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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ALLOCATION OF EXPORT PERMITS UNDER THE TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

A Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement (TDCA) between the European Community (EC) and the Republic of South Africa has been established and came into force on 1 January 2000. This agreement provides for the establishment of a Bilateral Free Trade Area between the EC and South Africa in accordance with the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and the strengthening of European development assistance to South Africa.

As part of the concessions provided for under the TDCA, the EC has agreed to grant tariff preferences on limited quantities of selected products in the form of tariff quotas. Export permits will be issued for the access quantities at reduced levels of duty under the conditions set out in the Schedule.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL: AGRICULTURE.

SCHEDULE

1. Countries for Export

Permits for exportation of any of the products specified in the Table on Export Arrangements, to the European Community, will be issued only to exporters in South Africa registered at SARS of which proof is required as stipulated in paragraph 6 of the Annexure.

2. Application for EC export permits

- 2.1 Any person interested in exporting any of the products specified in the Table (excluding cut flowers EC tariff code 0603.10 0603.90) must apply therefor on a copy of the application form attached as an Annexure.
- 2.2 Application for export permits issued annually must be submitted to the Manager: Marketing Administration within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice. Permits will be valid from 1 January 2005 until 31 December 2005.
- 2.3 Applications for export permits issued on a half-yearly basis must be submitted to the Manager: Marketing Administration during the following periods:
 - (a) For the first half of the quota valid for exportation during the period 1 January 2005 to June 2005, within four weeks from the date of publication of this Notice.

- (b) For the second half of the quota valid for exportation during the period 1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005 from 1 to 31 May 2005
- 2.4 In the case of cut flowers, potential exporters must apply to Customs and Excise on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota allocated is fully utilized.
- 2.5 The application form is available electronically on request from: casg@nda.agric.za.
- 2.6 The application form will only be accepted if duly completed.
- 2.7 An applicant bears the responsibility to ensure that -
 - the application form reflects the correct information as requested for the product concerned;
 - (b) the application is submitted timeously as set out in paragraph 2.2, and
 - (c) the application (whether faxed or posted) has been received by the Manager: Marketing Administration.
- 2.8 All exporters and potential exporters must comply with -
 - (a) the sanitary, phyto-sanitary and other technical requirements as stipulated by the EC; and
 - (b) the Rules of Origin that form part of the TDCA and which can be obtained on request from the Department of Trade and Industry (Chief Directorate: Foreign Trade Relations, EU desk). <u>Please note:</u> The EUR 1 form that must accompany each consignment to be exported in terms of the TDCA, is obtainable from the applicant's local SARS office.

3. Addresses for applications

- 3.1 Applications must -
 - (a) when forwarded by post, be addressed to:

The Manager: Marketing Administration Department of Agriculture

Private Bag X15

ARCADIA

PRETORIA, 0007

(For attention: Mr. G J Kamfer, Room 715);

(b) when delivered by hand, be delivered to:

The Manager: Marketing Administration

Department of Agriculture

Maize Board Building

503 Belvedere Street

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PRETORIA

(For attention: Mr. G J Kamfer, Room 703);

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(c) when sent by facsimile, be transmitted to:

Facsimile number: (012) 319 8077 For attention: Mr. G J Kamfer

An application transmitted by facsimile must be followed up by forwarding the original application (do not include copies of the bills of entry export, DAs 550/32 or Certificates of Export) to the address contemplated in paragraph (a) or (b) to reach the Department within 14 days of the facsimile transmission.

3.2 Applications delivered by hand will only be accepted during the Department's official hours, namely 07:30 to 16:00.

4. Conditions for the issuing of export permits

- 4.1 Permits for the products specified in the Table will be allocated on the basis of the following categories, unless specified differently in the Table:
 - (a) 10% to exporters who did not export the product applied for during the period stipulated for the product, referred to as new exporters.
 - (b) 10% to exporters that are Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, referred to as SMME exporters.
 - (c) 80% to exporters who exported the product applied for during the period stipulated for the product, referred to as historical exporters.
- 4.2 The allocation of quotas for permits will be done as follows:
 - (a) new exporters on an equal basis;
 - (b) SMME exporters either on an equal basis or as a historical exporter, whichever will enhance government policy for SMME development; and
 - (c) Historical exporters in proportion to the average quantity of the product concerned, exported by the applicant during the period stipulated for the product in column 4 of the Table.
- 4.3 The quantity exported by a historical exporter will be calculated on the basis of the detailed list of bills of entry export (DA 550/32 or export certificates) for the product applied for, for the period concerned, submitted together with the application form.
- 4.4 (a) If the allocation for a particular category is not fully utilized, the balance may be re-allocated to the other categories.
 - (b) In order to enhance government policy on new exporters and SMME's, quotas for new exporters and SMME's can be combined to ensure the most beneficial allocation.
- 4.5 If half-yearly permits are not fully utilized or committed by 31 May 2005 permit holders will be requested to either return the permit or declare back the unused quantity. The unused balance will be re-allocated for the period 1 July 2005 31 December 2005, if such quantities can be identified.

