Enforcement of adherence to national legislation and work regulation.
- 3. The Parties agree that labour standards should not be used for protectionist trade purposes.

Article 51

Consumer Policy and Protection of Consumer Health

- 1. The Parties agree to step up their co-operation in the area of consumer policy and consumer health protection, having due regard to domestic legislation to avoid barriers to trade.
- Co-operation shall, in particular, aim at improving the institutional and technical capacity in this area, establishing rapid-alert systems of mutual information on dangerous products, exchanging information and experiences on the establishment and operation of post market surveillance of products and product safety, improving information provided to consumers on prices, characteristics of products and services offered, encouraging the development of independent consumer associations and contacts between consumer interest representatives, improving compatibility of consumer policies and systems, notifying enforcement and promoting co-operation in investigating harmful or unfair business practices and implementing exports prohibitions in the trade between the Parties of goods and services the marketing of which has been prohibited in their country of production.

Article 52

Tax Carve-out Clause

- 1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 32.1 of annex IV, the Most Favoured Nation treatment granted in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, or any arrangement adopted under this Agreement, does not apply to tax advantages which the Parties are providing or may provide in the future on the basis of agreements to avoid double taxation or other tax arrangements, or domestic fiscal legislation.
- 2. Nothing in this Agreement, or in any arrangements adopted under this Agreement, may be construed to prevent the adoption or enforcement of any measure aimed at preventing the avoidance or evasion of taxes pursuant to the tax provisions of agreements to avoid double taxation or other tax arrangements, or domestic fiscal legislation.
- 3. Nothing in this Agreement, or in any arrangements adopted under this Agreement, shall be construed to prevent the Parties from distinguishing, in the application of the relevant provisions of their fiscal legislation, between taxpayers who are not in the same situation, in particular with regard to their place of residence, or with regard to the place where their capital is invested.

Chapter 6: Co-operation in other areas

Article 53 Fishery Agreements

- 1. The Parties declare their willingness to negotiate fishery agreements aimed at guaranteeing sustainable and mutually satisfactory conditions for fishing activities in ACP States.
- 2. In the conclusion or implementation of such agreements, the ACP States shall not discriminate against the Community or among the Member States, without prejudice to special arrangements between developing States within the same geographical area, including reciprocal fishing arrangements, nor shall the Community discriminate against ACP States.

Article 54 Food security

- 1. With regard to available agricultural products, the Community undertakes to ensure that export refunds can be fixed further in advance for all ACP States in respect of a range of products drawn up in the light of the food requirements expressed by those States.
- 2. Advance fixing shall be for one year and shall be applied each year throughout the life of this Convention, it being understood that the level of the refund will be determined in accordance with the methods normally followed by the Commission.
- 3. Specific agreements may be concluded with those ACP States which so request in the context of their food security policies.
- 4. The specific agreements referred to in paragraph 2 shall not put in jeopardy production and trade flows in ACP regions.

ANNEX V

Trade regime applicable during the preparatory period referred to in Article 37(1)

Chapter 1: General trade arrangements

Article 1

- 1. Products originating in the ACP States shall be imported into the Community free of customs duties and charges having equivalent effect.
- 2. (a) For products originating in the ACP States:
 - listed in Annex I to the Treaty where they come under a common organisation of the market within the meaning of Article 34 of the Treaty, or
 - subject, on import into the Community, to specific rules introduced as a result of the implementation of the common agricultural policy.
 - the Community shall take the necessary measures to ensure more favourable treatment than that granted to third countries benefiting from the most-favoured-nation clause for the same products.
 - (b) If, during the application of this annex, the ACP States request that new lines of agricultural production or agricultural products which are not the subject of specific arrangements when this annex enters into force should benefit from such arrangements, the Community shall examine these requests in consultation with the ACP States.
 - (c) Notwithstanding the above, the Community shall, in the context of the special relations and special nature of ACP-EC cooperation, examine on a case-by-case basis the requests from the ACP States for preferential access for their agricultural products to the Community market and shall notify its decision on these reasoned requests if possible within four months, and in any case not more than six months after the date of their submission.
 - Within the context of subparagraph (a), the Community shall take its decisions in particular with reference to concessions granted to developing third countries. It shall take account of the possibilities offered by the off-season market.
 - (d) The arrangements referred to in subparagraph (a) shall enter into force at the same time as this Agreement and shall remain applicable for the duration of the preparatory period defined in Article 37(1) of the Agreement.

However, if during this period, the Community:

- subjects one or more products to common organisation of the market or to specific rules introduced as a result of the implementation of the common agricultural policy, it shall reserve the right to adapt the import treatment for those products originating in the ACP States, following consultations within the Council of Ministers. In such cases, the provisions of subparagraph (a) shall be applicable;
- modifies the common organisation of the market in a particular product or the specific rules introduced as a result of the implementation of the common agricultural policy, it shall reserve the right to modify the arrangements laid down for products originating in the ACP States, following consultations within the Council of Ministers. In such cases the Community shall undertake to ensure that

- products originating in the ACP States continue to enjoy an advantage comparable to that previously enjoyed in relation to products originating in third countries benefiting from the most-favoured-nation clause.
- (e) Where the Community intends to conclude a preferential agreement with third States it shall inform the ACP States thereof. Consultations shall take place where the ACP States so request in order to safeguard their interests.

Article 2

- 1. The Community shall not apply to imports of products originating in the ACP States any quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect.
- 2. Paragraph 1 shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security, the protection of health and life of humans, animals and plants, the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value, conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption, or the protection of industrial and commercial property.
- 3. Such prohibitions of restrictions shall in no case constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction of trade generally.
 - In cases where implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 2 affects the interests of one or more ACP States, consultations shall be held at the request of the latter, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of this Agreement, with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution.

Article 3

- 1. Where new measures or measures stipulated in programs adopted by the Community for the approximation of laws and regulations in order to facilitate the movement of goods are likely to affect the interests of one or more ACP States, the Community shall, prior to adopting such measures, inform the ACP States thereof through the Council of Ministers.
- 2. In order to enable the Community to take into consideration the interests of the ACP State concerned, consultations shall be held at the request of the latter in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of this Agreement, with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution.

Article 4

- 1. Where existing Community rules or regulations adopted in order to facilitate the movement of goods affect the interests of one or more ACP States or where these interests are affected by the interpretation, application or administration of such rules or regulations, consultations shall be held at the request of the ACP States concerned with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution.
- 2. With a view to finding a satisfactory solution, the ACP States may also bring up within the Council of Ministers any other problems relating to the movement of goods which might result from measures taken or envisaged by the Member States.
- 3. The relevant institutions of the Community shall, to the greatest possible extent, inform the Council of Ministers of such measures in order to ensure effective consultations.

Article 5

- 1. The ACP States shall not be required to assume, in respect of imports of products originating in the Community, obligations corresponding to the commitment entered into by the Community under this Annex in respect of imports of the products originating in the ACP States.
- 2. (a) In their trade with the Community, the ACP States shall not discriminate among the Member States and shall grant to the Community treatment no less favourable than most-favoured-nation treatment.
 - (b) The most-favoured-nation treatment referred to in subparagraph (a) shall not apply in respect of trade or economic relations between ACP States or between one or more ACP States and other developing countries.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall communicate its customs tariff to the Council of Ministers within three months of the entry into force of this Annex. Each Contracting Party shall also communicate any subsequent amendments to its tariff as and when they come into force.

Article 7

- 1. The concept of 'originating products' for the purposes of implementing this Annex, and the methods of administrative cooperation relating thereto, are defined in Protocol 1 annexed hereto.
- 2. The Council of Ministers may adopt any amendment to Protocol 1.
- 3. Where the concept of 'originating products' has not yet been defined for a given product pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2, each Contracting Party shall continue to apply its own rules.

Article 8

- 1. Where any product is being imported into the Community in such increased quantities and under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause serious injury to its domestic producers of like or directly competitive products or serious disturbances in any sector of the economy or difficulties which could bring about serious deterioration in the economic situation of a region, the Community may take appropriate measures under the conditions and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 9.
- 2. The Community undertakes not to use other means for protectionism purposes or to hamper structural development. The Community will refrain from using safeguard measures having the same effect.
- 3. Safeguard measures shall be restricted to those which would least disturb trade between the Contracting Parties in implementing the objectives of this Agreement and must not exceed the scope of what is strictly necessary to remedy the difficulties that have arisen.
- 4. When applied, safeguard measures shall take into account the existing level of the ACP exports concerned to the Community and their potential for development. Particular attention shall be paid to the interests of the least-developed, landlocked and island ACP States.

Article 9

1. Prior consultation shall take place concerning the application of the safeguard clause, both when such measures are first adopted and when they are extended. The Community shall

provide the ACP States with all the information required for such consultations and shall provide the data from which to determine to what extent imports from an ACP State of a specific product have caused the effects referred to in Article 8(1).

- 2. Where consultations have taken place, safeguard measures, or arrangements jointly agreed upon by the ACP States concerned and the Community, shall enter into force thereafter.
- 3. However, the prior consultations provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not prevent any immediate decisions which the Community, in accordance with Article 8(1), might take where special factors have necessitated such decisions.
- 4. In order to facilitate the examination of factors that may cause market disturbances, a mechanism shall be instituted for the statistical surveillance of certain ACP exports to the Community.
- 5. The Contracting Parties undertake to hold regular consultations with a view to finding satisfactory solutions to problems which might result from the application of the safeguard clause.
- 6. The prior consultations as well as the regular consultations and the surveillance mechanism referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 shall be implemented in accordance with Protocol 2 annexed hereto.

Article 10

The Council of Ministers shall, at the request of any Contracting Party concerned, consider the economic and social effects of the application of the safeguard clause.

Article 11

When safeguard measures are being taken, modified or removed, particular attention shall be paid to the interests of the least-developed, landlocked and island ACP States.

Article 12

In order to ensure the effective implementation of this Annex, the Contracting Parties agree to inform and consult each other.

In addition to the cases for which consultations are specifically provided for in Article 2 to 9, consultations shall also take place, at the request of the Community or the ACP States, and in accordance with the conditions provided for in the procedural rules in Article 12 of this Agreement, particularly in the following cases:

- (1) where Contracting Parties intend to take any trade measures affecting the interests of one or more Contracting Parties under this Annex, they shall inform the Council of Ministers thereof. Consultations shall take place, where the Contracting Parties concerned so request, in order to take account of their respective interests;
- (2) if, during the application of this Annex, the ACP States consider that agricultural products covered by paragraph 1 (2)(a) other than those subject to special treatment should benefit form such treatment, consultations may take place within the Council of Ministers;
- (3) where a Contracting Party considers that obstacles to the movement of goods arise as a result of the existing rules of another Contracting Party or the interpretation, application or administration thereof;
- (4) where the Community takes safeguard measures in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of this Annex, consultations on these measures may take place within the Council of Ministers.

where the Contracting Parties concerned so request, notably with a view to ensuring compliance with paragraph 8(3).

