Cereals: calculation of import duties (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92)

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PURPOSE : to amend the calculation of import duties on certain cereals. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 1104/2003/EC amending Regulation 1766/92/EC with regard to the calculation of import duties on certain cereals. CONTENT : the Council adopted a Regulation amending Regulation 1766 /92/EEC with regard to the calculation of import duties on certain cereals. The Swedish delegation abstained and the Danish delegation voted against. The Regulation amends notably Article 10(2) of Regulation 1766/92/EEC by excluding some products from the calculation of the import duty equals to 155% of the intervention price minus the cif import price. It should be noted that on 26 July 2002, the Council authorised the Commission to notify the WTO that the European Community intended to amend the concessions for certain cereals in the European Community Schedule CXL annexed to the GATT and that it was willing to enter into negotiations and consultations with WTO members under Article XXVIII of the 1994 GATT agreement. The negotiations between the Commission and the United States and Canada in the WTO framework led to the conclusion of agreements in the form of exchanges of letters, signed respectively on 27 December 2002 (with the United States) and 31 March 2003 (with Canada). The Commission then proposed the adoption of the corresponding amendments to the basic "cereals" Regulation 1766/92/EEC. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 30 June 2003. It shall apply from 1 January 2003.