DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 536 OF JULY 15, 2002 ON THE TARIFF REGULATION OF THE IMPORT OF RAW SUGAR AND WHITE SUGAR IN 2003

In execution of this Decision there was issued Order of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 942 of September 9, 2002

On the Tariff Regulation of the Import of Raw Sugar and White Sugar in 2004, see <u>Decision</u> of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 720 of November 29, 2003

The Government of the Russian Federation resolves:

1. In partial amendment of the <u>Customs Tariff</u> of the Russian Federation, approved by <u>Decision</u> of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 830 of November 30, 2001 (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 2001, No. 50, item 4735) to establish:

the rate of the import customs duty on raw sugar from January 1 till June 30, 2003 - in the amount of 0.2 euro per kilogram (CC FEA codes $\underline{1701}$ 11 100 1, 1701 11 900 1, 1701 12 100 1, 1701 12 900 1, 1701 91 000 1) and from July 1 till December 31, 2003 - in the amount of 0.23 euro per kilogram (CC FEA codes 1701 11 100 9, 1701 11 900 9, 1701 12 100 9, 1701 12 900 9, 1701 91 000 9);

the rate of the import customs duty on white sugar from January 1 till June 30, 2003 - in the amount of 0.24 euro per kilogram (CC FEA codes 1701 99 100 1 and 1701 99 900 1) and from July 1 till December 31, 2003 - in the amount of 0.27 euro per kilogram (CC FEA codes 1701 99 100 9 and 1701 99 900 9).

2. In partial amendment of <u>Item 2</u> of Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 414 of May 25, 2000 on the Approval of the List of Goods Originating from Developing and the Least Developed Countries in Whose Respect, when They Are Imported into the Territory of the Russian Federation, Tariff Preferences Are Granted (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 2000, No. 22, item 2321; No. 33, item 3392; 2001, No. 35, item 3525) to establish that from January 1 till December 31, 2003 with respect to raw sugar (CC FEA codes 1701 11 100 1, 1701 11 100 9, 1701 11 900 1, 1701 11 900 9, 1701 12 100 1, 1701 12 100 9, 1701 12 900 1, 1701 12 900 9, 1701 91 000 1, 1701 91 000 9) originating from developing countries that are users of the national system of preferences of the Russian Federation, there shall be granted a tariff preference in the form of a tariff quota for the importation into the territory of the Russian Federation of 3.95 million tons of raw sugar (hereinafter referred to as the tariff quota).

The rate of the import customs duty on raw sugar imported within the limits of the tariff quota shall be established in the amount of 0.095 euro per kilogram.

- **3.** To establish that the rates of import customs duties stipulated in <u>Item 1</u> of this Decision shall not be subject to the effect of the relevant provisions of <u>Decision</u> of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1347 of October 22, 1997 Issues of the Customs-Tariff Policy (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1997, No. 43, item 4998).
- **4.** To establish that the tariff quota shall be distributed among the Russian participants of foreign economic activity by way of its auction sale at Russian commodity exchanges carried out in the procedure established by the <u>Regulations</u> on the Procedure for the Conduct of Tenders and Auctions for the Sale of Export and Import Quotas in the Introduction by the Government of the Russian Federation of Quantitative Restrictions, approved by <u>Decision</u> of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1299 of October 31, 1996 (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1996, No. 46, item 5249), provided that the following conditions are observed:

the tariff quota put up for an auction is distributed in 158 lots of 25 thousand tons each; the minimum price of a lot is 700 thousand euros;

free resale of lots is prohibited:

participation in an auction is possible only in the placing on deposit of an amount for which the

participant of the auction intends to acquire lots.

5. If the tariff quota is not sold in full at an auction, it shall be realized by the way of conducting a repeated auction.

In the case of a repeated auction sale of a lot:

At a higher price than in the initial sale the participant of the auction sale that has returned the lot shall be paid the initial price of the lot. The difference between the price of the repeated sale and the amount returned to the first owner of the lot shall go to the federal budget;

At a lower price than in the initial sale - the participant of the auction sale that has returned the lot shall be paid only the amount at which the lot was sold repeatedly.

6. The auction for the sale of the tariff quota shall be conducted in September, 2002.

The repeated auction for the sale of unrealized or unpaid lots, if at all, shall be conducted in November-December, 2002.

7. The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation shall:

sign with a Russian commodity exchange from among the exchanges admitted in the established procedure to the organization and conduct of auctions by the Commodity Exchanges Commission attached to the Ministry of the Russian Federation for the Antimonopoly Policy and the Support of Business, and agreement for interaction in the conduct of the auction for the sale of the tariff quota;

ensure the control over the conduct of the auction for the sale of the tariff quota and the receipt by the federal budget of the funds gained.

- **8.** In the importation of raw sugar within the limits of the tariff quota, the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation shall collect the import customs duty in the amount established by this Decision on the basis of the licenses issued in the established procedure by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation.
 - **9.** This Decision shall enter into force from the day of its official publication.

Chairman of the government of the Russian Federation

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