

QUOTA USER GUIDE

The Commission's Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD), in co-operation with the customs administrations of the Member States, is in charge of the treatment of EU tariff quotas managed following the chronological order of dates of customs declarations (the so-called "first-come first-served" method).

This user manual has been drafted by DG TAXUD to illustrate how to use the Tariff Quota Consultation website via multiple examples of its functions.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Management/Legal basis

The information found in the DDS Quota Database reflects the situation at the time of viewing with regard to Union Tariff Quotas (TQs) managed according to the so-called "First-come First-served" principle. Such quotas are managed in accordance with the chronological order of dates of acceptance of declaration for release for free circulation. Each tariff quota is identified by a six-digit order number.

The legal provisions governing the management of these tariff quotas are set out in Articles 49 to 54 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code.

Reports of quota usage

In order to ensure maximum transparency, it has been decided to publish on a weekly basis a consolidated report on the use of these tariff quotas for the entire European Union in an Excel format.

These weekly reports can be found in the [CIRCABC platform](#) under: Reports on Use of Tariff Quotas.

Link: https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/0e5f18c2-4b2f-42e9-aed4-dfe50ae1263b/library/415f5a35-394a-45d3-8262-ded9c755f5c7?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC

Agricultural tariff quotas (Order number: 094XXX)

A number of specific Union tariff quotas for certain agricultural products (quotas with Order Number beginning with 094) do not come under the "First-come First-served" management system. For more detailed information concerning those tariff quotas please consult the relevant [DG AGRI Quotas webpage](#) or address queries to the responsible Commission service in DG Agriculture.

Further Information - Contact

Further information concerning tariff quotas may be obtained from the customs authorities of the Member States or by directing questions and comments to the the Tariff Quota Service of the European Commission through the functional mail-box TAXUD-DDS-Quota@ec.europa.eu which can be accessed through the link "[QUOTA Mail Box](#)" in the banner.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATIONS OF TERMS USED

Tariff quotas

A tariff quota is any pre-set value or quantity of given goods, which may be imported during a specified period with a reduction or suspension of the normal customs duties, and beyond which any additional quantity of these goods can be imported by paying normal customs duties.

Importers wishing to benefit from tariff quotas must make a claim in accordance with Union and national requirements.

In accordance with Union provisions, Customs register the date on which they accept each customs declaration. Management of tariff quotas on a "First-come First-served" basis means that when more than one claim on the same tariff quota are being considered, priority is given to the claim resulting from the customs declaration(s) which was the first to be accepted. Claims which have the same priority are given equal treatment.

Within the framework of these rules of management, a tariff quota allocation is made in the afternoon of each Commission working day, taking into consideration all eligible requests already received by the Commission for which allocation is pending.

Order Number

Order numbers are composed of 6 digits. They are provided for in the Regulations creating tariff quotas and are also to be found in the [TARIC DATABASE](#) in the columns relating to particular rates of duty for the products concerned.

Order numbers that begin with 094 are attributed to tariff quotas administered by DG AGRI. These tariff quotas are not "First come – first served" and there is no information available for them in the Quota Database webpage.

Validity period

Each tariff quota is valid for a specific period which is indicated in the Regulation that establishes that quota. The periods of validity may vary (e.g. yearly, monthly, etc.). A tariff quota can only be allocated to goods for which the acceptance date of the customs declaration falls within the period between the start date and the end date of validity of that quota.

Origin

Most tariff quotas are limited to goods originating in specific countries. It is possible to make queries in the Quota Database based on origin by using the drop-down menu and selecting the country in which you are interested (See examples).

Initial Amount or volume

The figure displayed is the total volume of the tariff quota concerned as set out in the relevant EU regulations.

Amount or volume

The figure displayed is the total volume of the tariff quota concerned as set out in the relevant EU regulations and as modified due to subsequent amendments to the legislation or transfer of amounts from other tariff quotas.

Balance

In the context of tariff quotas the balance is the amount that remains available for use under the quota after the last allocation. If the figure displayed is 0 it is an indication that the tariff quota has been exhausted.