Such consultations must be completed within three months.

(a) Chapter 2 : Special undertaking on sugar and beef and veal

Article 13

- 1. In accordance with Article 25 of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé signed on 28 February 1975 and with Protocol 3 annexed thereto, the Community has undertaken for an indefinite period, notwithstanding the other provisions of this Annex, to purchase and import, at guaranteed prices, specific quantities of cane sugar, raw or white, which originates in the ACP States producing and exporting cane sugar and which those States have undertaken to deliver to it.
- 2. The conditions for the implementation of the aforementioned Article 25 have been laid down by Protocol 3 referred to in paragraph 1. The text of the Protocol is attached to this Annex as Protocol 3.
- 3. Article 8 of this Annex shall not apply within the framework of the said Protocol.
- 4. For the purpose of Article 8 of the said Protocol the institutions established under this Agreement may be used during the period of application of this Agreement.
- 5. Article 8(2) of the said Protocol shall apply should this Agreement cease to be operative.
- 6. The declarations contained in Annexes XIII, XXI and XXII of the Final Act to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé signed on 28 February 1975 are reaffirmed and their provisions shall continue to apply. These declarations are annexed as such to protocol 3.
- 7. This Article and Protocol 3 shall not apply to relations between the ACP States and the French overseas departments.
- 8. For the purpose of Article 8 of the said Protocol the institutions established under this Agreement may be used during the period of application of this Agreement.
- 9. Article 8(2) of the said Protocol shall apply should this Agreement cease to be operative.
- 10. The declarations contained in Annexes XIII, XXI and XXII of the Final Act to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé signed on 28 February 1975 are reaffirmed and their provisions shall continue to apply. These declarations are annexed as such to protocol 3.
- 11. This Article and Protocol 3 shall not apply to relations between the ACP States and the French overseas departments.

12.

Article 14

The special undertaking on beef and veal, defined in Protocol 4 annexed hereto shall apply.

Chapter 3: Final provisions

Article 15

The Protocols attached to this Annex shall form an integral part thereof.

PROTOCOL 2 on the implementation of Article 9

- 1. The Contracting Parties agree that every endeavour should be made to avoid recourse being had to the safeguard measures provided for under Article 8.
- 2. Both parties are guided by the conviction that the implementation of Article 9 (4) and (5) would enable them to recognise, at an early stage, problems which could arise and, taking account of all relevant factors, avoid as far as possible recourse to measures which the Community would prefer not to adopt vis-à-vis its preferential trading partners.
- 3. Both parties acknowledge the need for implementation of the mechanism of advance information provided for under Article 9 (4), the objective of which is to limit, in the case of sensitive products, the risks of sudden or unforeseen recourse to safeguard measures. These arrangements will permit the maintenance of a regular flow of trade information and the simultaneous implementation of regular consultation procedures. Thus the two parties will be in a position to follow closely the trends in the sensitive sectors and detect problems which could arise.
- 4. The following two procedures result from this:

The statistical surveillance mechanism

Without prejudice to internal arrangements that the Community may apply to control its imports, Article 9 (4) provides for the institution of a mechanism intended to ensure statistical surveillance of certain ACP exports to the Community and thus facilitate the examination of occurrences such as to cause market disturbances.

This mechanism, the sole objective of which is to facilitate the exchange of information between the parties, should apply only to products, which the Community considers, insofar as it is concerned, as sensitive.

The implementation of this mechanism will be the subject of a joint agreement on the basis of data to be furnished by the Community and with the help of statistical information to be communicated by the ACP States to the Commission at the latter's request.

For the effective implementation of this mechanism it is necessary that the ACP States concerned provide the Commission, as far as possible on a monthly basis, with statistics relating to their exports to the Community and to each of its Member States of products considered by the Community to be sensitive.

A procedure for regular consultation

The statistical surveillance mechanism mentioned above will enable the two parties betters to follow the trends in trade likely to cause concern. On the basis of this information and in accordance with Article 9 (5), the Community and the ACP States will have the possibility of holding periodic consultations in order to ensure that the objectives of that Article are fulfilled. These consultations will take place at the request of either party.

5. If the conditions of application of safeguard measures as provided for in Article 8 are fulfilled, it would be the responsibility of the Community, in accordance with Article 9(1) relating to prior consultations concerning the application of safeguard measures, to enter immediately into consultations with the ACP States concerned by providing them with all the information necessary for those consultations, especially the necessary data from which to determine to what extent imports of a specific product from an ACP state or States have caused or threatened to cause serious injury to the Community's domestic producers of like or directly competitive products or serious disturbances in a sector of the economy of the Community or difficulties which could bring about serious deterioration in the economic situation of a region of the Community.

- 6. If no other arrangement has been concluded in the meanwhile with the ACP state or States concerned, the competent authorities of the Community may, at the end of the twenty-one day period provided for in respect of those consultations, take the appropriate measures for the implementation of Article 8. These measures shall be communicated immediately to the ACP States and become immediately applicable.
- 7. This procedure would apply without prejudice to measures, which could be taken in the event of special factors within the meaning of Article 9(3). In this case all relevant information will be supplied promptly to the ACP States.
- 8. In this case, the interests of the least developed, landlocked and island ACP States will receive particular attention, in accordance with Article 2 of the Agreement.

Protocol 3 containing the text of Protocol 3 on ACP sugar appearing in the ACP-EC Convention of Lomé

signed on 28 February 1975 and the corresponding declarations annexed to that Convention

PROTOCOL 3 on ACP sugar

Article 1

- 1. The Community undertakes for an indefinite period to purchase and import, at guaranteed prices, specific quantities of cane sugar, raw or white, which originate in the ACP States and which these States undertake to deliver to it.
- 2. The safeguard clause in Article 10 of the Convention shall not apply. The implementation of this Protocol is carried out within the framework of the management of the common organisation of the sugar market which, however, shall in no way prejudice the commitment of the Community under paragraph 1.

Article 2

- 1. Without prejudice to Article 7, no change in this Protocol may enter into force until a period of five years has elapsed from the date on which the Convention enters into force. Thereafter, such changes as may be agreed upon will come into force at a time to be agreed.
- 2. The conditions for implementing the guarantee referred to in Article 1 shall be re-examined before the end of the seventh year of their application.

Article 3

1. Quantities of cane sugar referred to in Article 1, expressed in metric tons of white sugar, hereinafter referred to as 'agreed quantities', for delivery in each 12-month period referred to in Article 4 (1), shall be as follows:

Barbados	49 300
Fiji	163 600
Guyana	157 700
Jamaica	118 300
Kenya	5 000
Madagascar	10 000
Malawi	20 000
Mauritius	487 200
Swaziland	116 400
Tanzania	10 000
Trinidad and Tobago	69 000

Uganda	5 000
People's Republic of Congo	10 000

- 2. Subject to Article 7, these quantities may not be reduced without the consent of the individual States concerned.
- 3. Nevertheless, in respect of the period up to 30 June 1975, the agreed quantities, expressed in metric tons of white sugar, shall be as follows:

Barbados	29 600
Fiji	25 600
Guyana	29 600
Jamaica	83 800
Madagascar	2 000
Mauritius	65 300
Swaziland	19 700
Trinidad and Tobago	54 200

Article 4

- 1. In each 12-month period from 1 July to 30 June inclusive, hereinafter referred to as the 'delivery period', the sugar-exporting ACP States undertake to deliver the quantities referred to in Article 3 (1), subject to any adjustments resulting from the application of Article 7. A similar undertaking shall apply equally to the quantities referred to in Article 3 (3) in respect of the period up to 30 June 1975, which shall also be regarded as a delivery period.
- 2. The quantities to be delivered up to 30 June 1975, referred to in Article 3 (3), shall include supply en route from port of shipment or, in the case of landlocked States, across frontiers.
- 3. Deliveries of ACP cane sugar in the period up to 30 June 1975 shall benefit from the guaranteed prices applicable in the delivery period beginning 1 July 1975. Identical arrangements may be made for subsequent delivery periods.

Article 5

- 1. White or raw sugar shall be marketed on the Community market at prices freely negotiated between buyers and sellers.
- 2. The Community shall not intervene if and when a Member State allows selling prices within its borders to exceed the Community's threshold price.
- 3. The Community undertakes to purchase, at the guaranteed price, quantities of white or raw sugar, within agreed quantities, which cannot be marketed in the Community at a price equivalent to or in excess of the guaranteed price.
- 4. The guaranteed price, expressed in units of account, shall refer to unpacked sugar, cif European ports of the Community, and shall be fixed in respect of standard quality sugar. It shall be negotiated annually, within the price range obtaining in the Community, taking into account all relevant economic factors, and shall be decided at the latest by 1 May immediately preceding the delivery period to which it will apply.

Article 6

Purchase at the guaranteed price, referred to in Article 5 (3), shall be assured through the medium of the intervention agencies or of other agents appointed by the Community.

Article 7

- 1. If, during any delivery period, a sugar-exporting ACP State fails to deliver its agreed quantity in full for reasons of force majeure the Commission shall, at the request of the State concerned, allow the necessary additional period for delivery.
- 2. If a sugar-exporting ACP State informs the Commission during the course of a delivery period that it will be unable to deliver its agreed quantity in full and that it does not wish to have the additional period referred to in paragraph 1, the shortfall shall be reallocated by the Commission for delivery during the delivery period in question. Such reallocation shall be made by the Commission after consultation with the States concerned.
- 3. If, during any delivery period, a sugar-exporting ACP State fails to deliver its agreed quantity in full for reasons other than force majeure, that quantity shall be reduced in respect of each subsequent delivery period by the undelivered quantity.
- 4. It may be decided by the Commission that, in respect of subsequent delivery periods, the undelivered quantity shall be reallocated between the other States, which are referred to in Article 3. Such reallocation shall be made in consultation with the States concerned.

Article 8

- 1. At the request of one or more of the States supplying sugar under the terms of this Protocol, or of the Community, consultations relating to all measures necessary for the application of this Protocol shall take place within an appropriate institutional framework to be adopted by the Contracting Parties. For this purpose the institutions established by the Convention may be used during the period of application of the Convention.
- 2. In the event of the Convention ceasing to be operative, the sugar-supplying States referred to in paragraph 1 and the Community shall adopt the appropriate institutional provisions to ensure the continued application of the provisions of this Protocol.
- 3. The periodical reviews provided for under this Protocol shall take place within the agreed institutional framework.

Article 9

Special types of sugar traditionally delivered to Member States by certain sugar-exporting ACP States shall be included in, and treated on the same basis as, the quantities referred to in Article 3.

Article 10

The provisions of this Protocol shall remain in force after the date specified in Article 91 of the Convention. After that date the Protocol may be denounced by the Community with respect to each ACP State and by each ACP State with respect to the Community, subject to two years' notice.

