

QUOTA USER GUIDE

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This user manual is intended to illustrate how to use the Tariff Quota Consultation website via multiple examples of its functions.

The information found in the DDS Quota Database reflects the situation at the time of viewing with regard to Community Tariff Quotas, the so-called "First-come First-served quotas". Such quotas are managed in accordance with the chronological order of dates of acceptance of declaration for release for free circulation. Each tariff quota is identified by a six-digit order number.

The legal provisions governing the management of these tariff quotas are contained in Articles 308a to 308c of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 laying down provisions for implementing of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code.

Further information concerning these tariff quotas may be obtained from the customs authorities of the Member States or the Tariff Quota Service of the European Commission (TAXUD-DDS-Quota@ec.europa.eu).

A number of specific Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products do not come under the "First-come First-served" management system. For more detailed information concerning those tariff quotas please address queries to the responsible Commission service in DG Agriculture.

In case of questions or comments, please use the link "Mail box" in the banner.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATIONS

Tariff quotas

A tariff quota is any pre-set value or quantity of given goods, which may be imported during a specified period with a reduction or on suspension of the normal customs duties, and beyond which any additional quantity of these goods can be imported by paying normal customs duties.

Importers wishing to benefit from tariff quotas must make a claim in accordance with Community and national requirements.

In accordance with Community provisions, Customs register the date on which they accept each customs declaration. Management of tariff quotas on a "First-come First-served" basis means that when more than one claim on the same tariff quota is being considered, priority is given to the claim which results from the customs declaration(s) accepted first. Claims which have the same priority are given equal treatment.

Within the framework of these rules of management, a tariff quota allocation of is made in the afternoon of each Commission working day, taking into consideration all eligible requests received by the Commission but which are pending allocation.

Order Number

Order numbers are composed of 6 digits. They are provided for in the Regulations creating tariff quotas and are also to be found in the columns relating to particular rates of duty in the TARIC database for the products concerned.

Validity period

Each tariff quota is valid for a specific period which is indicated in the Regulation that establishes that quota. The periods of validity may vary (e.g. yearly, monthly, etc.). A tariff quota can only be allocated to goods for which the acceptance date of the customs declaration falls within the period between the start date and the end date of validity of that quota.

Origin

Most tariff quotas are limited to goods originating in specific countries. It is possible to make queries in the DDS Quota Database based on origin by using the drop-down menu and selecting the country in which you are interested.

Initial Amount or volume

The figure displayed as the initial amount is the total volume of the tariff quota concerned as set out in the relevant EU regulations.

Balance

In the context of tariff quotas the balance is the amount that remains available for use under the quota after the last allocation.

Furthermore, drawing requests under the "First-come First-served" management regime are not treated before the second working day following the date of acceptance of the customs declarations in question. For most tariff quotas, therefore, a number of recent requests are invariably awaiting treatment at the time of any particular enquiry. Priority in relation to any drawing requests treated at the same time as these is determined by reference to the date(s) of acceptance of the respective customs declarations. **The figure displayed as the balance does not take account of pending requests.**

If the figure displayed is 0 it is an indication that the tariff quota has been exhausted.

Exhausted Date

A date displayed as the date of exhaustion of a tariff quota is the date of acceptance by the customs of the most recent declaration benefiting from that tariff quota, as established by the last allocation.

Critical

The critical status of each tariff quota is determined in accordance with Article 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93. If a tariff quota is "critical" the Customs administration may request a guarantee at the time of release of the goods into free circulation.

Last import date

This is the acceptance date of the most recent customs declaration treated in the allocation.

Last allocation date

The last allocation date is the most recent date on which an allocation has been done.

Total awaiting allocation

The figure displayed as the "total awaiting allocation" is the aggregate total of the drawing requests received by the Commission for a particular tariff quota which has not yet been treated.

Blocking period

Sometimes it is necessary, for reasons of equity, to temporarily prevent drawings from being granted on a particular tariff quota. The blocking period is the period during which no allocations are made on this tariff quota.

