COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1989/2004

of 19 November 2004

concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (1), and in particular Article 9(1)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure uniform application of the Combined Nomenclature annexed to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, it is necessary to adopt measures concerning the classification of the goods referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (2) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 has laid down the general rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature. Those rules also apply to any other nomenclature which is wholly or partly based on it or which adds any additional subdivision to it and which is established by specific Community provisions, with a view to the application of tariff and other measures relating to trade in goods.
- (3) Pursuant to the said general rules, the goods described in column 1 of the table set out in the Annex to this Regulation should be classified under the CN codes indicated in column 2, by virtue of the reasons set out in column 3.

- (4) It is appropriate to provide that binding tariff information issued by the customs authorities of Member States in respect of the classification of goods in the Combined Nomenclature and which is not in accordance with this Regulation, can, for a period of three months, continue to be invoked by the holder, under Article 12(6) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code (²).
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The goods described in column 1 of the table set out in the Annex shall be classified within the Combined Nomenclature under the CN codes indicated in column 2 of that table.

Article 2

Binding tariff information issued by the customs authorities of Member States which is not in accordance with this Regulation can continue to be invoked for a period of three months under Article 12(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following 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, 19 November 2004.

For the Commission Frederik BOLKESTEIN Member of the Commission

OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1558/2004 (OJ L 283, 2.9.2004, p. 7).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by the Act of Accession of 2003.

ANNEX

Description of the goods (1)		Classification (CN code) (2)	Reasons (3)
2. Products consisting of sug quantities of other in following composition (por PRODUCT 1 Sugar: Glucose syrup: Citric acid: Malic acid: Xanthan gum: Sodium benzoate: Acesulfame potassium: Aspartame: Flavouring: Colouring: Water: The product is put up for plastic bottle with a dropp (h = 6 cm; ø = 2 cm) (See photograph No 1) (*) PRODUCT 2 Sugar: Citric acid: Malic acid: Fumaric acid: Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose: Potassium sorbate: Sodium benzoate: Acesulfame potassium: Aspartame: Flavouring: Colouring: Water: The product is put up for in a small plastic bottle (h = 10 cm; ø = 1,5 cm) (See photograph No 2) (*) Both products are inter consumption without furwater.	gredients with the ercentage by weight): 31,5 28,5 5 0,2 0,05 0,03 0,009 0,5 0,002 remainder retail sale in a small per 34 5 3 0,05 0,07 0,016 0,01 0,03 0,01 0,5 0,002 remainder retail sale as a spray	2106 90 59	Classification is determined by the provisions of General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 2106, 2106 90 and 2106 90 59. The preparations being in liquid form do not meet the criteria for sugar confectioneries in heading 1704 as the HS Explanatory Notes state 'this heading covers most of the sugar preparations which are marketed in a solid or semi-solid form'. Neither do they have to be regarded as non-alcoholic beverages of subheading 2202 10 00, as they are not directly consumed as beverages because of their acid content (Additional note 1 to chapter 22).

(1)	(2)	(3)
3. Whey protein isolates, in powder form, containing more than 90% protein by weight calculated on dry matter. The product is obtained by microfiltration of whey. The protein profile is as follows: — beta-lactoglobulin: 50-60% — alfa-lactalbumin: 10-25% — immunoglobulin: 5-7% — glycopeptides: ca. 20% The lactose and fat content is less than 1%. Lecithin can be present in small quantities when used as a wetting agent during manufacturing. The product is intended for human consumption.	3502 20 91	Classification is determined by the provisions of General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 4 (b) to Chapter 4 and the wording of CN codes 3502, 3502 20 and 3502 20 91. The products are to be considered concentrates of two or more whey proteins in the meaning of heading text 3502 and cannot be regarded as an isolate of lactoglobulins of heading 3504.

(*) The photographs are purely for information.

Photograph No 1



Photograph No 2

