Canary Islands: autonomous tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products 2007-2013

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PURPOSE: to suspend Common Customs Tariff duties on certain fishery products intended for domestic consumption in the Canary Islands: 2007-2013.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 645/2008 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Regulation temporarily suspending, for specified tariff quotas, customs duties on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands. The purpose of this measure is to offset the natural handicap resulting from the exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands and concerns only the supply of fishery products intended exclusively for the islands' domestic market. The list of fish products, as well as the quantities that apply to the Regulation, are listed in the Annex. The Regulation will apply only to those products which are unloaded from ship or aircraft before the customs declaration for release is submitted to the authorities in the Canary Islands.

By 31 May 2010 , the competent Spanish authorities must submit a report to the Commission on the implementation of the measures relating to the suspension on duties normally applicable. The Commission shall examine the impact of those measures and, on the basis of that report, propose to the Council, if necessary, any relevant amendments to the quantities to be imported.

By 31 May 2012 , the competent Spanish authorities shall submit a report to the Commission on the implementation, after 2010, of the measures relating to the suspension of duties. The Commission shall re-examine the impact of those measures and, on the basis of its findings, submit to the Council any relevant proposals for the period after 2013.

The proposal reserves the right of the Commission to suspend the Regulation, if it has reason to believe that the provisions are being abused.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12/07/2008.

APPLICATION: from 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2013.