- 4.6 Permits for the exportation of products under tariff headings 2008.40; 2008.50 and 2008.70 will be allocated on receipt of a letter of intent from a local supplier indicating that the exporter can source the product for exportation to the EC.
- 4.7 The provisions of this section shall apply subject to the conditions specified in the Table.

5. General

- 5.1 Applicants must return all expired permits within thirty (30) days after the date of expiry thereof. Applicants who do not return their expired permits timeously will not be considered for the granting of permits.
- 5.2 This notice replaces all previous notices regarding the procedures for the application, administration and allocation of export permits under the TDCA between the EC and the Republic of South Africa.

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EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS SET OUT PER EC TARIFF CODE LINE

EC TARIFF CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT	TARIFF QUOTA DUTY (% REDUCTION)	CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS
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	Under EC tariff code 0406.10 - 0406.90.99, a total quantity of 6 250 tons [(agf 5%) ² h is allocated	of 6 250 tons [(agf !	3%) ²ًץ is allocated
0406	Cheese and curd:	100 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of
0406.10 0406.10.20 0406.10.80	 Fresh (unripened or uncured) cheese, including whey cheese, and curd: Of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 40% Other 		the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: (a) Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry.
0406.20.90	- Grated or powdered cheese (excluding glarus herb cheese (known as Schabziger) made from skimmed milk and mixed with finely ground herbs)		(b) Exportation can only take place from an approved EC registered processing plant. Proof of EC registration must be included with
0406.30 0408.30.10	Processed cheese, not grated or powdered: In the manufacture of which no cheeses other than Emmentaler, Gruyère and Amenzell have been used and which may contain as an addition.		the application. (c) Permits will be issued on an annual basis and will be valid for 12 months.
	Glarus herb cheese (known as Schabziger); put up for retail sale, of a fat content by weight in the dry matter, not exceeding 56%		
0406.30.31	 Processed cheese, not grated or powdered, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 36% and of a fat content, by weight, in the dry matter not exceeding 48% 		
0406.30.39	 Processed cheese, not grated or powdered, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 36% and of a fat content, by weight, in the dry matter exceeding 48% 		
0406.30.90	Processed cheese, not grated or powdered, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 36%		
0406.40.90	- Blue-veined cheese (excluding Roquefort and Gorgonzola)		
0406.90.01			
0406.90.51	Cheddar (excluding grated or powdered, and for processing) Cheese of sheep's milk or buffalo milk in containers containing brine, or in sheep or goatskin bottles		
0406.90.69	Cheese of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 40% and a water content, by weight, in the non-fatty matter not exceeding 47% (not		
0406.90.78	elsewhere specified)Gouda of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 40% and a water content, by weight, in the non-fatty matter exceeding 47% but not exceeding 72%		

EC TARIFF CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT	TARIFF QUOTA DUTY (% REDUCTION)	CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS
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0406.90.86	water content, by weight, not exceeding 40% and a water content calculated, by weight, in the non-fatty matter exceeding 47% but not exceeding 52% (not elsewhere specified) Cheese of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 40% and a water content calculated, by weight, in the non-fatty matter exceeding 52% but not exceeding 62%, (not elsewhere specified)	100 MFN ¹⁾	M . Ē
0406.90.88	water content by weight, not exceeding 40% and of a water content calculated, by weight, in the non-fatty matter exceeding 52% but not exceeding 72% (not elsewhere specified)		(b) Exportation can only take place from an approved EC registered processing plant. Proof of EC registration must be included with
0406.90.93	content calculated, by weight, in the non-fatty matter, exceeding 72% (not elsewhere specified)		the application. (c) Permits will be issued on an annual basis and will be valid for 12 months.
0406.90.99	specified)		
	Under EC tariff code 0603.10.10; 0603.10.30 and 0603.10.50, a total quantity of 575 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated	quantity of 575 ton	s [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated
0003	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared		In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following condition must be complied with:
0603.10	- Fresh flowers		Potential exporters must apply to Customs and
0603.10.10	Roses (from 1 January to 31 May and from 1 November to 31 December only)	50 MFN ¹⁾ or	Excise on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota allocated is fully utilised.
0603.10.30 0603.10.50	ober only) May and from 1 November	5000	