ANNEX to Protocol 3 Declarations on Protocol 3

- 1. Joint declaration concerning possible requests for participation in the provisions of Protocol 3. Any request from an ACP State Contracting Party to the Convention not specifically referred to in Protocol 3 to participate in the provisions of that Protocol shall be examined 1.
- 2. Declaration by the Community concerning sugar originating in Belize, St-Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and Suriname
 - (a) The Community undertakes to adopt the necessary measures to ensure the same treatment as provided for in Protocol 3, for the following quantities of cane sugar, raw or white, originating in:

Belize 39 400 tons St-Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla 14 800 tons Suriname 4 000 tons

(b) Nevertheless, in respect of the period up to 30 June 1975, the quantities shall be as follows:

Belize 14 800 tons

St-Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla 7 900 tons 2

3. Declaration by the Community on Article 10 of Protocol 3.

The Community declares that Article 10 of Protocol 3 providing for the possibility of denunciation in that Protocol, under the conditions set out in that Article, is for the purposes of juridical security and does not represent for the Community any qualification or limitation of the principles enunciated in Article 1 of that Protocol 3.

¹ Annex XIII to the Final Act of the ACP – EEC Convention.

² Annex XXI to the Final Act of the ACP – EEC Convention

³ Annex XXII to the Final Act of the ACP – EEC Convention

ANNEX to Protocol 3

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE PROTOCOL ON ACP SUGAR

Letter No 1, from the Government of the Dominican Republic

Sir

I have the honour to confirm that the Dominican Republic wishes neither now nor in the future, to accede to the Protocol on ACP sugar annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention. The Dominican Republic accordingly undertakes not to apply to accede to the said Protocol. It will write a letter to this effect to the ACP Group of States. I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter. Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Letter No 2, from the President of the Council of the European Communities

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows: I have the honour to confirm that the Dominican Republic wishes neither now nor in the future, to accede to the Protocol on ACP sugar annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention. The Dominican Republic accordingly undertakes not to apply to accede to the said Protocol. It will write a letter to this effect to the ACP Group of States.`

The Community confirms its agreement on the content of that letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

ANNEX to Protocol 3

AGREEMENT

In the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zimbabwe and Saint Christopher and Nevis on the accession of the last-mentioned country to Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention

Letter No 1

Brussels,

Sir,

The representatives of the ACP States referred to in Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention and of the Commission on behalf of the European Economic Community, have agreed on the following:

 Saint Christopher and Nevis is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with an agreed quantity of 14 800 tonnes with effect from the day on which it accedes to the Second ACP-EEC Convention

Up to this date, the provisions of Annex IV to Council Decision 80/1186/EEC of 16 December 1980 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community shall remain applicable.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the Community

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Council of the European Communities

Letter No 2

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

"The representatives of the ACP Sates referred to in Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention and of the Commission on behalf of the European Economic community, have agreed on the following:

- Saint Christopher and Nevis is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with an agreed quantity of 14 800 tonnes with effect from the day on which it accedes to the Second ACP-EEC Convention.

Up to this date, the provisions of Annex IV to Council Decision 80/1186/EEC of 16 December 1980 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community shall remain applicable.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the Community."

I have the honour to confirm that the Governments of the ACP States referred to in your letter are in agreement with the contents thereof.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Governments

ANNEX to Protocol 3

AGREEMENT

In the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Barbados, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zimbabwe on the Accession of the latter country to Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention.

Letter No 1

Sir...,

The representatives of the ACP States referred to in Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention, of the Republic of Zimbabwe and of the Commission, on behalf of the European Economic Community, have agreed on the following.

The Republic of Zimbabwe is hereby included in Article 3(1) of the said Protocol with an agreed quantity of 25 000 tonnes with effect from 1 July 1982, and in respect of the period up to 30 June 1982 with an agreed quantity of 6 000 tonnes.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Government of the above-mentioned ACP States and the Community.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of he European Communities

Letter No 2

Sir...

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

"The representatives of the ACP States referred to in Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention of the Republic of Zimbabwe and of the Commission, on behalf of the European Economic Community, have agreed on the following.

The Republic of Zimbabwe is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with an agreed quantity of 25 000 tonnes with effect from 1 July 1982, and in respect of the period up to 30 June 1982 with an agreed quantity of 6 000 tonnes.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the Community."

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Governments of the ACP States referred o in this letter with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Governments

ANNEX to Protocol 3

AGREEMENT

In the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of the Ivory Coast on the Accession of the last-mentioned country to Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention.

Letter No 1

Sir,

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States referred to in Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention, the Republic of the Ivory Coast and the European Economic Community have agreed on the following.

The Republic of the Ivory Coast is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with effect from 1 July 1983 with an immediate agreed quantity of 2 000 tonnes (white value).

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the Community.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the European Communities

Letter No 2

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

"The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States referred to in Protocol 7 on ACP sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention, the Republic of the Ivory Coast and the European Economic Community have agreed on the following.

The Republic of the Ivory Coast is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with effect from 1 July 1983 with an immediate agreed quantity of 2 000 tonnes (white value).

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the Community."

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Governments of the ACP States referred to in your letter with the contents thereof.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Governments

ANNEX to protocol 3

AGREEMENT

In the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe on the accession of the Republic of Zambia to Protocol No 8 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Fourth ACP-EEC Convention.

Letter No 1

Brussels,.....

Sir

The African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States referred to in Protocol No 8 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Fourth ACP-EEC Convention, the Republic of Zambia and the European Community have agreed on the following.

The Republic of Zambia is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with effect from 1 January 1995 with an agreed quantity of 0 tonnes.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter confirm that this letter and your reply constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the European Community.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the European Union

Letter No 2

Brussels,.....

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today which reads as follows:

"The African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States referred to in Protocol No 8 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Fourth ACP-EEC Convention, the Republic of Zambia and the European Community have agreed on the following.

The Republic of Zambia is hereby included in Article 3 (1) of the said Protocol with effect from 1 January 1995 with an agreed quantity of 0 tonnes.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that this letter and your reply constitute and Agreement between the Governments of the above-mentioned ACP States and the European Community."

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Governments of the ACP States referred to in your letter with the contents thereof.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Governments of the ACP States referred to in Protocol No8 and of the Republic of Zambia

PROTOCOL 4 on beef and veal

The Community and the ACP States agree to take the special measures set out below to enable ACP States which are traditional exporters of beef and veal to maintain their position on the Community market, thus guaranteeing a certain level of income for their producers.

Article 1

Within the limits referred to in Article 2, customs duties other than *ad valorem* duties applicable to beef and veal originating in the ACP States shall be reduced by 92 %.

Article 2

Without prejudice to Article 4, the reduction in customs duties provided for in Article 1 shall apply to the following quantities expressed in boneless meat per calendar year and per country:

Botswana:	18916 tons
Kenya:	142 tons
Madagascar:	7 579 tons
Swaziland:	3 363 tons
Zimbabwe:	9 100 tons
Namibia:	13000 tons

Article 3

In the event of an actual or foreseeable recession in these exports due to disasters such as drought, cyclones or animal diseases, the Community is willing to consider appropriate measures to ensure that quantities affected for these reasons in any year can be delivered in the following year.

Article 4

If, in the course of a given year, one of the ACP States referred to in Article 2 is not in a position to supply the total quantity fixed and does not wish to benefit from the measures referred to in Article 3, the Commission may share out the amount to be made up among the other ACP States concerned. In such a case, the ACP States concerned shall put forward a proposal to the Commission, not later than 1 September of that year, naming the ACP State or States which will be in a position to supply the new additional quantity, at the same time indicating to it the ACP State which is not in a position to supply the full amount allocated to it, on the understanding that this new temporary allocation will not affect the initial quantities.

The Commission shall ensure that a decision is taken by 15 November at the latest.

Article 5

This Protocol shall be implemented in accordance with the common market organisation in the beef and veal sector, which, however, shall not affect the obligations entered into by the Community under this Protocol.

Article 6

Should the safeguard clause in Article 8(1) of the Annex be applied in the beef and veal sector, the Community will take the necessary measures to maintain the volume of exports from the ACP States to the Community at a level compatible with its obligations under this Protocol.

Joint declaration on beef and veal

- 1. The EU undertakes to ensure that the ACP States, beneficiaries of the protocol on beef and veal, derive full benefits therefrom. To this end, it commits itself to give effect to the provisions of this protocol by enacting in a timely fashion appropriate rules and procedures.
- 2. The EU further undertakes to implement the protocol so that ACP States can market their beef and veal throughout the year without undue restrictions. In addition, the EU will assist the ACP beef and veal exporters to improve their competitiveness through, inter alia, addressing supply-side constraints, in accordance with the development strategies set out in this Framework Agreement and within the context of National and Regional Indicative Programmes.
- 3. The EU will examine the requests of ACP Least-Developed-Countries to export their beef and veal under preferential conditions in the context of the actions it intends to take under the WTO's Integrated Framework for Least-Developed-Countries.

Protocol 5 The Second Banana Protocol

Article 1

The Parties recognise the overwhelming economic importance to the ACP banana suppliers of their exports to the Community market. The Community agrees to examine and where necessary take measures aimed at ensuring the continued viability of their banana export industries and the continuing outlet for their bananas on the Community market.

Article 2

Each of the ACP States concerned and the Community shall confer in order to determine the measures to be implemented so as to improve the conditions for the production and marketing of bananas. This aim shall be pursued through all the means available under the arrangements of the Convention for financial,, technical, agricultural, industrial and regional co-operation. The measures in question shall be designed to enable the ACP States, particularly Somalia, account being taken of their individual circumstance, to become more competitive. Measures will be implemented at all stages from production to consumption and will cover the following fields in particular.

- > Improvement of conditions of production and enhancement of quality through action in the areas of research, harvesting, packaging and handling
- > Transport and storage
- ➤ Marketing and trade promotion

Article 3

For the purposes of attaining these objectives, the two parties hereby agree to confer in a permanent joint group, assisted by a group of experts, whose task shall be to keep under continuous review any specific problems brought to its attention.

Article 4

Should the banana-producing ACP States decide to set up a joint organisation for the purpose of attaining the objectives, the Community shall support such an organisation and shall give consideration to any requests it may receive for support for the organisation's activities which fall within the scope of regional schemes under the heading of development finance co-operation.

DECLARATIONS

23/02/2000

FINAL ACT

II.

III. JOINT DECLARATION CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1 (2) (A) OF ANNEX V

The Contracting Parties have taken note that the Community intends to take the measures mentioned in the Annex, and which are laid down at the date of signing of the Agreement, with a view to granting ACP States the preferential treatment provided for in Article 1 (2) (a), for certain agricultural and processed products.

They have taken note that the Community declares that it will take all the measures required to ensure that the corresponding agricultural regulations are adopted in good time and that, wherever possible, they come into force at the same time as the interim arrangements which will be introduced after the signing of the successor Agreement to the fourth ACP-EC Convention signed in Lomé on 15 December 1989.

