Fisheries products originating in Ceuta: administration of a Community tariff quota

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- OBJECTIVE: to adjust the tariff regime applying to Ceuta for certain fishery products originating in that island and at the same time to open zero-duty Community tariff quotas for these products for 1996 and thereafter. - SUBSTANCE: Article 3 of Protocol No 2 to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal stipulates that certain products originating in Ceuta and Melilla shall qualify for exemption from custom duties when imported into the Community within the limits of Community tariff quotas. Following a reasoned request from the Spanish authorities to open a tariff quota for some of Ceuta's aquacultural products, which constituted a new and economically profitable sector in this region where marine fisheries have declined considerably, the Commission proposed to open a quota for 1996 and thereafter for these specific products. This exemption also applies because in recent years the use of quotas has become of insignificant benefit to Ceuta. The fisheries products for which a zero-rated duty is proposed are as follows, within the limits of the associated Community tariff quotas: . live fry and juveniles of sea bream and bass: 3,000,000 units, . sea bass and sea bream: 100 tonnes. Application of the quota duty is subject to compliance with the rules laid down by the common market organisation, especially equal and continuous access to the quotas for all Community importers.