It should be noted that under the "First-come First-served" management regime (Article 51(2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447) drawing requests are not treated before the second working day following the date of acceptance of the customs declarations requesting the benefit of the quota. Consequently, it might be the case that a number of recent requests are still awaiting treatment at the time of any particular enquiry. The figure of requests forwarded but not treated is displayed as the **Total awaiting allocation**. Furthermore, before the allocation takes place MS may forward additional requests on the same quota. The "balance" figure does not take account of such pending requests. As stated in Article 49(1) of the Regulation, priority in relation to any drawing requests treated at the same time as the pending requests is determined by reference to the date(s) of acceptance of the respective customs declarations. **Therefore the economic operator might be denied the benefit of a quota, even though this does not appear to be exhausted, because of the allocation of pending requests.**

Exhaustion date

This field displays the date of exhaustion of the tariff quota; i.e. the date of acceptance by the customs authorities of the most recent declaration to have benefited from that tariff quota, as established by the last allocation.

Critical

The critical status of each tariff quota is determined in accordance with Article 53 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447. If a tariff quota is "critical" the Customs administration may request a guarantee at the time of release of the goods into free circulation.

Last import date

This is the acceptance date of the most recent customs declaration treated in the allocation.

Last allocation date

The last allocation date is the most recent date on which an allocation for this quota has taken place.

Total awaiting allocation

The figure displayed as the "total awaiting allocation" is the aggregate total of the drawing requests received by the Commission for a particular tariff quota which have not yet been treated. If the total awaiting allocation exceeds or even approaches the amount indicated under "Balance" this should be taken as an indication that the quota will soon be exhausted.

Blocking period

Sometimes it is necessary, for reasons of equity, to temporarily prevent drawings from being granted on a particular tariff quota. The blocking period is the period during which requests to benefit from the tariff quota are accepted by MS and forwarded to the Commission but no allocations are made on this tariff quota.

Suspension Period

Sometimes legal provisions are adopted for the suspension of the application of a particular tariff quota. A request for drawing on a suspended tariff quota which was based on a declaration accepted during the period of suspension will be automatically rejected by the QUOTA2 system.

Allocated percentage at the exhaustion date

The number displays the percentage of allocation that the requests for the quota received on the date of exhaustion. This is usually less than 100% since on the day of exhaustion the sum of the requests exceeds the remaining volume (balance) of the quota.

Associated TARIC code


The associated TARIC codes are commodity codes referring to goods entitled to benefit from a tariff quota.

EXAMPLES

Search by a country name (origin)

A country can be found by indicating the full name of the country. The result of the origin query always indicates the country name and all the possible country groups to which it belongs.

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Origin

Order number

List

Validity period (start date in)

☐ 2019

☒ 2018

☐ 2017

☐ 2016

☐ 2015

Critical

Not specified

Status

None

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Click on the drop box to choose the country or group of countries + Search

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Origin

Australia

Order number

List

Validity period (start date in)

☐ 2019

☒ 2018

☐ 2017

☐ 2016

☐ 2015

Critical

Not specified

Status

None

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Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
092012	Australia	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	8629458.663 Kilogram	[Details]
092105	Australia	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	8629458.663 Kilogram	[Details]
092106	Australia	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	8629458.663 Kilogram	[Details]
092201	Multiple origins	01-07-2018	30-06-2019	33750000 Kilogram	[Details]
092202	Multiple origins	01-10-2018	31-12-2018	11250000 Kilogram	[Details]
092202	Multiple origins	01-07-2018	30-09-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
092202	Multiple origins	01-04-2018	30-06-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
092202	Multiple origins	01-01-2018	31-03-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]

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In this example eight tariff quotas with the chosen country of origin (Australia) are selected. Results indicate the 'Start Date', 'End Date' and 'Balance' for each quota. Click on "Details" to the right of each line for information on a specific tariff quota.

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Tariff quota details	
Order number	092106
Validity period	01-01-2018 - 31-12-2018
Origins	Australia
Initial amount	19186000 Kilogram
Amount	19186000 Kilogram
Balance	8629458.663 Kilogram
Transferred Amount	
Exhausted date	
Critical	No
Last import date	18-07-2018
Last allocation date	20-07-2018
Total awaiting allocation	0
Blocking period	
Suspension period	
Allocated percentage at the exhaustion date	100
Associated taric code	0204 23 00 19 0204 23 00 99 0204 43 90 00 0204 50 39 90 0204 50 79 90

A screen is opened providing tariff quota details. Clicking on the 'Associated TARIC code' will open another screen (see below) with information on the TARIC goods nomenclature.

