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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 (%)
09	0055	0701 90 50	Potatoes, fresh or chilled	1 January to 15 May	4 2953	09.00560706 10 00
			Carrots and turnips, fresh or chilled	1 January to 31 December	1 2447	09.00570709 60 10
			Sweet peppers	1 January to 31 December	5001,509	00350712 20 00
			Dried onions, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	1 January to 31 December	12 0001	1009.00410802 11 90
			Almonds, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled, other than bitter	1 January to 31 December	90 0002	09.00390805 50 10
			Lemons (Citrus limon, Citrus limonum)	15 January to 14 June	10 0006	09.00580809 10 00
			Apricots, fresh	1 August to 31 May	5001009	00922008 20 11
				2008 20 19	2008 20 31	2008 20 39
				2008 20 71	2008 30 11	2008 30 19
				2008 30 31	2008 30 39	2008 30 79
				2008 40 11	2008 40 19	2008 40 21
				2008 40 29	2008 40 31	2008 40 39
				2008 50 51	2008 50 59	2008 50 71
				2008 60 11	2008 60 19	2008 60 31
				2008 60 39	2008 60 60	2008 70 11
				2008 70 19	2008 70 31	2008 70 39
				2008 70 51	2008 70 59	2008 80 11
				2008 80 19	2008 80 31	2008 80 39
				2008 80 70	2008 80 70	
			Preserved pineapples, citrus fruit, pears, apricots, cherries, peaches and strawberries	1 January to 31 December	2 8382	00932009 11 11
				2009 11 19	2009 19 11	2009 19 19
				2009 29 11	2009 29 19	2009 29 39
				2009 39 11	2009 39 19	2009 39 49
				2009 49 11	2009 49 19	2009 49 79
				2009 79 11	2009 79 19	2009 80 11
				2009 80 11	2009 80 19	2009 80 35
				2009 80 36	2009 90 11	2009 90 19
				2009 90 21	2009 90 29	
			Fruit juices	1 January to 31 December	7 0442	

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 (%)
10 20	1108	05 10 20	High quality sweet oranges, fresh	1 February to 30 April	20 0001	1009.00270805 20 90
			Citrus hybrids known as “minneolas”	1 February to 30 April	15 0002	09.00332009 11 99
			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 5001	

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Order No	CN code	TARIC subheading	Description	Quota period	Quota volume (tonnes)	Duty rate (%)
09.00	940702 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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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation implicit repeal by [EUR 2020/1987](#) Regulation
- Regulation partial repeal by [EUR 2020/1987](#) Regulation