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Draft legal text on the tariff-rate quota system for rice

(GSP Regulation – Review)

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Article 29a

(1) When imports of products falling under Combined Nomenclature codes 100 610, 100 620, and 100 630 originating in a beneficiary country exceed, cumulatively and at any point of a calendar year, the yearly import volumes specified in point 1 of Annex Y by at least the percentage specified in point 2 of Annex Y, the Commission shall:

i) suspend, with immediate effect, the tariff preferences referred to in Article 1(2) for imports of products falling under Combined Nomenclature codes 100 610, 100 620, and 100 630 originating in the beneficiary country concerned for the remainder of the calendar year; and

ii) introduce a tariff-rate quota at the import volumes specified in point 1 of Annex Y for the duration of the following calendar year. Only imports up to the import volume specified in point 1 of Annex Y shall continue to benefit from the tariff preferences referred to in Article 1(2).

(2) Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to beneficiary countries with a share for products falling under Combined Nomenclature codes 100 610, 100 620, and 100 630, considered cumulatively, not exceeding the share of total Union imports specified in point 3 of Annex Y.

(3) To implement paragraph 1, the Commission shall adopt an implementing act which shall enter into force on the date of application of this Regulation, laying down the arrangements for monitoring the import volumes, for suspending the tariff preferences, and for applying the present mechanism. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article [39(2)].

(4) The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article [36], to amend the modalities set out in Annex Y to take into account significant developments in the rice market, including import levels to the EU, or relevant changes related to the beneficiary countries. The Commission may do so on its own initiative or following a reasoned request by a Member State.

(5) The report on the application of this Regulation provided for in the second paragraph of Article 40, due on 1 January 2032, shall include an assessment of the need for and the functioning of the present mechanism.

Annex Y

Modalities for application of Article 29a

1. The import volume referred to in Article 29a for each relevant beneficiary country shall equal:

Country	Tonnes over a calendar year
AF	XX
AO	XX
BD	XX
BF	XX
BI	XX
BJ	XX
BT[1]	XX
CD	XX
CF	XX
DJ	XX
ER	XX
ET	XX
GM	XX
GN	XX
GW	XX
HT	XX
KH	XY
KI	XX
KM	XX
LA	XX
LR	XX
LS	XX
MG	XX
ML	XX
MM	XZ
MR	XX
MW	XX
MZ	XX
NE	XX
NP	XX
RW	XX
SB	XX
SD	XX
SL	XX
SN	XX

[1] Scheduled to graduate from the EBA arrangement as of 1 January 2028

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SO	XX
SS	XX
ST[2]	XX
TD	XX
TG	XX
TL	XX
TV	XX
TZ	XX
UG	XX
YE	XX
ZM	XX

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2. The percentage referred to in Article 29a(1) shall equal X%
3. The share referred to in Article 29a(2) shall equal 6%.

[2] Scheduled to graduate from the EBA arrangement as of 1 January 2029