

Council Regulation (EU) 2015/2265 of 7 December 2015 opening  
and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff  
quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016-2018

*Article 1*

Import duties on the products listed in the Annex shall be reduced or suspended within the tariff quotas at the rates, for the periods and up to the amounts indicated therein.

*Article 2*

The tariff quotas referred to in Article 1 of this Regulation shall be managed in accordance with Articles 308a and 308b and Article 308c(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

*Article 3*

1 The tariff quota applicable under order number 09.2794 for shrimps and prawns of the species *Pandalus borealis* and *Pandalus montagui*, cooked and peeled, for processing, set in the Annex to this Regulation at 30 000 tonnes per year, shall be automatically reduced to 7 000 tonnes per year starting from 1 January of the year following that in which the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the European Union and Canada enters into force or is applied provisionally, whichever occurs first.

2 The tariff quota applicable under order number 09.2788 for herrings, of a weight exceeding 100 g per piece or flaps of a weight exceeding 80 g per piece, for processing, set in the Annex to this Regulation at 17 500 tonnes per year, shall be automatically reduced to 12 000 tonnes per year starting two months after the additional protocol to the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway that was negotiated in parallel to the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 enters into force or is applied provisionally, whichever occurs first. However, no automatic reduction shall apply where the available balance of that tariff quota at the relevant moment is lower than or equal to 12 000 tonnes.

3 The tariff quota applicable under order number 09.2792 for herrings, spiced and/or vinegar-cured, in brine, preserved in barrels of at least 70 kg net drained weight, for processing, set in the Annex to this Regulation at 15 000 tonnes per year, shall be automatically reduced to 7 500 tonnes per year starting two months after the additional protocol to the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway that was negotiated in parallel to the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 enters into force or is applied provisionally, whichever occurs first. However, no automatic reduction shall apply where the available balance of that tariff quota at the relevant moment is lower than or equal to 7 500 tonnes.

4 The Commission shall without undue delay inform Member States that the conditions established in paragraphs 1 to 3 have been fulfilled and shall publish information on the newly applicable tariff quota in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 4*

1 Without undue delay, the Commission shall ascertain whether, as of 30 September of the relevant calendar year, 80 % of the annual tariff quota in respect of a fishery product to which this Article applies in accordance with the Annex has been used. If that is the case, the annual tariff quota set in the Annex shall be deemed to be automatically increased by 20 %. The increased annual tariff quota shall be the applicable tariff quota in respect of that fishery product for the relevant calendar year.

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2 At the request of at least one Member State and without prejudice to paragraph 1, the Commission shall ascertain whether 80 % of the annual tariff quota in respect of a fishery product to which this Article applies in accordance with the Annex has been used prior to 30 September of the relevant calendar year. If that is the case, paragraph 1 shall apply.

3 The Commission shall without undue delay inform Member States that the conditions established in paragraphs 1 or 2 have been fulfilled and shall publish information on the newly applicable tariff quota in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

4 No further increase may apply for the relevant calendar year to a tariff quota increased according to paragraph 1.

#### *Article 5*

The Commission and the customs authorities of the Member States shall cooperate closely to ensure the proper management and control of the application of this Regulation.

#### *Article 6*

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 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

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

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- Annex FOOTNOTE 2 para. 3 Indent addition by [EUR 2016/1184](#) Regulation