COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/663

of 21 April 2022

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 as regards the volume of the tariff rate quota for high-quality beef from Paraguay

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ([1]) and in particular Article 187, first paragraph, point (a), thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 ([2]) lays down the rules for the management of import and export tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import and export licences and replaces and repeals a certain number of acts that have opened these quotas and provides for specific rules.

(2) Following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the 'United Kingdom') from the Union, the Union and the United Kingdom notified the other Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that their current market access levels will be maintained by apportioning the Union's tariff rate quotas between the Union and the United Kingdom. The methodology for that apportionment, as well as the EU-27 volumes, are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([3]).

(3) However, the Union's tariff rate quotas that are not part of the WTO schedule of the Union should not have been apportioned.

(4) Nevertheless, the import tariff quota of 1 000 tonnes, opened based on Council Regulation (EC) No 1149/2002 ([4]) and expressed in product weight, of high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef, which is not part of the WTO schedule of the Union, was incorrectly apportioned by Regulation (EU) 2019/216. Its volume was mistakenly reduced with application as of 1 January 2021.

(5) Regulation (EU) 2022/111 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([5]) amended Part A of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/216 by deleting the row concerning the tariff quota for high-quality meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen, originating in Paraguay, from the list of the apportioned quotas.

(6) It is necessary to restore the original quantity of the tariff quota for high-quality beef from Paraguay with order number 09.4455 in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761.

(7) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 should therefore be amended accordingly.

([1]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 of 17 December 2019 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 510/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the management system of tariff quotas with licences (OJ L 185, 12.6.2020, p. 24).

([3]) Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 January 2019 on the apportionment of tariff rate quotas included in the WTO schedule of the Union following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union, and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 (OJ L 38, 8.2.2019, p. 1).

([4]) Council Regulation (EC) No 1149/2002 of 27 June 2002 opening an autonomous quota for imports of high-quality beef (OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 13).

([5]) Regulation (EU) 2022/111 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 January 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/216 as regards the Union tariff rate quota for high-quality beef from Paraguay (OJ L 19, 28.01.2022, p. 1).

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 April 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

In Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/761, the row 'Quantity in kg' in the table relating to the tariff quota with order number 09.4455 is replaced by the following:

'**Quantity in kg**	1 000 000 kg boneless meat'