01 LIVE ANIMALS

0101 LIVE HORSES, ASSES, MULES AND HINNIES

0101 exemption

0102 LIVE BOVINE ANIMALS

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01029005 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029021
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029029
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029041
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029049
01029051
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029059
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029061
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029069
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029071
           reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
01029079 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
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0103 LIVE SWINE

01039110 reduction 16% **01039211** reduction 16% **01039219** reduction 16%

0104 LIVE SHEEP AND GOATS

01041030 reduction 100% customs duties within the limit of the quota (ctg1)
01041080 reduction 100% customs duties within the limit of the quota (ctg1)
01042010 exemption
01042090 reduction 100% customs duties within the limit of the quota (ctg1)

0105 LIVE POULTRY, FOWLS OF THE SPECIES GALLUS DOMESTICUS, DUCKS, GEESE, TURKEYS AND GUINEA FOWLS

0105 reduction 16%

0106 LIVE ANIMALS (EXCL, HORSES, ASSES, MULES, HINNIES, BOVINE ANIMALS, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, POULTRY, FISH, CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, AND MICROORGANIC CULTURES ETC,)

0106 exemption

02 MEAT AND EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL

0201 MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FRESH OR CHILLED

o201 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties (1)

0202 MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN

o202 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties (1)

0203 MEAT OF SWINE, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN

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within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
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   02031190
               exemption
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02031211
   02031219
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02031290
               exemption
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02031911
   02031913
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02031915
ex 02031955
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% (à l'exception des filets mignons
présentés seuls)
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02031959
   02031990
               exemption
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02032110
   02032190
               exemption
   02032211
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02032219
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02032290
               exemption
   02032911
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02032913
   02032915
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
ex 02032955
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% (à l'exception des filets mignons
présentés seuls)
   02032959
               within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
   02032990 exemption
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0204 MEAT OF SHEEP OR GOATS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN

open reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties;
domestic sheep: within the limit of the quota (quota2) reduction 65% specific duties;
other species: within the limit of the quota (quota1) reduction 100% specific duties

0205 MEAT OF HORSES, ASSES, MULES OR HINNIES, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN

0205 exemption

0206 EDIBLE OFFAL OF BOVINE ANIMALS, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, HORSES, ASSES, MULES OR HINNIES, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN

02061091	exemption
02061095	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties (1)
02061099	exemption
020621	exemption
020622	exemption
02062991	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties (1)
02062999	exemption
02063021	within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
02063031	within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%
02063090	exemption
02064191	within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%

02064199 exemption

02064991 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%

02064999 exemption 020680 exemption 020690 exemption

MEAT AND EDIBLE OFFAL OF FOWLS OF THE SPECIES GALLUS DOMESTICUS, DUCKS, GEESE, TURKEYS AND GUINEA FOWLS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN

0207 within the limit of the quota (ctg3) reduction 65%

0208 MEAT AND EDIBLE OFFAL OF RABBITS, HARES, PIGEONS AND OTHER ANIMALS N,E,S,, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN

0208 exemption

0209 PIG FAT, FREE OF LEAN MEAT AND POULTRY FAT NOT RENDERED, FRESH, CHILLED, FROZEN, SALTED, IN BRINE, DRIED OR SMOKED

02090011 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02090019 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02090030 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50%

02090090 reduction 16%

0210 MEAT AND EDIBLE OFFAL, SALTED, IN BRINE, DRIED OR SMOKED; EDIBLE FLOURS AND MEALS OF MEAT OR MEAT OFFAL

02101111 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101119 02101131 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101139 02101190 exemption within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101211 02101219 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101290 exemption 02101910 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101920 02101930 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101940 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101951 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101959 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101960 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101970 02101981 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02101989 02101990 exemption reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 021020 02109010 exemption

reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; 02109011

domestic sheep: within the limit of the quota (quota2) reduction 65% specific duties; other species: within the limit of the quota (quota1) reduction 100% specific duties

02109019 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties;

domestic sheep: within the limit of the quota (quota2) reduction 65% specific duties; other species: within the limit of the quota (quota1) reduction 100% specific duties **02109021** exemption

02109029 exemption 02109031 within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% within the limit of the quota (ctg7) reduction 50% 02109039 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 02109041 02109049 exemption **02109060** exemption 02109071 reduction 16% 02109079 reduction 16% **02109080** exemption **02109090** reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

03 exemption

04 DAIRY PRODUCE; BIRDS' EGGS; NATURAL HONEY; EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED

0401 MILK AND CREAM, NOT CONCENTRATED NOR CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

0401 reduction 16%

0402 MILK AND CREAM, CONCENTRATED OR CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

within the limit of the quota (ctg5) reduction 65%

0403 BUTTERMILK, CURDLED MILK AND CREAM, YOGURT, KEPHIR AND OTHER FERMENTED OR ACIDIFIED MILK AND CREAM,
WHETHER OR NOT CONCENTRATED OR FLAVOURED OR CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER,
FRUITS, NUTS OR COCOA

04031011 reduction 16% 04031013 reduction 16% 04031019 reduction 16% **04031031** reduction 16% **04031033** reduction 16% **04031039** reduction 16% 04031051 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 04031053 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 04031059 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 04031091 04031093 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 04031099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 04039011 reduction 16% 04039013 reduction 16% 04039019 reduction 16% 04039031 reduction 16% 04039033 reduction 16% 04039039 reduction 16% **04039051** reduction 16%

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04039053 reduction 16%
04039059
          reduction 16%
04039061
          reduction 16%
04039063 reduction 16%
04039069
          reduction 16%
04039071 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
04039073
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
04039079
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
04039091
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
04039093 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
04039099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
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0404 WHEY, WHETHER OR NOT CONCENTRATED OR CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER; PRODUCTS CONSISTING OF NATURAL MILK CONSTITUENTS, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER, N.E.S.

0404 reduction 16%

0405 BUTTER AND OTHER FATS AND OILS DERIVED FROM MILK

0405 reduction 16%

Preferential treatment applicable to agricultural products and foodstuffs originating in the ACP States

0406 CHEESE AND CURD

within the limit of the quota (ctg6) reduction 65%

0407 BIRDS' EGGS, IN SHELL, FRESH, PRESERVED OR COOKED

04070011 reduction 16%04070019 reduction 16%04070030 reduction 16%04070090 exemption

0408 BIRDS' EGGS, NOT IN SHELL, AND EGG YOLKS, FRESH, DRIED, COOKED BY STEAMING OR BY BOILING IN WATER, MOULDED, FROZEN OR OTHERWISE PRESERVED, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

 04081180
 reduction 16%

 04081981
 reduction 16%

 04081989
 reduction 16%

 04089180
 reduction 16%

 04089980
 reduction 16%

0409 NATURAL HONEY

0409 exemption

0410 TURTLES' EGGS, BIRDS' NESTS AND OTHER EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN N,E,S,

0410 exemption

05 PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED

05 exemption

06 LIVE TREES AND OTHER PLANTS; BULBS, ROOTS AND THE LIKE; CUT FLOWERS AND ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE

06 exemption

07 EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS

0701 POTATOES, FRESH OR CHILLED

0701 exemption

0702 TOMATOES, FRESH OR CHILLED

tomatoes other than cherry tomatoes 15/11-30/4: reduction 60% ad valorem customs duties within the limit of the quota (quota13a);

cherry tomatoes 15/11-30/4: reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties within the limit of the quota (quota13b)

0703 ONIONS, SHALLOTS, GARLIC, LEEKS AND OTHER ALLIACEOUS VEGETABLES, FRESH OR CHILLED

 07031019
 reduction 15% du 16/5-31/1 , exemption 1/2-15/5

 07031090
 reduction 16%

 070320
 reduction 15% du 1/6-31/1 , exemption 1/2-31/5

 070390
 reduction 16%

0704 CABBAGES, CAULIFLOWERS, KOHLRABI, KALE AND SIMILAR EDIBLE BRASSICAS, FRESH OR CHILLED

070410 reduction 16% **070420** reduction 16% **07049010** reduction 16%

 $\bf 07049090$ Chinese cabbage: reduction 15% 1/1-30/10 , exemption 1/11-31/12 ; other cabbages: reduction 16%

0705 LETTUCE 'LACTUCA SATIVA' AND CHICORY 'CICHORIUM SPP,', FRESH OR CHILLED

070511 Iceberg salad: reduction 15% 1/11-30/6, exemption 1/7-31/10; other salads: reduction 16%

070519 reduction 16% reduction 16% reduction 16% reduction 16%

0706 CARROTS, TURNIPS, SALAD BEETROOT, SALSIFY, CELERIAC, RADISHES AND SIMILAR EDIBLE ROOTS, FRESH OR CHILLED

070610 carrots: reduction 15% 1/4-31/12, exemption 1/1-31/3; turnips: reduction 16% reduction 16%

07069011 reduction 16% reduction 16% **07069030** exemption

ex 07069090 salad beetroot and radishes (raphanus sativus): exemption

0707 CUCUMBERS AND GHERKINS, FRESH OR CHILLED

ex **07070005** small winter cucumbers 1/11-15/5: reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; winter cucumbers other than small cucumbers: reduction 16% ad valorem customs duties **07070090** reduction 16%

0708 LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES, SHELLED OR UNSHELLED, FRESH OR CHILLED

0708 exemption

0709 OTHER VEGETABLES, FRESH OR CHILLED (EXCL, POTATOES, TOMATOES, ALLIACEOUS VEGETABLES, EDIBLE BRASSICAS, LETTUCE 'LACTUCA SATIVA' AND CHICORY 'CICHORIUM SPP,', CARROTS, TURNIPS, SALAD BEETROOT, SALSIFY, CELERIAC, RADISHES AN

070910 reduction 15% du 1/1-30/9, reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 1/10-31/12 reduction 15% du 1/2-14/8 , reduction 40% du 16/1-31/1 , exemption du 15/8-15/1 070920 070930 exemption 070940 exemption 07095110 reduction 16% 07095130 reduction 16% 07095150 reduction 16% 07095190 exemption 070952 reduction 16% 070960 exemption 070970 reduction 16% reduction 16% 07099010 07099020 reduction 16% 07099040 reduction 16% 07099050 reduction 16% 07099060 reduction 1,81 écu/t 07099070 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 07099090 exemption

0710 VEGETABLES, UNCOOKED OR COOKED BY STEAMING OR BOILING IN WATER, FROZEN

exemption 071010 071021 exemption exemption 071022 exemption 071029 exemption 071030 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 071040 exemption 07108051 07108059 exemption 07108061 exemption 07108069 exemption 07108070 exemption 07108080 exemption

07108085 exemption **07108095** exemption **071090** exemption

0711 VEGETABLES PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED, E,G, BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE GAS, IN BRINE, IN SULPHUR WATER OR IN OTHER PRESERVATIVE SOLUTIONS, BUT UNSUITABLE IN THAT STATE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION

071110exemption071130exemption071140exemption07119010exemption07119030reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties07119040exemption07119060exemption07119070exemption07119090exemption

