

REGULATION (EEC) No 3593/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 28 December 1973

on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain plywoods of coniferous species, falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff (1974)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof;

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission;

Whereas, under Protocol No 11 to the Act of Accession ⁽¹⁾, the Community is to open two nil duty Community tariff quotas from 1 January 1974 for certain plywoods of coniferous species falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff, the volume thereof to be decided annually when it is established that all possibilities of supply on the internal market of the Community will be exhausted during the period for which the quotas are open; whereas, on the basis of forecasts made by the Member States, the foreseeable import requirements for the products in question during the year 1974 amount to 873 500 m³; whereas, in the light of the provisions of the abovementioned Protocol concerning the exhaustion of possibilities of supply on the internal market of the Community, the volume of the tariff quota to be opened at the beginning of the year should be limited to 500 000 m³; whereas fixing the volume at this level does not exclude adjustment during the period for which the quota is open; whereas the requirements mentioned above do not include imports to which other preferential tariff treatment may apply, in particular under the European Free Trade Association arrangements; whereas the duties to be applied by the new Member States under the said tariff quota must be in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Accession, and in particular with those of Article 39 thereof;

Whereas, in view of the comparatively low volume of the quota compared with the foreseeable needs of the Community, a system based on a single allocation among Member States should be provided, without derogating from the Community nature of the quota in question; whereas, on the basis of forecasts by the

Member States, the shares may be determined as follows:

	<i>(in cubic metres)</i>
Benelux	65 000
Denmark	85 000
Germany	68 000
France	9 000
Ireland	20 000
Italy	7 000
United Kingdom	246 000

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any measure concerning the administration of the shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. During the period from 1 January to 31 December 1974 a Community tariff quota of 500 000 m³ shall be opened in the Community for the following products falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff:

- (a) plywood of coniferous species, without the addition of other substances, of a thickness greater than 9 mm, the faces of which are not further prepared than the peeling process;
- (b) plywood of coniferous species, without the addition of other substances, sanded, and of a thickness greater than 18.5 mm.

2. Imports of the product in question may not be charged under this tariff quota if they are already free of customs duties under other preferential tariff treatment applied by certain Member States, in particular the European Free Trade Association arrangements.

3. Within this tariff quota the Common Customs Tariff duties shall be totally suspended.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 170.

4. Within this tariff quota, new Member States shall apply duties calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions set out in the Act of Accession.

Article 2

The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 (1) shall be distributed among Member States as follows:

	<i>(in cubic metres)</i>
Benelux	65 000
Denmark	85 000
Germany	68 000
France	9 000
Ireland	20 000
Italy	7 000
United Kingdom	246 000

Article 3

1. Member States shall take all measures necessary to ensure that importers of the product in question

established in their territory have free access to the share allocated to them.

2. Member States shall charge imports of the said goods against their shares as and when such products are entered for home use.

3. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports charged in accordance with paragraph 2.

Article 4

Member States shall inform the Commission at regular intervals of imports actually charged against their shares.

Article 5

Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely to ensure that the provisions of this Regulation are observed.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 December 1973.

For the Council

The President

Ove GULDBERG