

Commission Regulation (EC) No 973/2006 of 29 June 2006 amending
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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common
organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 34(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994⁽²⁾, approved by Council Decision 2006/398/EC⁽³⁾ and the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994⁽⁴⁾, approved by Council Decision 2006/333/EC⁽⁵⁾, provide for the increasing of existing GATT tariff quotas and for the opening of new ones for certain fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetable products.
- (2) Since the adoption of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1831/96⁽⁶⁾, several CN codes listed in Annexes I to III of that Regulation have changed.
- (3) To provide for the modified and new tariff quotas and for the sake of clarity, the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1831/96 should be replaced.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 1831/96 should be amended accordingly.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committees for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables and Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1831/96 is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Regulation;

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2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Regulation;
3. Annex III is replaced by the text in Annex III to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of 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, 29 June 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I

‘ANNEX I The goods descriptions in this Annex are those appearing in the Combined Nomenclature (OJ L 286, 28.10.2005, p. 1), supplemented where necessary by a TARIC code.’ Order No. CN code TARIC subheading Description Quota period Quota volume (tonnes) Duty rate (%)

Order No.	CN code	TARIC subheading	Description	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Duty rate (%)									
09	00550701	90 50	Potatoes, fresh or chilled	1 January to 15 May	4 295309	00560706 10 00									
00	Carrots and turnips, fresh or chilled	1 January to 31 December	1 244709	00570709 60 10	Sweet peppers	1 January to 31 December	5001,509	00350712 20 00							
00	Dried onions, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	1 January to 31 December	12 0001009	00410802 11 900802 12 90	Almonds, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled, other than bitter	1 January to 31 December	90 000209	00390805 50 10							
10	Lemons (Citrus limon, Citrus limonum)	15 January to 14 June	10 000609	00580809 10 00	Apricots, fresh	1 August to 31 May	5001009	00922008 20 112008 20 192008 20 312008 20 392008 20 712008 30 112008 30 192008 30 312008 30 392008 30 792008 40 112008 40 192008 40 212008 40 292008 40 312008 40 392008 50 112008 50 192008 50 312008 50 392008 50 512008 50 592008 50 712008 60 112008 60 192008 60 312008 60 392008 60 602008 70 112008 70 192008 70 312008 70 392008 70 512008 70 592008 80 112008 80 192008 80 312008 80 392008 80 70	Preserved pineapples, citrus fruit, pears, apricots, cherries, peaches and strawberries	1 January to 31 December	2 8382009	00932009 11 112009 11 192009 19 112009 19 192009 29 112009 29 192009 39 112009 39 192009 49 112009 49 192009 79 112009 79 192009 80 112009 80 192009 80 352009 80 362009 80 382009 90 112009 90 192009 90 212009 90 29	Fruit juices	1 January to 31 December	7 04420

ANNEX II

‘ANNEX II The goods descriptions in this Annex are those appearing in the Combined Nomenclature (OJ L 286, 28.10.2005), supplemented where necessary by a TARIC code. For the purposes of this Annex: “high quality sweet oranges” shall mean oranges similar in variety characteristics, ripe, firm and of good shape, of at least good colour, of flexible unrotted structure, and without unhealed cracks in the skin, hard or dry skin, exanthemata, growth tears, contusions (except as caused by normal handling and packaging), damage caused by dryness or humidity, broad or emergent hispids, folds, scars, oil stains, scales, sun marks, dirt or other foreign matter, disease, insects or damage caused by machinery, movement or otherwise; a maximum of 15 % of the fruit in each consignment may not meet this specification, this percentage including at most 5 % of defects amounting to serious damage, and the latter percentage including at most 0,5 % rot; “citrus hybrids known as “minneolas”” shall mean citrus hybrids of the Minneola variety (Citrus paradisi Macf. CV Duncan and Citrus reticulate blanca CV Dancy); “Frozen concentrated orange juice, of a Brix value not exceeding 50” shall mean orange juice with a density of no more than 1,229 grams per cubic centimetre at 20°C.’ Order No. CN code TARIC subheading Description Quota period Quota volume (tonnes) Duty rate (%)

Order No.	CN code	TARIC subheading	Description	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Duty rate (%)	
09	00250805	10 20 110805 10 20 920805 10 20 96	High quality sweet oranges, fresh	1 February to 30 April	20 0001009	00270805 20 90 050805 20 90 91	
91	Citrus hybrids known as “minneolas”	1 February to 30 April	15 000209	00332009 11 99 112009 11 99 19	Frozen concentrated orange juice, without added sugar, of a Brix value not exceeding 50, in containers of two litres or less, containing no blood orange juice	1 January to 31 December	1 50013

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Order No	CN code	TARIC subheading	Description	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Duty rate (%)
09.0094	0702 00 00		Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	15 May to 31 October	4721209.00	590707 00 05
			Cucumbers, fresh or chilled	1 November to 15 May	1342,509.00	600806 10 10 910806 10 10 99
			Table grapes, fresh	21 July to 31 October	1 500909.00	610808 10 80 100808 10 80 90
			Apples, fresh, other than cider apples	1 April to 31 July	600009.00	620808 20 50
			Pears, fresh, other than perry pears	1 August to 31 December	1 000509.00	630809 10 00
			Apricots, fresh	1 June to 31 July	2 5001009.00	400809 20 95
			Fresh (sweet) cherries	21 May to 15 July	8004	

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- (1) OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 (OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64).
- (2) OJ L 154, 8.6.2006, p. 24.
- (3) OJ L 154, 8.6.2006, p. 22.
- (4) OJ L 124, 11.5.2006 p. 15.
- (5) OJ L 124, 11.5.2006 p. 13.
- (6) OJ L 243, 24.9.1996 p. 5.

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