TARIC goods nomenclature information		The reference date is 01-01-2018
Goods nomenclature code: 0204230019		
SECTION I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS	
CHAPTER 2	MEAT AND EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL	
0204	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen : ^(TN701)	
0204 10	- Carcases and half-carcases of lamb, fresh or chilled :	
	- Other meat of sheep, fresh or chilled :	
0204 23	- - Boneless :	
	- - - Of domestic sheep :	
0204 23 00 11	- - - - Of lamb	
0204 23 00 19	- - - - Other	
0204 30	- Carcases and half-carcases of lamb, frozen :	
	- Other meat of sheep, frozen :	
0204 50	- Meat of goats :	
<p><small>TN701: According to the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 (OJ L183, p. 9) it shall be prohibited to import into European Union goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol.</small></p> <p><small>The prohibition shall not apply in respect of:</small></p> <p><small>(a) the execution until 26 September 2014, of trade contracts concluded before 25 June 2014, or of ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts, provided that the natural or legal persons, entity or body seeking to perform the contract have notified, at least 10 working days in advance, the activity or transaction to the competent authority of the Member State in which they are established.</small></p> <p><small>(b) goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol which have been made available to the Ukrainian authorities for examination, for which compliance with the conditions conferring entitlement to preferential origin has been verified and for which a certificate of origin has been issued in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 and Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 or in accordance with the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.</small></p>		

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Origin

Order number

Critical

Status

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Not specified

None

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Validity period (start date in)

☐ 2019

☒ 2018

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Clicking on 'List' opens a screen containing all existing order numbers applicable for the chosen year(s).

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Order number

Critical

Status

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092501

Not specified

None

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Validity period (start date in)

☐ 2019

☒ 2018

☐ 2017

☐ 2016

☐ 2015

Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
092501	ERGA OMNES	01-09-2018	31-08-2019	1870000 EURO	Details

Otherwise fill in the desired order number, select the desired year(s) and click on 'Search'

In this example tariff quota 092501 is selected for year 2018. Results indicate the 'Order number', 'Origins', 'Start Date', 'End Date' and the 'Balance'.

Click on "Details" to the right of each line for information on the tariff quota.

Tariff quota details	
Order number	092501
Validity period	01-09-2018 - 31-08-2019
Origins	ERGA OMNES
Initial amount	1870000 EURO
Amount	1870000 EURO
Balance	1870000 EURO
Transferred Amount	
Exhausted date	
Critical	No
Last import date	
Last allocation date	
Total awaiting allocation	0
Blocking period	
Suspension period	
Allocated percentage at the exhaustion date	0
Associated taric code	5004 00 00 00
	5005 00 00 00
	5006 00 00 00
	5007 00 00 00
	5106 00 00 00
	5107 00 00 00
	5108 00 00 00
	5109 00 00 00
	5110 00 00 00
	5111 00 00 00
	5112 00 00 00
	5113 00 00 00
	5204 00 00 00
	5205 00 00 00
	5206 00 00 00
	5207 00 00 00
	5208 00 00 00
	5209 00 00 00
	5210 00 00 00
	5211 00 00 00
	5212 00 00 00
	5306 00 00 00
	5308 20 00 00
	5308 90 00 00
	5309 00 00 00
	5310 00 00 00
	5311 00 00 00
	5401 00 00 00
	5402 00 00 00
	5403 00 00 00
	5404 00 00 00
	5405 00 00 00
	5406 00 00 00
	5407 00 00 00
	5408 00 00 00
	5508 00 00 00
	5509 00 00 00
	5210 00 00 00
	5211 00 00 00
	5212 00 00 00
	5306 00 00 00
	5308 20 00 00
	5308 90 00 00
	5309 00 00 00
	5310 00 00 00
	5311 00 00 00
	5401 00 00 00
	5402 00 00 00
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	5605 00 00 00
	5606 00 91 00
	5606 00 99 00
	5801 10 00 00
	5801 22 00 00
	5801 23 00 00
	5801 26 00 00
	5801 27 00 00
	5801 32 00 00
	5801 33 00 00
	5801 35 00 00
	5801 37 00 00
	5801 90 00 00
	5802 00 00 00
	5804 00 00 00
	5806 00 00 00
	5808 00 00 00
	5809 00 00 00
	6001 00 00 00
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	6003 00 00 00
	6004 00 00 00
	6005 00 00 00
	6006 00 00 00



