

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 815/2003
of 8 May 2003**

implementing Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2004

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 of 10 December 2001 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2004 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(5) and (8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The tariff preferences referred to in Articles 7 and 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 should be removed in respect of products, originating in a beneficiary country, of a sector which has met, during three consecutive years, either of the criteria laid down in that Regulation.
- (2) Tariff preferences which had been removed under previous schemes, should be re-established in respect of a sector that has not met, during three consecutive years, the criteria referred to in that Regulation.
- (3) The most recent and complete statistics available to establish which sectors meet the conditions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 are those for the years 1997 to 1999.
- (4) The date of application of this Regulation should be set taking into account the necessity for economic operators to adapt to the new customs duties thus established.
- (5) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 should be replaced in order to reflect the removal or re-establishment of tariff preferences provided for in Articles 7 and 10,
- (6) The condition in Article 12(8) of Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001, whereby the removal of tariff preferences does not apply in cases where a beneficiary country faces

a decrease of at least 3 % of its real gross domestic product, has been met by Argentina, Uruguay and Venezuela in respect of the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

- (7) The Committee referred to in Article 37 of Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 did not deliver an opinion in favour of the proposed Commission Regulation submitted by that Institution with regard to measures to be taken pursuant to Article 12 of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The tariff preferences provided for in Articles 7 and 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 shall be removed by 50 % with effect from 1 November 2003 and by 100 % with effect from 1 May 2004, in respect of products originating in the beneficiary countries listed in Annex I to this Regulation, falling under the sectors mentioned in that Annex alongside each country concerned.

2. The tariff preferences provided for in Articles 7 and 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 shall be re-established with effect from 1 January 2003 in respect of products originating in the beneficiary countries listed in Annex II to this Regulation, falling under the sectors mentioned in that Annex alongside each country concerned.

3. Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2501/2001 shall be replaced by Annex III to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 8 May 2003.

For the Council
The President
M. CHRISOCHOÏDIS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 346, 31.12.2001, p. 1.

ANNEX I

Sectors in respect of which tariff preferences shall be removed

Country code	Beneficiary country	Sector	Description
BR	Brazil	XIX	Wood
CN	People's Republic of China	III XVI XX XXVIII XXIX XXXII	Edible products of animal origin Plastics and rubber Paper Electro-mechanics Consumer electronics Optical and clocks
CO	Colombia	V	Trees, plants, cut flowers, edible vegetables and nuts
CR	Costa Rica	V	Trees, plants, cut flowers, edible vegetables and nuts
KW	Kuwait	XIII	Mineral products
MA	Morocco	XV	Fertilisers
MU	Mauritius	XXII	Clothing
MX	Mexico	XI XIV XXIV	Edible preparations of meat or fish and beverages Chemicals except fertilisers Glass and ceramic
TH	Thailand	XXIX	Consumer electronics
TN	Tunisia	XV	Fertilisers
		XXII	Clothing

ANNEX II

Sectors in respect of which tariff preferences shall be re-established

Country code	Beneficiary country	Sector	Description
AR	Argentina	III	Edible products of animal origin
		XI	Edible preparations and beverages
BR	Brazil	XXX	Transport equipment
CL	Chile	IX	Lac, gums and resins
		XV	Fertilisers
KZ	Kazakhstan	XV	Fertilisers
		XXV	Jewellery and precious metals
		XXVII	Base metals and articles of base metal, other than products of sector
MX	Mexico	III	Edible products of animal origin
		V	Trees, plants, cut flowers, edible vegetables and nuts
MY	Malaysia	VII	Cereals and malt and starches
		XXII	Clothing
RU	Russian Federation	XXVII	Base metals and articles of base metal, other than products of sector XXVI
TH	Thailand	V	Trees, plants, cut flowers, edible vegetables and nuts
		XXII	Clothing
		XXXIII	Miscellaneous

ANNEX III

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Beneficiary countries and territories of the Community's scheme of generalised tariff preferences

Column A: code according to the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community

Column B: name of country

Column C: sectors not included in the general arrangements for the beneficiary country concerned (Article 7(7))

Column D: sectors in respect of which tariff preferences have been removed for the beneficiary country concerned (Article 7(8) and Article 10(3))

Column E: countries included in the special incentive arrangements for the protection of labour rights (Title III, Section 1)

Column F: sectors included in these arrangements for the beneficiary country concerned (Article 8(1) and (2))

Column G: countries included in the special incentive arrangements for the protection of the environment (Title III, Section 2)

Column H: countries included in the special arrangements for least developed countries (Article 9)

Column I: countries included in the special arrangements to combat drug production and trafficking (Title IV)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
AE	United Arab Emirates							
AF	Afghanistan						X	
AG	Antigua and Barbuda							
AI	Anguilla							
AM	Armenia	II, XXVI						
AN	Netherlands Antilles							
AO	Angola						X	
AQ	Antarctica							
AR	Argentina		I, XVII					
AS	American Samoa							
AW	Aruba							
AZ	Azerbaijan	II, XXVI						
BB	Barbados							
BD	Bangladesh						X	
BF	Burkina Faso						X	
BH	Bahrain							
BI	Burundi						X	
BJ	Benin						X	