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	Under EC tariff code 0603.10.80 a total quantity of 690 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated	690 tons [(agf 3%)	²) is allocated
0603.10.80	Other fresh flowers (from 1 June to 31 October only)	50 MFN ¹⁾ or 80 GSP ⁴⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following condition must be complied with: Potential exporters must apply to Customs and Excise on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota allocated is fully utilised.
	Under EC tariff code 0603.10.80.30, a total quantity of 1 125 tons [lagf 5%) ²] is allocated	1 125 tons [(agf 5%)	is allocated
0603.10.80.30	- Proteas (from 1 January to 31 May and from 1 November to 31 December only)	100 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following condition must be complied with: Potential exporters must apply to Customs and Excise on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota allocated is fully utilised.
	Under EC tariff code 0603.90.00, a total quantity of 575 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated	575 tons [(agf 3%) ²]	is allocated
0603.90.00	 Cut flowers and flower buds; dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared, of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes 	75 MFN ¹⁾ or 80 GSP ⁴⁾	in addition to the conditions stipulated in Item 4 of the Schedule, the following condition must be complied with: Potential exporters must apply to Customs and Excise on a first-come-first-served basis until the quota allocated is fully utilised.
	Under EC tariff code 0811.10.90, a total quantity of 287,5 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated	87,5 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated
0811	Fruits and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	100 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with:
0811.10.90	- Strawberries, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter		Permits will be allocated in proportion to market share figures to historical exporters, based on actual exports during the 2002 and 2003 calendar years.
			Permits will be issued annually and will be valid for 12 months.

	Under EC tariff codes 2008.40, 2008.50 and 2008.70, a total quantity of 47 225 [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated	uantity of 47 225 I(a	र्ग ३%) ² ो is allocated
2008	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included	50 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with:
2008.40 .51	 Pears Pears not containing added spirit, containing added sugar, with a sugar content exceeding 13% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content exceeding 1 kg 		Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and
2008.40.59	Pears not containing added spirit, containing added sugar, with a sugar content not exceeding 13% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content exceeding 1 kg		will be valid for six months.
2008.40.71	Pears not containing added spirit, containing added sugar, with a sugar content exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg	50 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with:
2008.40.79	Pears not containing added spirit, containing added sugar, with a sugar content not exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg		Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years.
2008.40.91	Pears not containing added spirit, not containing added sugar, in immediate packings of a net content of 4,5 kg or more		Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months.
2008.40.99	Pears not containing added spirit, not containing added sugar, in immediate packings of a net content of less than 4,5 kg		
2008.50	- Apricots		
2008.50.61	Apricots not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar content exceeding 13% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content exceeding 1 kg		
2008.50.69	Apricots not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar content not exceeding 13% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content exceeding 1 kg		
2008.50.71	 Apricots not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar content exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg 		
2008.50.79	Apricots not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar content not exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg		
	Apricots not containing added spirit, not containing added sugar, in immediate packings of a net content :		
2008.50.92	of 5 kg or more		
2008.50.94	of 4,5 kg or more but less than 5 kg		
2008.50.99	of less than 4,5 kg		

2008.70 2008.70.61 2008.70.69	 Peaches, Including nectarines Peaches not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar content exceeding 13% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content exceeding 1 kg Peaches not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar contain not exceeding 13%, by weight in immediate packings 	50 MFN ¹³	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years.
2008.70.71	of a net content exceeding 15% by weight, in infinited are packings of a net content exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content and exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a	50 MFN ¹⁾	Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months. In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be comparised with:
2008.70.79	 Peaches not containing added spirit, containing added sugar with a sugar content not exceeding 15% by weight, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg Peaches not containing added spirit, not containing added sugar, in 		Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and
2008.70.92 2008.70.94 2008.70.99	= - 1		will be valid for six months.
	Under EC tariff code 2008.92.59 – 2008.92.98 (excluding 2008.92.72), a total quantity of 21 040 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated Under EC tariff code 2008.92.72, a total quantity of 2 300 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated	al quantity of 21 04(0 tons [(agf 3%) ²]	tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated is allocated
2008.92.59	in immediate packings of a net containing added sugar, in immediate packings of a net content exceeding 1 kg, of tropical fruit (excluding mixtures containing 50% or more by weight of tropical nuts and tropical fruit)	C NEW CO.	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months.