Suspension Period

Sometimes legal provisions are adopted for the suspension of the application of a particular tariff quota. A request for drawing on a suspended tariff quota which was in a declaration during the period of suspension will be automatically rejected by the Quota2 system.

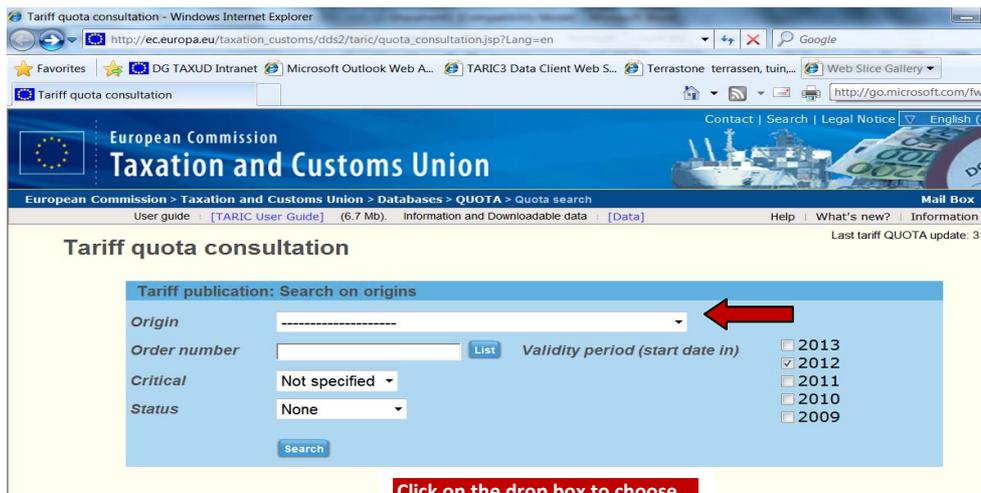
Associated Taric code

The associated TARIC codes are commodity codes referring to goods entitled to benefit from a tariff quota.

SEARCH BY ORIGIN

A country can be found by indicating the full name of the country. The result of the origin query always indicates the country name and all the possible country groups to which it belongs.

Search by a country name (origin)



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Origin: 

Order number: [List](#) Validity period (start date in): 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009

Critical: Not specified

Status: None

[Search](#)

Click on the drop box to choose the country or group of countries + Search

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Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
092012	Australia	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	14642654 Kilogram	Details 
092105	Australia	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	14642654 Kilogram	Details
092106	Australia	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	14642654 Kilogram	Details

In this example three tariff quotas with the chosen country of origin are selected indicating the 'Start Date', 'End Date' and the 'Balance'. Click on "Details" to the right of each line for information on the tariff quota.

Tariff quota details

Order number	092012
Validity period	01-01-2012 - 31-12-2012
Origins	Australia
Initial amount	19186000 Kilogram
Balance	14642654 Kilogram
Exhausted date	
Critical	No
Last import date	29-05-2012
Last allocation date	31-05-2012
Total awaiting allocation	29920
Blocking period	
Suspension period	
Associated taric code	0204100000 0204210000 0204220000 0204300000 0204410000 0204420000 0204501100 0204501300 0204501500 0204501900 0204503100 0204505100 0204505300 0204505500 0204505900 0204507100

A screen is opened providing tariff quota details. Clicking on the 'Associated taric code' will open another screen (see below) with information on the Taric goods nomenclature.

TARIC goods nomenclature information

The reference date is 01-01-2012

Goods nomenclature code: 0204100000

SECTION I LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS

CHAPTER 2 MEAT AND EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL

- 0204 Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen ^(TN084)
- 0204 10 - Carcases and half-carcases of lamb, fresh or chilled

^{TN084} Products consigned from Japan shall be accompanied by a declaration according to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1371/2011 (OJ L 341). This does not concern products which left Japan before 28 March 2011.

