Accession of Romania and Bulgaria: common organisation of the markets CMO in sugar, marketing years 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008 /2009 (Regulations (EC) Nos 318/2006 and 950 /2006)

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PURPOSE: to open tariff quotas for imports into Bulgaria and Romania of raw cane sugar for supply to refineries in the marketing years 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 508/2007 opening tariff quotas for imports into Bulgaria and Romania of raw cane sugar for supply to refineries in the marketing years 2006/2007, 2007 /2008 and 2008/2009.

BACKGROUND: this Regulation relates to the 2006 reform of the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector, which amongst other provisions, fixes the traditional supply need for sugar that can be refined in the Community. Full-time refiners in Bulgaria and Romania rely to a large extent on imports of raw cane sugar from traditional suppliers in certain third countries, which the 2006 sugar reform could disrupt.

CONTENT: the purpose of this Regulation, therefore, is to allow for the supply of raw cane sugar for full time refiners in Bulgaria and Romania.

Specifically, the Regulation states:

- For the marketing year **2006/2007**, tariff quotas for a total of 396 288 tonnes in white sugar equivalent for the import from any third country of raw cane sugar for refining (and falling within CN code 1701 11 10) will be opened at a duty of EUR 98 per tonne.
- Bulgaria will be entitled to a quantity totalling 149 061 tonnes and Romania will be entitled to a quantity totalling 247 227 tonnes.
- For each of the marketing years **2007/2008** and **2008/2009**, tariff quotas for a total of 528 384 tonnes in white sugar equivalent for the import from any third country of raw cane sugar for refining falling within CN code 1701 11 10 will be opened at a duty of EUR 98 per tonne.
- Bulgaria will be entitled to a quantity totalling 198 748 tonnes and Romania will be entitled to a quantity totalling 329 636 tonnes.
- Refiners in Bulgaria and Romania will need to apply for import licences.

In implementing this Regulation, the Commission will be assisted by the “Management Committee for Sugar”.

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