

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 113/2008**of 6 February 2008****amending Regulation (EC) No 1979/2006 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for preserved mushrooms imported from third countries**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007 of 26 September 2007 laying down specific rules as regards the fruit and vegetable sector, amending Directives 2001/112/EC and 2001/113/EC and Regulations (EEC) No 827/68, (EC) No 2200/96, (EC) No 2201/96, (EC) No 2826/2000, (EC) No 1782/2003 and (EC) No 318/2006 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 36(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1979/2006 ⁽²⁾ requires the possession of a certificate of origin for the import of preserved mushrooms originating in China under the GATT quota.
- (2) The certificates of origin were introduced in order to ensure a fair allocation of the quota to the different supplier countries.
- (3) Due to changes in the market currently only one supplier country, China has a country-specific allocation laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1979/2006. All other

supplier countries fall into the category of 'Other third countries'. The utilisation rate of the quota allocated to 'Other third countries' is very low.

- (4) The certificates of origin are therefore superfluous and should be abolished for simplification purposes.
- (5) Regulation (EC) No 1979/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 11 and Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1979/2006 are hereby deleted.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 6 February 2008.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 273, 17.10.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 368, 23.12.2006, p. 91.