2008.92.78	added sugar, in immediate packings of a net containing added sugar, in immediate packings of a net content not exceeding 1 kg, other than mixtures of fruit in which no single fruit exceeds 50% of the total weight of the fruits, of tropical fruit (excluding mixtures containing 50% or more by weight of tropical nuts and tropical fruit)	50 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months.
2008.92.98	added spirit, not containing added spirit, not containing added sugar, in immediate packings of a net content of less than 4.5 kg, of tropical fruit (excluding mixtures containing 50% or more by weight of tropical nuts and tropical fruit)	50 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on an half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months.
	Under EC tariff code 2009.11.99, a total quantity of 80	a total quantity of 805 tons [(agf 3%) 2] is allocated	is allocated
2009.11.99	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter: - Orange juice, frozen, of a Brix value not exceeding 67, other than that of a value not exceeding 30 Euro per 100 kg net weight and with an added sugar content exceeding 30% by weight	50 MFN ¹²⁾	in addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months.
Under EC tar	Under EC tariff code 2009.40.30 – 2009.70.99, a total quantity of 5 750 tons [(agf 3%) ²] is allocated, split into 4 312.5 tons [(agf 3%) ²] for pineapple juice and 1 437.5 tons [(agf 3%) ²] for apple juice	s allocated, split into	4 312.5 tons [(agf 3%) ²] for pineapple juice and
2009.49.30	 Pineapple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 20 but not exceeding 67, of a value exceeding 30 Euro per 100 kg net weight, containing added sugar 	50 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the industry, based on actual exports during the 2002 and 2003 calendar years.
			vill be valid for six months.

2009.79.11	Apple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 67, of a value not exceeding 22 Euro per 100 kg net weight	50 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be
2009.79.19	Apple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 67, of a value exceeding 22 Euro per 100 kg net weight		complied with: Permits will be allocated in collaboration with the
2009.79.30	Apple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 20 but not exceeding 67, of a value exceeding 18 Euro per 100 kg net weight, containing added sugar		industry, based on actual exports during the 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and
2009.79.91	Apple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 20 but not exceeding 67, other: with an added sugar content exceeding 30% by weight		will be valid for six months.
2009.79.93	Apple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 20 but not exceeding 67, other: with an added sugar content not exceeding 30% by weight		
2009.79.99	Apple juice, other, of a Brix value exceeding 20 but not exceeding 67, other: not containing added sugar		
	Under EC tariff code 2204.10.11 and 2204.10.19, a total quantity of 562 500 litres [(agf 5%) ²] is allocated	of 562 500 litres [(agf 5%) ²h is allocated
2204	Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading no. 2009	100 MFN ¹⁾	In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be
2204.10.19	Sparkling wine, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume of not less than 8.5% volume, other excluding Champagne		complied with: Dermits will be allocated in proportion to market
2204.10.99	Sparkling wine, of an actual alcoholic strength of not less than 8.5% volume, other excluding Asti spumante		share figures to historical exporters, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years.
			Permits will be issued on a half-yearly basis and will be valid for six months.

In addition to the conditions stipulated in item 4 of the Schedule, the following conditions must be complied with: Permits will be allocated in proportion to market	share figures to historical exporters, based on actual exports during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 calendar years. Permits will be issued on a half-veary basis and	will be valid for six months.	
100 MFN ¹⁾			
Other wine, grape must with a by the addition of alcohol, in if an actual alcoholic strength by	fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13% volume.	• White wine of fresh grapes: Other wine, grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13% volume but not exceeding 15% volume, excluding quality wines produced in specified regions	fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13% volume but not exceeding 15% volume, excluding quality wines produced in specified regions
4.21.79	- 4.21.80		- 2204.21.84
	grapes: Other wine, grape must with 100 MFN ¹) or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in so or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by 3% volume	fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13% volume Wine of fresh grapes: Other than white wine, grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13% volume	fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13% volume. Wine of fresh grapes: Other than white wine, grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 13% volume. White wine of fresh grapes: Other wine, grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers holding 2 litres or less, of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 13% volume but not exceeding 15% volume, excluding quality wines produced in specified regions

MFN = Most favoured nation.

Agf = annual growth factor = % of base year volume.

3) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions laid down in the relevant European Commission provisions.

4) GSP (Generalised system of preferences) = whichever results in the lower duty application.