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
BM	Bermuda							
BN	Brunei Darussalam		XXV					
BO	Bolivia							X
BR	Brazil		I, VI, IX, XI, XII, XVII, XIX, XX, XXIII, XXVI					
BS	Bahamas							
BT	Bhutan						X	
BV	Bouvet Island							
BW	Botswana							
BY	Belarus	II, XXVI	XV					
BZ	Belize							
CC	Cocos Islands (or Keeling Islands)							
CD	Democratic Republic of Congo						X	
CF	Central African Republic						X	
CG	Congo							
CI	Côte d'Ivoire							
CK	Cook Islands							
CL	Chile		V					
CM	Cameroon							
CN	People's Republic of China	XXVI ⁽¹⁾	III, IV, VIII, XIV, XVI, XVIII, XX, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, XXXII, XXXIII					
CO	Colombia		V					X
CR	Costa Rica		V					X
CU	Cuba							
CV	Cape Verde						X	
CX	Christmas Islands							
CY	Cyprus							
DJ	Djibouti						X	
DM	Dominica							
DO	Dominican Republic							
DZ	Algeria							
EC	Ecuador							X
EG	Egypt							
ER	Eritrea						X	
ET	Ethiopia						X	

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
FJ	Fiji							
FK	Falklands Islands							
FM	Federated States of Micronesia							
GA	Gabon							
GD	Grenada							
GE	Georgia	II, XXVI						
GH	Ghana							
GI	Gibraltar							
GL	Greenland	II						
GM	Gambia						X	
GN	Guinea						X	
GQ	Equatorial Guinea						X	
GS	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands							
GT	Guatemala							X
GU	Guam							
GW	Guinea-Bissau						X	
GY	Guyana							
HM	Heard Island and McDonald Islands							
HN	Honduras							X
HT	Haiti						X	
ID	Indonesia		X, XIX, XXIII					
IN	India		XVII, XVIII, XXI					
IO	British Indian Ocean Territory							
IQ	Iraq							
IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)							
JM	Jamaica							
JO	Jordan							
KE	Kenya							
KG	Kyrgyzstan	II, XXVI						
KH	Cambodia						X	
KI	Kiribati						X	
KM	Comoros						X	

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
KN	St Kitts and Nevis							
KW	Kuwait		XIII					
KY	Cayman Islands							
KZ	Kazakhstan	II, XXVI						
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic						X	
LB	Lebanon							
LC	St Lucia							
LK	Sri Lanka							
LR	Liberia						X	
LS	Lesotho						X	
LY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		XIII					
MA	Morocco		XV					
MD	Moldova (Republic of)	II, XXVI		X	All except II and XXVI			
MG	Madagascar						X	
MH	Marshall Islands							
ML	Mali						X	
MM	Myanmar						X	
MN	Mongolia							
MO	Macao		XXII					
MP	Northern Mariana Islands							
MR	Mauritania						X	
MS	Montserrat							
MU	Mauritius		XXII					
MV	Maldives						X	
MW	Malawi						X	
MX	Mexico		XI, XIV, XXIV, XXVI					
MY	Malaysia		X, XVI, XIX, XXIX					
MZ	Mozambique						X	
NA	Namibia							
NC	New Caledonia							
NE	Niger						X	
NF	Norfolk Island							
NG	Nigeria							
NI	Nicaragua							X

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
NP	Nepal						X	
NR	Nauru							
NU	Niue Island							
OM	Oman							
PA	Panama							X
PE	Peru							X
PF	French Polynesia							
PG	Papua New Guinea							
PH	Philippines		X					
PK	Pakistan		XVII, XVIII, XXI					X
PM	St Pierre and Miquelon							
PN	Pitcairn							
PW	Palau							
PY	Paraguay							
QA	Qatar							
RU	Russian Federation	II, XXVI	XIII, XV					
RW	Rwanda						X	
SA	Saudi Arabia		XIII					
SB	Solomon Islands						X	
SC	Seychelles							
SD	Sudan						X	
SH	Santa Helena							
SL	Sierra Leone						X	
SN	Senegal						X	
SO	Somalia						X	
SR	Suriname							
ST	São Tomé and Príncipe						X	
SV	El Salvador							X
SY	Syrian Arab Republic							
SZ	Swaziland							
TC	Turks and Caicos Islands							
TD	Chad						X	
TF	French Southern territories							
TG	Togo						X	

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
TH	Thailand		II, XI, XVI, XVIII, XXIII, XXV, XXIX					
TJ	Tajikistan	II, XXVI						
TK	Tokelau Islands							
TM	Turkmenistan	II, XXVI						
TN	Tunisia		XV, XXII					
TO	Tonga							
TP	East Timor							
TT	Trinidad and Tobago							
TV	Tuvalu						X	
TZ	Tanzania (United Republic of)						X	
UA	Ukraine	II, XXVI	VIII, XV					
UG	Uganda						X	
UM	United States minor outlying islands							
UY	Uruguay		I					
UZ	Uzbekistan	II, XXVI						
VC	St Vincent and Northern Grenadines							
VE	Venezuela							X
VG	Virgin Islands (British)							
VI	Virgin Islands (USA)							
VN	Viet Nam							
VU	Vanuatu						X	
WF	Wallis and Futuna							
WS	Samoa						X	
YE	Yemen						X	
YT	Mayotte							
ZA	South Africa	XXVI						
ZM	Zambia						X	
ZW	Zimbabwe							

(¹) Only the products of sector XXVI which are underlined in Annex III are not included for the People's Republic of China, pursuant to Article 7(7).'