0712 DRIED VEGETABLES, WHOLE, CUT, SLICED, BROKEN OR IN POWDER, BUT NOT FURTHER PREPARED

 071220
 exemption

 071230
 exemption

 07129005
 exemption

 07129019
 reduction 1,81 EUR/t

 07129030
 exemption

 07129050
 exemption

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 07129090

0713 DRIED LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES, SHELLED, WHETHER OR NOT SKINNED OR SPLIT

0713 exemption

0714 MANIOC, ARROWROOT, SALEP, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES, SWEET POTATOES AND SIMILAR ROOTS AND TUBERS WITH HIGH STARCH OR INULIN CONTENT, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SLICED OR IN THE FORM OF PELLETS; SAGO PITH

 07141010
 reduction 8,38 EUR/t

 07141091
 exemption

 07141099
 reduction 6,19 EUR/t

 071420
 exemption

 07149011
 exemption

 07149090
 reduction 6,19 EUR/t; arrow-root: exemption

08 EDIBLE FRUIT AND NUTS; PEEL OF CITRUS FRUITS OR MELONS

0801 COCONUTS, BRAZIL NUTS AND CASHEW NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLED OR PEELED

0801 exemption

0802 OTHER NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLED OR PEELED (EXCL, COCONUTS, BRAZIL NUTS AND CASHEW NUTS)

08021190 reduction 16% 08021290 reduction 16% 080221 reduction 16% 080222 reduction 16% 080231 exemption exemption 080232 080240 reduction 16% 080250 exemption 080290 exemption

0803 BANANAS, INCL, PLANTAINS, FRESH OR DRIED

08030011 exemption

08030019 The Community import regime for bananas is presently under review. The Parties agree to provide appropriate preferential access for ACP bananas in the context of the Community's future banana regime.

08030090 exemption

0804 DATES, FIGS, PINEAPPLES, AVOCADOS, GUAVAS, MANGOES AND MANGOSTEENS, FRESH OR DRIED

080410exemption08042010exemption du 1/11-30/4 within the limit of the ceiling (ceiling 3)08042090exemption080430exemption080440exemption080450exemption

0805 CITRUS FRUIT, FRESH OR DRIED

reduction 80% ad valorem customs duties; within the framework of the reference quantity (rq 1) 15/5-30/9 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties (4)
reduction 80% ad valorem customs duties; within the framework of the reference quantity (rq 2) 15/5-30/9 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties (4)
exemption
exemption
exemption
exemption

0806 GRAPES, FRESH OR DRIED

ex **08061010** seedless table grapes:within the limit of the quota (quota14) 1/12-31/1 exemption; within the framework of the reference quantity (rq3) 1/2-31/3 exemption (4) du 1/2-31/3 exemption (4) **080620** exemption

0807 MELONS, INCL, WATERMELONS, AND PAPAWS 'PAPAYAS', FRESH

0807 exemption

0808 APPLES, PEARS AND QUINCES, FRESH

080810	within the limit of the quota (ctg15) reduction 50% ad valorem customs duties
08082010	within the limit of the quota (ctg16) reduction 65% ad valorem customs duties
08082050	within the limit of the quota (ctg16) reduction 65% ad valorem customs duties
08082090	reduction 16%

0809 APRICOTS, CHERRIES, PEACHES INCL, NECTARINES, PLUMS AND SLOES, FRESH

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      080910
      du 1/5-31/8 reduction 15% ad valorem customs duties, 1/9-30/4 exemption

      08092005
      du 1/11-31/3 : exemption

      080930
      du 1/4-30/11 reduction 15% ad valorem customs duties, 1/12-31/3 exemption

      08094005
      du 1/4-14/12 reduction 15% ad valorem customs duties, 15/12-31/3 exemption

      08094090
      exemption
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0810 STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, BLACKBERRIES, BLACK, WHITE OR RED CURRANTS, GOOSEBERRIES AND OTHER EDIBLE FRUIT N,E,S,, FRESH

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\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{08101005} & \text{within the limit of the quota (ctg17) du } 1/11-29/2 \text{ exemption} \\ \textbf{08101080} & \text{within the limit of the quota (ctg17) du } 1/11-29/2 \text{ exemption} \\ \textbf{081020} & \text{reduction } 16\% \\ \textbf{081030} & \text{reduction } 16\% \\ \textbf{08104030} & \text{exemption} \\ \textbf{08104050} & \text{duty} = 3\% \\ \textbf{08104090} & \text{duty} = 5\% \\ \textbf{081090} & \text{exemption} \\ \end{array}
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0811 FRUIT AND NUTS, UNCOOKED OR COOKED BY STEAMING OR BOILING IN WATER, FROZEN, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

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08111011 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
08111019 exemption
08111090 exemption
08112011 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
08112019 exemption
08112031 exemption
08112039 exemption
08112051 exemption
08112059 exemption
08112090 exemption
08119011
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
08119019
08119031
          exemption
08119039
          exemption
08119050 exemption
08119070 exemption
08119075 exemption
08119080 exemption
08119085
          exemption
08119095
          exemption
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0812 FRUIT AND NUTS, PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED, E,G, BY SULPHUR DIOXIDE GAS, IN BRINE, IN SULPHUR WATER OR IN OTHER PRESERVATIVE

SOLUTIONS, BUT UNSUITABLE IN THAT STATE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION

 081210
 exemption exemption exemption

 08122010
 exemption exemption exemption

 08129020
 exemption exemption

 08129030
 exemption exemption

 08129040
 exemption exemption

 08129060
 exemption exemption

 08129070
 exemption exemption

 08129095
 exemption

0813 APRICOTS, PRUNES, APPLES, PEACHES, PEARS, PAWPAWS, TAMARINDS AND OTHER DRIED FRUIT N,E,S,; MIXTURES OF EDIBLE

NUTS OR DRIED FRUITS

0813 exemption

0814 PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS, INCL, WATERMELONS, FRESH, FROZEN, DRIED OR PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED IN BRINE,

OR IN WATER WITH OTHER ADDITIVES

0814 exemption

09 COFFEE, TEA, MATE AND SPICES

09 exemption

10 CEREALS

1001 WHEAT AND MESLIN

100110 within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%
10019010 exemption
10019091 within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%
10019099 within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%

1002 RYE

within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%

1003 BARLEY

within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%

1004 OATS

within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%

1005 MAIZE OR CORN

10051090 reduction 1,81 EUR/t

100590 reduction 1,81 EUR/t

1006 RICE

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10061010
               exemption
   10061021
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
   10061023
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR /t (2)
   10061025
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR /t (2)
   10061027
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
   10061092
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
   10061094
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
   10061096
   10061098
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction 65% et 4,34 EUR/t (2)
   100620
   100630
               within the limit of the quota (ctg11) reduction de 16,78 EUR/t, then reduced by 65%
and 6,52 EUR/t (2)
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100640 within the limit of the quota (ctg12) reduction 65% et 3,62 EUR/t (2)

1007 **GRAIN SORGHUM**

1007 reduction 60% within the limit of the ceiling (ceiling3) (3)

BUCKWHEAT, MILLET, CANARY SEED AND OTHER CEREALS (EXCL, WHEAT AND MESLIN, RYE, BARLEY, OATS, MAIZE, RICE AND GRAIN SORGHUM)

100810 within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%

100820 reduction 100% within the limit o the ceiling (ceiling2) (3)

100890 within the limit of the quota (ctg10) reduction 50%

PRODUCTS OF THE MILLING INDUSTRY; MALT; STARCHES; INULIN; WHEAT **GLUTEN**

1101 WHEAT OR MESLIN FLOUR

1101 reduction 16%

1102 CEREAL FLOURS (EXCL, WHEAT OR MESLIN)

110210 reduction 16% 11022010 reduction 7,3 EUR/t 11022090 reduction 3,6 EUR/t reduction 3.6 EUR/t 110230 11029010 reduction 7,3 EUR/t reduction 7,3 EUR/t 11029030 11029090 reduction 3,6 EUR/t

1103 CEREAL GROATS, MEAL AND PELLETS

110311	reduction 16%
110312	reduction 7,3 EUR/t
11031310	reduction 7,3 EUR/t
11031390	reduction 3,6 EUR/t
110314	reduction 3,6 EUR/t
11031910	reduction 7,3 EUR/t
11031930	reduction 7.3 EUR/t

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11031990 reduction 3,6 EUR/t reduction 7,3 EUR/t reduction 7,3 EUR/t 11032920 reduction 7,3 EUR/t reduction 7,3 EUR/t reduction 7,3 EUR/t reduction 7,3 EUR/t reduction 3,6 EUR/t 11032990 reduction 3,6 EUR/t reduction 3,6 EUR/t
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1104 CEREAL GRAINS OTHERWISE WORKED, E,G, HULLED, ROLLED, FLAKED, PEARLED, SLICED OR KEBBLED; GERM OF CEREALS, WHOLE, ROLLED, FLAKED OR GROUND (EXCL, CEREAL FLOURS, AND HUSKED AND SEMI- OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE AND BROKEN RICE)

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11041110
           reduction 3.6 EUR/t
11041190
           reduction 7,3 EUR/t
11041210
           reduction 3.6 EUR/t
11041290 reduction 7,3 EUR/t
110419
           reduction 7,3 EUR/t
11042110
          reduction 3,6 EUR/t
11042130
          reduction 3.6 EUR/t
          reduction 7.3 EUR/t
11042150
11042190
           reduction 3,6 EUR/t
11042199
          reduction 3,6 EUR/t
110422
           reduction 3,6 EUR/t
110423
           reduction 3,6 EUR/t
110429
           reduction 3,6 EUR/t
110430
           reduction 7.3 EUR/t
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1105 FLOUR, MEAL, FLAKES, GRANULES AND PELLETS OF POTATOES

1105 exemption

1106 FLOUR AND MEAL OF PEAS, BEANS, LENTILS AND OTHER DRIED LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES OF HEADING 0713, OF SAGO OR OF MANIOC, ARROWROOT, SALEP, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES, SWEET POTATOES AND SIMILAR ROOTS AND TUBERS WITH HIGH STARCH OR IN

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110610 exemption
11062010 reduction 7,98 EUR/t; arrow-root: exemption
11062090 reduction 29,18 EUR/t; arrow-root: exemption
110630 exemption
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1108 STARCHES; INULIN

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      110811
      reduction 24,8 EUR/t

      110812
      reduction 24,8 EUR/t

      110813
      reduction 24,8 EUR/t

      110814
      reduction 50% + reduction 24,8 EUR/t

      11081910
      reduction 37,2 EUR/t

      11081990
      reduction 50% + reduction 24,8 EUR/t ; arrow-root : exemption

      110820
      exemption
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1109 WHEAT GLUTEN, WHETHER OR NOT DRIED

reduction 219 EUR/t

OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUITS; MISCELLANEOUS GRAINS, SEEDS AND FRUIT; INDUSTRIAL OR MEDICAL PLANTS; STRAW AND FODD

1208 FLOURS AND MEALS OF OIL SEEDS OR OLEAGINOUS FRUITS (EXCL, MUSTARD)

120810 exemption

1209 SEEDS, FRUITS AND SPORES, FOR SOWING (EXCL, LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES AND SWEETCORN, COFFEE, TEA, MATE AND SPICES, CEREALS, OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUITS, AND SEEDS AND FRUIT USED PRIMARILY IN PERFUMERY, ...

