

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 924/2013****of 25 September 2013****opening and providing for the management of Union tariff quotas for agricultural products  
originating in Central America**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Decision 2012/734/EU of 25 June 2012 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other, and the provisional application of Part IV thereof concerning trade matters <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 2012/734/EU authorised the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other ('the Agreement'). Pursuant to Decision 2012/734/EU, the Agreement is to be applied on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion. The Agreement applies on a provisional basis from 1 August 2013.
- (2) Appendix 2 to Annex I to the Agreement concerns the EU's import tariff-rate quotas for goods originating in Central America. It is therefore necessary to open tariff quotas for such products.
- (3) The tariff quotas should be managed by the Commission on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code <sup>(2)</sup>. In order to benefit from the tariff concessions provided for in this Regulation, the products listed in the Annex should be accompanied by a proof of origin as provided for in the Agreement. Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff <sup>(3)</sup>, as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation

(EU) No 927/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>, contains new CN codes which are different from those referred to in the Agreement. The new codes should therefore be reflected in the Annex to this Regulation.

- (4) Since the Agreement takes effect on 1 August 2013, this Regulation should apply from the same date.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Union tariff quotas are opened for the goods originating in Central America and listed in the Annex.

*Article 2*

The customs duties applicable to imports into the Union of goods originating in Central America and listed in the Annex shall, within the respective tariff quotas set out in the Annex to this Regulation, be suspended.

*Article 3*

The products listed in the Annex shall be accompanied by a proof of origin as set out in Appendix 3 of Annex II of the Agreement.

*Article 4*

The tariff quotas in the Annex shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with Articles 308a to 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

*Article 5*

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

It shall apply from 1 August 2013.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 346, 15.12.2012, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 304, 31.10.2012, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2013.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
José Manuel BARROSO

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## ANNEX

Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the wording of the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than an indicative value, the scope of the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by CN codes as they exist at the time of adoption of this Regulation.

Order No	CN code	Description of goods	Quota period	Annual quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
09.7300	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	3 959 <sup>(1)</sup>
			From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	9 975 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>
09.7301	0703 20	Garlic	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	230
			From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	550
09.7302	0711 51	Mushrooms of the genus <i>Agaricus</i> , provisionally preserved, but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	115
	2003 10	Mushrooms of the genus <i>Agaricus</i> , prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid	From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	275
09.7303	1006 20 15	Husked rice, long grain	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	8 334
	1006 20 17			
	1006 20 96			
	1006 20 98			
	1006 30 25	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, long grain	From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	21 000 <sup>(3)</sup>
	1006 30 27			
	1006 30 46			
	1006 30 48			
	1006 30 65			
	1006 30 67			
	1006 30 96			
	1006 30 98			
09.7304 <sup>(4)</sup>	2208 40 51 2208 40 99	Rum and other spirits obtained by distilling fermented sugar-cane products, in containers holding more than 2 litres	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	2 917 hectolitres (expressed in equivalent pure alcohol)
	From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.		7 300 hectolitres (expressed in equivalent pure alcohol) <sup>(5)</sup>	

Order No	CN code	Description of goods	Quota period	Annual quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
09.7305	0710 40	Sweetcorn	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	600
	0711 90 30		From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	1 560 <sup>(6)</sup>
	2001 90 30			
	2004 90 10			
	2005 80			
09.7306	1108 14 00	Manioc (cassava) starch	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	2 084
			From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	5 000
09.7307 <sup>(4)</sup>	1701 13	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form, other than raw sugar not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	From 1.8.2013 to 31.12.2013	62 500 (expressed in raw sugar equivalent)
	1701 14			
	1701 91			
	1701 99			
	1702 30	Glucose and glucose syrup, not containing fructose or containing in the dry state less than 20 % by weight of fructose	From 1.1. to 31.12.2014 and for each period thereafter from 1.1. to 31.12.	154 500 (expressed in raw sugar equivalent) <sup>(7)</sup>
	1702 40 90	Glucose and glucose syrup other than isoglucose, containing in the dry state at least 20 % but less than 50 % by weight of fructose, excluding invert sugar		
	1702 50	Chemically pure fructose		
	1704 90 99	Other sugar confectionery, not containing cocoa		
	1702 90 30	Other sugars, including invert sugar and other sugar and sugar syrup blends containing in the dry state 50 % by weight of fructose, excluding chemically pure maltose		
	1702 90 50			
	1702 90 71			
	1702 90 75			
	1702 90 79			
	1702 90 80			
	1702 90 95			
	1806 10 30	Cocoa powder, containing 65 % or more by weight of sucrose or isoglucose expressed as sucrose		
	1806 10 90			
	ex 1806 20 95	Other preparations in blocks, slabs or bars weighing more than 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk in containers or immediate packings, of a content exceeding 2 kg, containing less than 18 % by weight of cocoa butter and 70 % or more by weight of sucrose		

Order No	CN code	Description of goods	Quota period	Annual quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
	ex 1806 90 90	Other chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa, containing 70 % or more by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose)		
	1901 90 99	Other food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis; other food preparations of goods of headings 0401 to 0404, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis		
	2006 00 31	Fruit (excluding tropical fruit and ginger), vegetables, nuts (excluding tropical nuts), fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallised)		
	2006 00 38			
	2007 91 10	Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, obtained by cooking		
	2007 99 20			
	2007 99 31			
	2007 99 33			
	2007 99 35			
	2007 99 39			
	ex 2009	Fruit juices (excluding tomato juice, juices of tropical fruit and mixtures of juices of tropical fruit) and vegetable juices of a value not exceeding 30 EUR per 100 kg net weight, unfermented and not containing added spirit, containing 30 % or more by weight of added sugar		
	ex 2101 12 98	Preparations with a basis of coffee, tea or mate, containing 70 % or more by weight of sucrose		
	ex 2101 20 98			
	ex 2106 90 98	Other food preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing 70 % or more by weight of sucrose		

Order No	CN code	Description of goods	Quota period	Annual quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
	3302 10 29	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used in the drink industries, containing all flavouring agents characterising a beverage, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 0,5 %		

(<sup>1</sup>) Expressed in carcase weight equivalent as follows: 100 kg of bone-in meat shall be equivalent to 70 kg of boneless meat.

(<sup>2</sup>) With an increase of 475 tonnes each year as from 1.1.2015.

(<sup>3</sup>) With an increase of 1 000 tonnes each year as from 1.1.2015.

(<sup>4</sup>) Applicable to Central American countries except Panama.

(<sup>5</sup>) With an increase of 300 hectolitres (expressed in equivalent pure alcohol) each year as from 1.1.2015.

(<sup>6</sup>) With an increase of 120 tonnes each year as from 1.1.2015.

(<sup>7</sup>) With an increase of 4 500 tonnes (expressed in raw sugar equivalent) each year as from 1.1.2015.