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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 31 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure a sufficient and uninterrupted supply of certain agricultural and industrial products which are produced in insufficient quantities in the Union and thereby avoid any disturbances in the market for those products, autonomous tariff quotas were opened by Council Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013⁽¹⁾. Within those tariff quotas, products can be imported into the Union at reduced or zero duty rates.
- (2) As it is in the Union's interest to ensure an adequate supply of certain industrial products and having regard to the fact that identical, equivalent or substitute products are not produced in sufficient quantities within the Union, it is necessary to open new tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2574, 09.2575, 09.2576, 09.2577, 09.2578, 09.2579, 09.2584 and 09.2585 at zero or reduced duty rates for appropriate quantities of those products.
- (3) In relation to tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2684 and 09.2854, the quota volumes should be increased, as an increase is in the interest of the Union.
- (4) As the Union production capacity for certain industrial products has been increased, the volumes of tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2591 and 09.2888 should be decreased.
- (5) For the tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2580, 09.2582, 09.2583, 09.2648 and 09.2730, the quota period should be extended until 31 December 2021 and the quota volume should be adapted on a yearly basis as the tariff quotas were opened for a period of six months only and it is still in the Union's interest to maintain them.
- (6) As it is no longer in the Union's interest to maintain the tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2587, 09.2594, 09.2674, 09.2834, 09.2955, 09.2972 and 09.2588, those tariff quotas should be closed with effect from 1 January 2021.
- (7) Taking into account the amendments to be made and for the sake of clarity, the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 should be replaced.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council
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- (8) In order to avoid any interruption in the application of the tariff quota scheme and to comply with the guidelines set out in the communication from the Commission of 13 December 2011 concerning autonomous tariff suspensions and quotas, the changes provided for in this Regulation regarding the tariff quotas for the products concerned should apply from 1 January 2021. This Regulation should therefore enter into force as a matter of urgency,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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- (1) Council Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 of 17 December 2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 7/2010 ([OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 319](#)).

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