1209 exemption

1210 HOP CONES, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT GROUND, POWDERED OR IN THE FORM OF PELLETS; LUPULIN

1210 exemption

1211 PLANTS AND PARTS OF PLANTS, INCL, SEEDS AND FRUITS, OF A KIND USED PRIMARILY IN PERFUMERY, MEDICAMENTS OR FOR INSECTICIDAL, FUNGICIDAL OR SIMILAR PURPOSES, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT CUT, CRUSHED OR POWDERED

1211 exemption

1212 LOCUST BEANS, SEAWEEDS AND OTHER ALGAE, SUGAR BEET AND SUGAR CANE, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT GROUND; FRUIT STONES AND KERNELS AND OTHER VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, INCL, UNROASTED CHICORY ROOTS OF THE VARIETY CICHORIUM INTYBU

 121210
 exemption

 121230
 exemption

 121291
 reduction 16% (5)

 121292
 reduction 16% (5)

12129910 exemption

1214 SWEDES, MANGOLDS, FODDER ROOTS, HAY, ALFALFA, CLOVER, SAINFOIN, FORAGE KALE, LUPINES, VETCHES AND SIMILAR FORAGE PRODUCTS, WHETHER OR NOT IN THE FORM OF PELLETS

12149010 exemption

13 LACS; GUMS, RESINS AND OTHER VEGETABLE SAPS AND EXTRACTS

13 exemption

15 ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS AND THEIR CLEAVAGE PRODUCTS; PREPARED EDIBLE FATS; ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE WAXES

1501 LARD; OTHER PIG FAT AND POULTRY FAT, RENDERED, WHETHER OR NOT PRESSED OR SOLVENT-EXTRACTED

1501 reduction 16%

1502 FATS OF BOVINE ANIMALS, SHEEP OR GOATS, RAW OR RENDERED, WHETHER OR NOT PRESSED OR SOLVENT-EXTRACTED

1502 exemption

1503 LARD STEARIN, LARD OIL, OLEOSTEARIN, OLEO-OIL AND TALLOW OIL (EXCL, EMULSIFIED, MIXED OR OTHERWISE PREPARED)

1503 exemption

1504 FATS AND OILS AND THEIR FRACTIONS OF FISH OR MARINE MAMMALS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED (EXCL, CHEMICALLY MODIFIED)

1504 exemption

1505 WOOL GREASE AND FATTY SUBSTANCES DERIVED THEREFROM, INCL, LANOLIN

1505 exemption

1506 OTHER ANIMAL FATS AND OILS AND THEIR FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED (EXCL, PIG FAT, POULTRY FAT, FATS OF BOVINE ANIMALS, SHEEP AND GOATS, FATS OF FISH AND OTHER MARINE ANIMALS, LARD STEARIN

1506 exemption

1507 SOYA-BEAN OIL AND ITS FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED (EXCL, CHEMICALLY MODIFIED)

1507 exemption

1508 GROUND-NUT OIL AND ITS FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED

1508 exemption

1511 PALM OIL AND ITS FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED (EXCL, CHEMICALLY MODIFIED)

1511 exemption

1512 SUNFLOWER-SEED, SAFFLOWER OR COTTON-SEED OIL AND FRACTIONS THEREOF, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED

1512 exemption

1513 COCONUT 'COPRA', PALM KERNEL OR BABASSU OIL AND FRACTIONS THEREOF, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED

1513 exemption

1514 RAPE, COLZA OR MUSTARD OIL AND FRACTIONS THEREOF, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED

1514 exemption

1515 FIXED VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS, INCL, JOJOBA OIL, AND THEIR FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED (EXCL, SOYA-BEAN, GROUND-NUT, OLIVE, PALM, SUNFLOWER-SEED, SAFFLOWER, COTTON-SEED, COCONUT, PALM KER

1515 exemption

1516 ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS AND THEIR FRACTIONS, PARTLY OR WHOLLY HYDROGENATED, INTER-ESTERIFIED, RE-ESTERIFIED OR ELAIDINISED, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT FURTHER PREPARED

1516 exemption

1517 MARGARINE, OTHER EDIBLE MIXTURES OR PREPARATIONS OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS OR OILS AND EDIBLE FRACTIONS OF DIFFERENT FATS OR OILS (EXCL, FATS, OILS AND THEIR FRACTIONS, PARTLY OR WHOLLY HYDROGENATED, INTER-ESTERIFIED, ...

15171010 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

15171090 exemption

15179010 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

15179091 exemption **15179099** exemption exemption

1518 ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS AND THEIR FRACTIONS, BOILED, OXIDISED, DEHYDRATED, SULPHURISED, BLOWN, POLYMERISED BY HEAT IN VACUUM OR IN INERT GAS OR OTHERWISE CHEMICALLY MODIFIED, INEDIBLE MIXTURES ...

1518 exemption

1520 GLYCEROL 'GLYCERINE', WHETHER OR NOT PURE; GLYCEROL WATERS AND GLYCEROL LYES

1520 exemption

1521 VEGETABLE WAXES, BEESWAX, OTHER INSECT WAXES AND SPERMACETI, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED OR COLOURED (EXCL, TRIGLYCERIDES)

1521 exemption

1522 DEGRAS; RESIDUES RESULTING FROM THE TREATMENT OF FATTY SUBSTANCES OR ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE WAXES

15220010 exemption **15220091** exemption **15220099** exemption

16 PREPARATIONS OF MEAT, FISH OR CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OR OTHER AQUATIC NVERTEBRATES

1601 SAUSAGES AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS, OF MEAT, OFFAL OR BLOOD; FOOD PREPARATIONS BASED ON THESE PRODUCTS

within the limit of the quota (ctg8) reduction 65%

1602 PREPARED OR PRESERVED MEAT, OFFAL OR BLOOD (EXCL, SAUSAGES AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS, AND MEAT EXTRACTS AND JUICES)

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160210
          reduction 16%
16022011 exemption
16022019
          exemption
16022090
          reduction 16%
160231
          within the limit of the quota (ctg4) reduction 65%
          within the limit of the quota (ctg4) reduction 65%
160232
          within the limit of the quota (ctg4) reduction 65%
160239
          reduction 16%
16024110
16024190
          exemption
16024210
          reduction 16%
16024290 exemption
160249
          reduction 16%
16025031
          exemption
16025039
          exemption
16025080
          exemption
          reduction 16%
16029010
16029031
          exemption
16029041
         exemption
16029051
          reduction 16%
16029069
          exemption
16029072
          exemption
16029074 exemption
16029076
          exemption
16029078 exemption
16029098 exemption
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1603 EXTRACTS AND JUICES OF MEAT, FISH OR CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

1603 exemption

1604 PREPARED OR PRESERVED FISH; CAVIAR AND CAVIAR SUBSTITUTES PREPARED FROM FISH EGGS

1604 exemption

1605 CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, PREPARED OR PRESERVED

1605 exemption

17 SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY

1702 OTHER SUGARS, INCL, CHEMICALLY PURE LACTOSE, MALTOSE, GLUCOSE AND FRUCTOSE, IN SOLID FORM; SUGAR SYRUPS NOT CONTAINING ADDED FLAVOURING OR COLOURING MATTER; ARTIFICIAL HONEY, WHETHER OR NOT MIXED WITH NATURAL HONEY; CARAMEL

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170211
          reduction 16%
170219
          reduction 16%
170220
          reduction 16% (5)
17023010
          reduction 16% (5)
17023051
          reduction 117 EUR/t
17023059
          reduction 81 EUR/t
17023091
          reduction 117 EUR/t
17023099
          reduction 81 EUR/t
17024010
          reduction 16% (5)
17024090
          reduction 81 EUR/t
170250
          exemption
          reduction 16% (5)
170260
17029010
          exemption
17029030
          reduction 16% (5)
17029050
          reduction 81 EUR/t
17029060
          reduction 16% (5)
17029071
          reduction 16% (5)
17029075
          reduction 117 EUR/t
17029079
          reduction 81 EUR/t
          reduction 16% (5)
17029080
17029099
          reduction 16% (5)
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1703 MOLASSES RESULTING FROM THE EXTRACTION OR REFINING OF SUGAR

within the limit of the quota (ctg9) reduction 100%

1704 SUGAR CONFECTIONERY NOT CONTAINING COCOA, INCL, WHITE CHOCOLATE

170410	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049010	exemption
17049030	exemption
17049051	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049055	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049061	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049065	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049071	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049075	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049081	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
17049099	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

18 COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS

1801 COCOA BEANS, WHOLE OR BROKEN, RAW OR ROASTED

1801 exemption

1802 COCOA SHELLS, HUSKS, SKINS AND OTHER COCOA WASTE

1802 exemption

1803 COCOA PASTE, WHETHER OR NOT DEFATTED

1803 exemption

1804 COCOA BUTTER, FAT AND OIL

1804 exemption

1805 COCOA POWDER, NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

1805 exemption

1806 CHOCOLATE AND OTHER FOOD PREPARATIONS CONTAINING COCOA

18061015 exemption reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 18061020 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 18061030 18061090 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 180620 exemption exemption 180631 exemption 180632 18069011 exemption 18069019 exemption 18069031 exemption 18069039 exemption 18069050 exemption 18069060 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 18069070 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 18069090 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

19 PREPARATIONS OF CEREALS, FLOUR, STARCH OR MILK; PASTRYCOOKS' PRODUCTS

1901 MALT EXTRACT; FOOD PREPARATIONS OF FLOUR, MEAL, STARCH OR MALT EXTRACT, NOT CONTAINING COCOA POWDER OR CONTAINING COCOA POWDER IN A PROPORTION BY WEIGHT OF < 50 % N,E,S,; FOOD PREPARATIONS OF GOODS OF HEADINGS 04 01 TO 04 04

reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; exemption EA dans la condition (c1)
reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; exemption EA dans la condition (c1)
reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

19019099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; exemption EA dans la condition (c1)

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

190211 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 190219 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 19022010 exemption 19022030 reduction 16% reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 19022091 19022099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 190230 190240 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

1903 TAPIOCA AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR PREPARED FROM STARCH, IN THE FORM OF FLAKES, GRAINS, PEARLS, SIFTINGS OR SIMILAR FORMS