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TARIC goods nomenclature information

The reference date is 01-09-2018

Goods nomenclature code: 5007000000

SECTION XI TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTICLES

CHAPTER 50 SILK

5007 Woven fabrics of silk or of silk waste : (TN701)


Nomenclature group(s): Textile category 136 :

TN701 According to the Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 (OJ L83, p. 9) it shall be prohibited to import into European Union goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol.
The prohibition shall not apply in respect of:
(a) the execution until 30 September 2014, of trade contracts concluded before 25 June 2014, or of ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts, provided that the natural or legal persons, entity or body seeking to perform the contract have notified, at least 10 working days in advance, the activity or transaction to the competent authority of the Member State in which they are established.
(b) goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol which have been made available to the Ukrainian authorities for examination, for which compliance with the conditions conferring entitlement to preferential origin has been verified and for which a certificate of origin has been issued in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 and Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 or in accordance with the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

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Click on the drop box and choose between Yes or No for a list of all tariff quotas that are either critical or not critical + Search.

A new screen is opened at the bottom of the page (see below) listing all existing order numbers that are either 'critical' or 'non-critical' applicable for the chosen year(s).

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Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
090013	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Cubic meter	[Details]
090019	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090021	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090023	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090025	ERGA OMNES	01-02-2018	30-04-2018	20000000 Kilogram	[Details]
090027	ERGA OMNES	01-02-2018	30-04-2018	9570794.2 Kilogram	[Details]
090039	ERGA OMNES	15-01-2018	14-06-2018	496584 Kilogram	[Details]
090040	ERGA OMNES	21-05-2018	15-07-2018	756478 Kilogram	[Details]
090041	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090046	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090048	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	1 Kilogram	[Details]
090055	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	15-05-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090056	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090060	ERGA OMNES	21-07-2018	31-10-2018	1490400 Kilogram	[Details]
090062	ERGA OMNES	01-08-2018	31-12-2018	1000000 Kilogram	[Details]
090063	ERGA OMNES	01-06-2018	31-07-2018	2500000 Kilogram	[Details]
090070	All third countries	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090071	All third countries	01-07-2018	30-06-2019	35408 Kilogram	[Details]
090073	All third countries	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090083	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2018	31-12-2018	350 Kilogram	[Details]

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Click on the 'Status' drop box. There are 4 options: 'Blocked', 'Exhausted', 'Not blocked' and 'Not exhausted'. If for example the 'Blocked' status is chosen + Search, a list of all tariff quotas that are blocked for the chosen year(s) will be listed at the bottom of the page. Click on "Details" to the right of each line for information on the tariff quota.


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Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
098501	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	4269009000 Kilogram	Details
098502	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	1318865000 Kilogram	Details
098503	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	178704000 Kilogram	Details
098504	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	2115054000 Kilogram	Details
098505	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	414324000 Kilogram	Details
098506	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	367470000 Kilogram	Details
098507	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	1442988000 Kilogram	Details
098508	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	193049000 Kilogram	Details
098509	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	476161000 Kilogram	Details
098512	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	728270000 Kilogram	Details
098513	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	714964000 Kilogram	Details
098514	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	82156000 Kilogram	Details
098515	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	32744000 Kilogram	Details
098516	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	1058110000 Kilogram	Details
098517	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	167817000 Kilogram	Details
098518	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	24854000 Kilogram	Details
098520	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	185280000 Kilogram	Details
098521	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	387343000 Kilogram	Details
098522	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	22818000 Kilogram	Details
098523	Countries subject to safeguard measures	19-07-2018	03-02-2019	5549000 Kilogram	Details

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