SEARCH BY ORDER NUMBER

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Origin

Order number Validity period (start date in) 2013
 2012
 2011
 2010
 2009

Critical Not specified ▾

Status None ▾

Clicking on 'List' opens a screen containing all existing order numbers applicable for the chosen

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Origin

Order number Validity period (start date in) 2013
 2012
 2011
 2010
 2009

Critical Not specified ▾

Status None ▾

Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
092501	ERGA OMNES	01-09-2012	31-08-2013	1870000 EURO	[Details]

Fill in the desired order number and select the chosen year(s) and click on 'Search'

In this example the tariff quota is selected indicating the 'Order number', 'Origins', 'Start Date', 'End Date' and the 'Balance'. Click on "Details" to the right of each line for information on tariff quota.

Tariff quota details

Order number 092501
Validity period 01-09-2012 - 31-08-2013
Origins ERGA OMNES
Initial amount 1870000 EURO
Balance 1870000 EURO
Exhausted date
Critical No
Last import date
Last allocation date
Total awaiting allocation 0

Blocking period

Suspension period

Associated taric code 5004000000 5005000000 5006000000 5007000000 5106000000 5107000000 5108000000 5109000000 5110000000
5111000000 5112000000 5113000000 5204000000 5205000000 5206000000 5207000000 5208000000 5209000000
5210000000 5211000000 5212000000 5306000000 5308200000 5308900000 5309000000 5310000000 5311000000
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TARIC goods nomenclature information

The reference date is 01-09-2012

Goods nomenclature code: 5509000000

SECTION XI TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTICLES

CHAPTER 55 MAN-MADE STAPLE FIBRES

5509 Yarn (other than sewing thread) of synthetic staple fibres, not put up for retail sale

Nomenclature group(s): Textile category 22, Special incentive arrangement – Labour rights (GSP)

SEARCH FOR TARIFF QUOTAS THAT ARE CRITICAL

Tariff quota consultation

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Origin

Order number Validity period (start date in) 2013
 2012
 2011
 2010
 2009

Critical 

Status

Click on the drop box and choose between Yes or No for a list of all tariff quotas that are either critical or not critical + Search.

A new screen is opened at the bottom of the page (see below) listing all existing order numbers that are either 'critical' or 'non-critical' applicable for the chosen year(s).

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Tariff publication: Search on origins

Origin

Order number Validity period (start date in) 2013
 2012
 2011
 2010
 2009

Critical 

Status

Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
090009	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090019	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090023	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090025	ERGA OMNES	01-02-2012	30-04-2012	19716104 Kilogram	[Details]
090027	ERGA OMNES	01-02-2012	30-04-2012	11482656 Kilogram	[Details]
090040	Multiple origins	21-05-2012	15-07-2012	756514 Kilogram	[Details]
090041	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090047	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090048	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090055	Multiple origins	01-01-2012	15-05-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090056	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090057	Multiple origins	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090060	ERGA OMNES	21-07-2012	31-10-2012	1500000 Kilogram	[Details]
090061	ERGA OMNES	01-04-2012	31-07-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090062	ERGA OMNES	01-08-2012	31-12-2012	1000000 Kilogram	[Details]
090063	Multiple origins	01-06-2012	31-07-2012	2500000 Kilogram	[Details]
090070	All third countries	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090071	All third countries	01-07-2012	30-06-2013	1300000 Kilogram	[Details]
090073	All third countries	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
090086	ERGA OMNES	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]

SEARCH FOR TARIFF QUOTAS THAT ARE BLOCKED, EXHAUSTED, NOT BLOCKED AND NOT EXHAUSTED

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Tariff publication: Search on origins

Origin

Order number *Validity period (start date in)* 2013
 2012
 2011
 2010
 2009

Critical

Status ←

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Order number	Origins	Start date	End date	Balance	
091104	Morocco	01-03-2012	31-03-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
091104	Morocco	01-02-2012	29-02-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
091104	Morocco	01-01-2012	31-01-2012	0 Kilogram	[Details]
091647	Cape Verde	01-01-2012	31-12-2012	2500000 Kilogram	[Details]

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Click on the 'Status' drop box. There are 4 options: 'Blocked', 'Exhausted', 'Not blocked' and 'Not exhausted'. If for example the 'Blocked' status is chosen + Search, a list of all tariff quotas that are blocked for the chosen year(s) will be listed at the bottom of the page. Click on "Details" to the right of each line for information on tariff quota.