1903 exemption

1904 PREPARED FOODS OBTAINED BY THE SWELLING OR ROASTING OF CEREALS OR CEREAL PRODUCTS, E,G, CORN FLAKES; CEREALS, OTHER THAN MAIZE 'CORN', IN GRAIN FORM, PRE-COOKED OR OTHERWISE PREPARED

reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

1905 BREAD, PASTRY, CAKES, BISCUITS AND OTHER BAKERS' WARES, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING COCOA; COMMUNION WAFERS, EMPTY CACHETS OF A KIND SUITABLE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL USE, SEALING WAFERS, RICE PAPER AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS

190510 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 190520 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 19053011 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; biscuits: exemption reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; biscuits : exemption 19053019 19053030 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 19053051 19053059 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 19053091 19053099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 190540 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 190590 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

- 20 PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS
- 2001 VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS AND OTHER EDIBLE PARTS OF PLANTS, PREPARED OR PRESERVED BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID

 200110
 exemption

 200120
 exemption

 20019020
 exemption

20019030 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties20019040 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

20019050 exemption
20019060 exemption
20019065 exemption
20019070 exemption
20019075 exemption
20019085 exemption
20019091 exemption
ex 20019096 exemption except vine leaves

2002 TOMATOES, PREPARED OR PRESERVED OTHERWISE THAN BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID

2002 exemption

2003 MUSHROOMS AND TRUFFLES, PREPARED OR PRESERVED OTHERWISE THAN BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID

2003 exemption

2004 OTHER VEGETABLES PREPARED OR PRESERVED OTHERWISE THAN BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID, FROZEN (EXCL, TOMATOES, MUSHROOMS AND TRUFFLES)

20041091 exemption
20041091 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20041099 exemption
20049010 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
ex 20049030 exemption except olives
20049050 exemption
20049091 exemption
20049098 exemption

2005 OTHER VEGETABLES PREPARED OR PRESERVED OTHERWISE THAN BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID (EXCL, FROZEN, AND TOMATOES, MUSHROOMS AND TRUFFLES)

200510 exemption 20052010 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties **20052020** reduction 16% **20052080** reduction 16% 200540 exemption exemption 200551 exemption 200559 exemption 200560 exemption 200570 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 200580 200590 exemption

2006 FRUIT, NUTS, FRUIT-PEEL AND OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS, PRESERVED BY SUGAR, DRAINED, GLACE OR CRYSTALLIZED

20060031 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

20060038 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

20060091 exemption **20060099** exemption

2007 JAMS, FRUIT JELLIES, MARMALADES, FRUIT OR NUT PUREE AND FRUIT OR NUT PASTES, BEING COOKED PREPARATIONS, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

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20071010
          exemption
20071091
          exemption
20071099
          exemption
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20079110
20079130
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20079190
          exemption
20079910
          exemption
20079920
          exemption
20079931
          exemption
20079933
          exemption
20079935
          exemption
20079939
          exemption
20079951
          exemption
20079955
          exemption
20079958
          exemption
          exemption
20079991
20079993
          exemption
20079998
          exemption
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2008 FRUITS, NUTS AND OTHER EDIBLE PARTS OF PLANTS, PREPARED OR PRESERVED, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER OR SPIRIT, N,E,S,

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200811
          exemption
200819
          exemption
200820
          exemption
20083011
          exemption
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties; grapefruit: exemption
20083019
20083031
          exemption
          exemption
20083039
20083051
          exemption
          exemption
20083055
          exemption
20083059
20083071
          exemption
20083075
          exemption
20083079
          exemption
20083091
          exemption
20083099
          exemption
          exemption
200840
20085011
          exemption
20085019
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20085031
          exemption
          exemption
20085039
20085051
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20085059
          exemption
20085061
          exemption
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exemption
20085069
20085071
          exemption
20085079
          exemption
          exemption
20085092
20085094
          exemption
20085099
          exemption
          exemption
20086011
20086019
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20086031
          exemption
20086039
          exemption
20086051
          exemption
          exemption
20086059
20086061
          exemption
          exemption
20086069
20086071
          exemption
          exemption
20086079
20086091
          exemption
20086099
          exemption
20087011
          exemption
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20087019
20087031
          exemption
20087039
          exemption
20087051
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
          exemption
20087059
20087061
          exemption
20087069
          exemption
20087071
          exemption
20087079
          exemption
20087092
          exemption
20087094
          exemption
20087099
          exemption
200880
          exemption
200891
          exemption
20089212
          exemption
20089214
          exemption
          exemption
20089216
20089218
          exemption
          exemption
20089232
20089234
          exemption
          exemption
20089236
20089238
          exemption
20089251
          exemption
20089259
          exemption
20089272
          exemption
20089274
          exemption
20089276
          exemption
20089278
          exemption
20089292
          exemption
          exemption
20089293
20089294
          exemption
20089296
          exemption
20089297
          exemption
20089298
          exemption
20089911
          exemption
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20089919
              exemption
   20089921
              exemption
   20089923
              exemption
              exemption
   20089925
   20089926
              exemption
              exemption
   20089928
   20089932
              exemption
   20089933
              reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
              reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
   20089934
   20089936
              exemption
   20089937
              exemption
   20089938
              exemption
   20089940
              exemption
   20089943
              exemption
   20089945
              exemption
   20089946
              exemption
   20089947
              exemption
   20089949
              exemption
   20089953
              exemption
              exemption
   20089955
   20089961
              exemption
              exemption
   20089962
   20089968
              exemption
              exemption
   20089972
   20089974
              exemption
   20089979
              exemption
ex 20089985
              exemption except sweet corn
   20089991
              reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
ex 20089999
              exemption except vine leaves
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2009 FRUIT JUICES, INCL, GRAPE MUST, AND VEGETABLE JUICES, UNFERMENTED, NOT CONTAINING ADDED SPIRIT, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER

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20091111
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20091119
          exemption
20091191
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20091199
          exemption
20091911
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20091919
          exemption
20091991
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20091999
          exemption
200920
           exemption
20093011
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20093019
          exemption
20093031
          exemption
20093039
          exemption
20093051
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20093055
          exemption
20093059
          exemption
          reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20093091
20093095
          exemption
20093099
          exemption
200940
          exemption
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200950	exemption
200960	exemption
20097011	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20097019	exemption
20097030	exemption
20097091	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20097093	exemption
20097099	exemption
20098011	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20098019	exemption
20098032	exemption
20098033	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20098035	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20098036	exemption
20098038	exemption
20098050	exemption
20098061	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20098063	exemption
20098069	exemption
20098071	exemption
20098073	exemption
20098079	exemption
20098083	exemption
20098084	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20098086	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20098088	exemption
20098089	exemption
20098095	exemption
20098096	exemption
20098097	exemption
20098099	exemption
20099011	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20099019	exemption
20099021	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20099029	exemption
20099031	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20099039	exemption
20099041	exemption
20099049	exemption
20099051	exemption
20099059	exemption
20099071	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20099073	exemption
20099079	exemption
20099092	exemption
20099094	reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
20099095	exemption
20099096	exemption
20099097	exemption
20099098	exemption

21 MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PREPARATIONS

2101 EXTRACTS, ESSENCES AND CONCENTRATES, OF COFFEE, TEA OR MATE AND PREPARATIONS WITH A BASIS OF THESE PRODUCTS OR WITH A BASIS OF COFFEE, TEA OR MATE; ROASTED CHICORY AND OTHER ROASTED COFFEE SUBSTITUTES, AND EXTRACTS, ESSENCE

210111 exemption
210112 exemption
210120 exemption
21013011 exemption
21013019 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
21013091 exemption
21013099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

2102 YEASTS, ACTIVE OR INACTIVE, OTHER DEAD SINGLE-CELL MICRO-ORGANISMS, PREPARED BAKING POWDERS (EXCL, SINGLE-CELL MICRO-ORGANISMS PACKAGED AS MEDICAMENTS)

21021010 exemption
21021031 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
21021039 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
21021090 exemption
210220 exemption
210230 exemption

2103 SAUCE AND PREPARATIONS THEREFOR; MIXED CONDIMENTS AND MIXED SEASONINGS; MUSTARD FLOUR AND MEAL, WHETHER OR NOT PREPARED, AND MUSTARD

2103 exemption

2104 SOUPS AND BROTHS AND PREPARATIONS THEREFOR; FOOD PREPARATIONS CONSISTING OF FINELY HOMOGENIZED MIXTURES OF TWO OR MORE BASIC INGREDIENTS, SUCH AS MEAT, FISH, VEGETABLES OR FRUIT, PUT UP FOR RETAIL SALE AS INFANT FOOD

2104 exemption

2105 ICE CREAM AND OTHER EDIBLE ICE, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING COCOA

2105 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

2106 FOOD PREPARATIONS N,E,S,

210610 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties 21069020 exemption reduction 16% (5) 21069030 21069051 reduction 16% 21069055 reduction 81 EUR/t 21069059 reduction 16% (5) 21069092 exemption 21069098 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

22 BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR

2201 WATERS, INCL, NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL MINERAL WATERS AND AERATED WATERS, NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR, OTHER SWEETENING MATTER OR FLAVOURED; ICE AND SNOW

2201 exemption

2202 WATERS, INCL, MINERAL WATERS AND AERATED WATERS, CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER OR FLAVOURED, AND OTHER NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (EXCLUDING FRUIT OR VEGETABLE JUICES AND MILK)

220210 exemption
22029010 exemption
22029091 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
22029095 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties
22029099 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

2203 BEER MADE FROM MALT

2203 exemption

2204 WINE OF FRESH GRAPES, INCL, FORTIFIED WINES; GRAPE MUST, PARTLY FERMENTED, OF ACTUAL ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH OF > 0,5 % VOL, WHETHER OR NOT WITH ADDED ALCOHOL

22043092 exemption22043094 exemption22043096 exemption22043098 exemption

2205 VERMOUTH AND OTHER WINE OF FRESH GRAPES, FLAVOURED WITH PLANTS OR AROMATIC SUBSTANCES

2205 exemption

2206 CIDER, PERRY, MEAD AND OTHER FERMENTED BEVERAGES AND MIXTURES OF FERMENTED BEVERAGES AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, N,E,S, (EXCL, BEER, WINE OR FRESH GRAPES, GRAPE MUST, VERMOUTH AND OTHER WINE OF FRESH GRAPES FLAVOURED WITH

22060031 exemption 22060039 exemption 22060051 exemption 22060059 exemption 22060081 exemption exemption

2207 UNDENATURED ETHYL ALCOHOL OF AN ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH BY VOLUME OF >= 80 %; ETHYL ALCOHOL AND OTHER SPIRITS, DENATURED, OF ANY STRENGTH

2207 exemption

2208 UNDENATURED ETHYL ALCOHOL OF AN ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH BY **VOLUME OF < 80 %; SPIRITS, LIQUEURS AND OTHER SPIRITUOUS** BEVERAGES; COMPOUND ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS OF A KIND USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF BEVERAGES

