

Council Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 of 10 December 2001 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2004

TITLE I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 2*

The beneficiary countries of each of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) are listed in Annex I.

*Article 3*

1 A beneficiary country shall be removed from Annex I where it has met, during three consecutive years, both the following criteria:

- the country is classified by the World Bank as a high-income country,
- the country's development index, as defined in Annex II, is higher than – 1.

2 Where a country or territory, which had been removed from Annex I, has not met, during three consecutive years, the criteria set out in paragraph 1, it shall again be included in Annex I.

3 On the basis of the most recent data available on 1 September of each year, the Commission shall establish which beneficiary countries meet the conditions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2.

4 The Commission shall publish a notice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, listing the beneficiary countries which meet the criteria set out in paragraph 1 in respect of the most recent year for which data are available.

5 Upon the entry into force of this Regulation, and before the end of each year, the Commission shall decide, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 38, to remove from Annex I the beneficiary countries which meet the condition set out in paragraph 1 and to include those which meet the condition set out in paragraph 2.

6 The first decision taken in accordance with paragraph 5 shall enter into force on 1 January 2003. Subsequently, decisions taken in accordance with paragraph 5 shall enter into force on 1 January of the second year following the one during which they were taken.

7 The Commission shall notify a decision taken in accordance with paragraph 5 to the beneficiary country concerned and inform it of the date on which that decision enters into force.

*Article 4*

The products included in the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2)(a), (b), (c) and (e) are listed in Annex IV.

*Article 5*

1 The tariff preferences provided for by this Regulation shall apply to imports of products included in the arrangements enjoyed by the beneficiary country in which they originate.

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2 The rules concerning the definition of the concept of originating products, the proof of origin and the methods of administrative cooperation, for the purposes of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) of this Regulation, are laid down in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

3 Regional cumulation within the meaning of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 shall also apply where a product used in further manufacture in a country belonging to a regional group originates in another country of the group, which does not benefit from the arrangements applying to the final product, provided that both countries benefit from regional cumulation for that group.

#### *Article 6*

For the purposes of this Regulation:

- (a) ‘Common Customs Tariff duties’ shall mean the duties specified in Part Two of 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>(1)</sup>, except those duties set up within the framework of [F1tariff quotas adopted pursuant to Article 26 of the Treaty or Annex VII to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87];
- (b) ‘sector’ shall mean any of the sectors of products listed in Annex III;
- (c) ‘Committee’ shall mean the Committee referred to in Article 37.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2211/2003 of 15 December 2003 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 2501/2001 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2004 and extending it to 31 December 2005](#).

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- (1) [OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1](#). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2031/2001 ([OJ L 279, 23.10.2001, p. 1](#)).

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