2208 exemption

2209 VINEGAR AND SUBSTITUTES FOR VINEGAR OBTAINED FROM ACETIC ACID

22090091 exemption **22090099** exemption

- RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL **FODDER**
- 2302 BRAN, SHARPS AND OTHER RESIDUES, WHETHER OR NOT IN THE FORM OF PELLETS, DERIVED FROM THE SIFTING, MILLING OR OTHER WORKING OF CEREALS OR OF LEGUMINOUS PLANTS

230210 reduction 7.2 EUR/t 230220 reduction 7.2 EUR/t 230230 reduction 7,2 EUR/t 230240 reduction 7,2 EUR/t 230250 exemption

2303 RESIDUES OF STARCH MANUFACTURE AND SIMILAR RESIDUES, BEET-PULP, BAGASSE AND OTHER WASTE OF SUGAR MANUFACTURE, BREWING OR DISTILLING DREGS AND WASTE, WHETHER OR NOT IN THE FORM OF **PELLETS**

23031011 reduction 219 EUR/t

2308 ACORNS, HORSE-CHESTNUTS, MARC AND OTHER VEGETABLE MATERIALS AND VEGETABLE WASTE, VEGETABLE RESIDUES AND BY-PRODUCTS OF A KIND USED IN ANIMAL FEEDING, WHETHER OR NOT IN THE FORM OF PELLETS, N,E,S,

23089090 exemption

2309 PREPARATIONS OF A KIND USED IN ANIMAL FEEDING

 reduction 10,9 EUR/t reduction 16% reduction 16% reduction 10,9 EUR/t reduction 16% reduction 10,9 EUR/t reduction 10.9 EUR/t reduction 16% reduction 16% 23091090 exemption exemption 23099031 reduction 10,9 EUR/t

23099033 reduction 10,9 EUR/t

23099035 reduction 16%

23099039 reduction 16%

23099041 reduction 10,9 EUR/t

23099043 reduction 10,9 EUR/t

23099049 reduction 16%

23099051 reduction 10,9 EUR/t

23099053 reduction 10,9 EUR/t

23099059 reduction 16%

23099070 reduction 16%

23099091 exemption

24 TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES

24 exemption (6)

29 ORGANIC CHEMICALS

2905 ACYCLIC ALCOHOLS AND THEIR HALOGENATED, SULPHONATED, NITRATED OR NITROSATED DERIVATIVES

2905 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

- 33 ESSENTIAL OILS AND RESINOIDS; PERFUMERY, COSMETIC OR TOILET PREPARATIONS
- 3301 ESSENTIAL OILS, WHETHER OR NOT TERPENELESS, INCL, CONCRETES AND ABSOLUTES; RESINOIDS; CONCENTRATES OF ESSENTIAL OILS IN FATS, FIXED OILS, WAXES OR THE LIKE, OBTAINED BY ENFLEURAGE OR MACERATION; TERPENIC BY-PRODUCTS

3301 exemption

3302 MIXTURES OF ODORIFEROUS SUBSTANCES AND MIXTURES, INCL, ALCOHOLIC SOLUTIONS, BASED ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE SUBSTANCES, OF A KIND USED AS RAW MATERIALS IN INDUSTRY

33021029 exemption

- 35 ALBUMINOUS SUBSTANCES; MODIFIED STARCHES; GLUES; ENZYMES
- 3501 CASEIN, CASEINATES AND OTHER CASEIN DERIVATIVES; CASEIN GLUES (EXCL, THOSE PACKAGED AS GLUE FOR RETAIL SALE AND WEIGHING =< 1 KG)

3501 exemption

3502 ALBUMINS, 'INCL, CONCENTRATES OF TWO OR MORE WHEY PROTEINS CONTAINING BY WEIGHT > 80% WHEY PROTEINS, CALCULATED ON THE DRY MATTER', ALBUMINATES AND OTHER ALBUMIN DERIVATIVES

35021190 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

35022091 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

3503 GELATIN, WHETHER OR NOT IN SQUARE OR RECTANGULAR SHEETS, WHETHER OR NOT SURFACE-WORKED OR COLOURED, AND GELATIN DERIVATIVES; ISINGLASS; OTHER GLUES OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (EXCL, THOSE PACKAGED AS GLUE FOR RETAIL SALE AND WEIGHIN

3503 exemption

3504 PEPTONES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES; OTHER ALBUMINOUS SUBSTANCES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES N,E,S,; HIDE POWDER, WHETHER OR NOT CHROMED

3504 exemption

DEXTRINS AND OTHER MODIFIED STARCHES, E,G, PREGELATINISED OR ESTERIFIED STARCHES; GLUES BASED ON STARCHES, DEXTRINS OR OTHER MODIFIED STARCHES (EXCL, THOSE PUT UP FOR RETAIL SALE AND WEIGHING =< 1 KG)

35051010 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

35051050 exemption

35051090 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

38 MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

3809 FINISHING AGENTS, DYE CARRIERS TO ACCELERATE THE DYEING OR FIXING OF DYES AND OTHER PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS SUCH AS DRESSINGS AND MORDANTS OF A KIND USED IN THE TEXTILE, PAPER, LEATHER OR LIKE INDUSTRIES N.E.S.

380910 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

3824 PREPARED BINDERS FOR FOUNDRY MOULDS OR CORES; CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES, INCL, MIXTURES OF NATURAL PRODUCTS N,E,S,; RESIDUAL PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES

382460 reduction 100% ad valorem customs duties

50 SILK

50 exemption

52 COTTON

52 exemption

Provisions for the French overseas departments

1. Customs duties shall not be levied on imports into the French overseas departments of the following products originating in the ACP States or the overseas countries and territories:

CN code	<u>Description</u>
0102	Live bovine animals of domesticated species other than pure-bred breeding animals
0102 90	
0102 90 05	
0102 90 21	
0102 90 29	
0102 90 41	
0102 90 49	
0102 90 51	
0102 90 59	
0102 90 61	
0102 90 69	
0102 90 71	
0102 90 79	
0201	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen
0202	
0206 10 95	
0206 29 91	
0709 90 60	Sweet corn
0712 10 90	
1005 90 00	
0714 10 91	-Manioc roots, including yams
0714 90 11	
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- 2. The customs duty shall not be levied on direct imports of rice falling within CN heading 1006, excluding rice for sowing of CN heading 1006 10 10 imported into Réunion.
- 3. If imports into the French overseas departments of sweet corn originating in the ACP States or the overseas countries and territories exceed 25 000 tonnes within a given year, and if these imports threaten to seriously disturb these markets, the Commission shall take the necessary measures.
- 4. Within the limit of an annual quota of 2000 tonnes, no customs duties shall be levied on products falling within CN codes 0714 10 91 and 0714 90 11.

References

Live sheep and goats quotal 100 tons quota2 500 tons Meat of sheep or goats quota3 400 tons Poultrymeat quota4 500 tons Prepared poultrymeat quota5 1000 tons Milk and cream quota6 1000 tons Cheese and curd quota7 500 tons Pigmeat quota8 500 tons Prepared pigmeat Molasses quota9 600000 tons Wheat and meslin quota1015000 tons quota11125000 tons Husked rice quota1220000 tons Broken rice quota13a 2000 tons Tomatoes other than cherry tomatoes quota13b 2000 tons Cherry tomatoes Seedless table grapes quota14800 tons quota151000 tons **Apples** quota162000 tons Pears quota171600 tons Strawberries ceiling 1 100000 tons Sorghum ceiling 2 60000 tons Millet ceiling 3 200 tons Fresh figs rq 1 25000 tons **Oranges** 4000 tons Mandarins rq 2 rq 3 100 tons Seedless table grapes

- (1) Where, in the course of a year, imports into the Community of products falling within CN codes 0201, 0206 10 95, 0206 29 91, 1602 50 10 or 1602 90 61, originating in an ACP State exceed a quantity equivalent to imports into the Community during whichever year between 1969 and 1974 Community imports of products of that origin were highest, plus an annual growth rate of 7 %, exemption from customs duties on the products of that origin shall be partially or totally suspended.
 - In that event the Community shall determine the arrangements to be applied to the imports in question.
- (2) The reduction shall apply only to imports for which the importer provides proof that an export charge of an amount equivalent to the reduction has been collected by the exporting country.
- (3) If, in the course of a year, the ceiling is reached, the Community may, by means of a Regulation, reintroduce the application of normal customs duties until the end of the period of validity; the duties applicable shall be reduced by 50%.
- (4) If imports of a product exceed the reference quantity, a decision may be taken to make it subject to a ceiling equal to the reference quantity, having regard to the annual balance of trade in the product.
- (5) This reduction shall not be applied when the Community, in accordance with its Uruguay Round commitments, applies additional duties.
- (6) If serious disturbances occur as a result of a large increase in duty-free imports of products falling within CN code 2401, originating in the ACP States, or if these imports create difficulties which bring about a deterioration in the economic situation

- of a region of the Community, the Community may take measures to counteract any deflection of trade.
- (c1) Whether or not containing less than 1,5 % by weight of milk fat, with a starch or flour content of 50 % or over but of less than 75 % by weight.

Joint declaration on market access in the EC-ACP Partnership

The Parties accept the fact that both sides expect to take part in the negotiations and implementation of agreements leading to further multilateral and bilateral trade liberalisation.

The parties note the Community's commitment to provide least developed countries with free market access for essentially all products by 2005.

At the same time they recognise, with respect to ACP preferential access to the Community market, that this wider process of liberalisation could lead to a deterioration in the relative competitive position of the ACP States which would threaten their development efforts, which the Community is concerned to support.

The Parties therefore agree to examine all necessary measures in order to maintain their competitive position of the ACP States on the Community market during the preparatory period. This examination may include, inter alia, calendar requirements, rules of origin, sanitary and phytosanitary measures and implementation of specific measures addressing supply side constraints in the ACP countries. The objective will be to offer ACP countries possibilities to exploit their existing and potential comparative advantage on the Community market. Bearing in mind their commitment to cooperation in the WTO, the parties agree that this examination will also take into account any extension within the WTO of the trade advantages which may be offered by Member countries to developing countries.

To this end, the Ministerial Trade Committee should make recommendations on the basis of an initial review to be prepared by the Commission and the ACP Secretariat. The EC Council will examine these recommendations on the basis of a proposal from the Commission, with a view to preserving the benefits of the ACP-EC trade arrangement.

The Council of the European Community, for its part, underlines its obligation to take account the effect any agreement or other measures to be taken by the EC on ACP-EC trade. It requests the Commission to carry out the necessary impact assessments on a systematic basis.

The measures will relate to the preparatory period and will take due account of the Community's common agricultural policy.

The Ministerial Trade Committee shall monitor the implementation of this Declaration and make appropriate reports to the ACP-EC Council of Ministers.

Joint Declaration on non-discrimination

The Parties agree that notwithstanding specific provisions of Annex V to this Agreement, the Community shall not discriminate between ACP States in the trade regime provided for in the framework of that Annex, taking account however of the provisions of this Agreement and of specific autonomous initiatives in the multilateral context, such as that in favour of the least developed countries pursued by the Community.