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adopted at first reading on 14 December 2021

with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/216 as regards the Union tariff rate quota for high-quality beef from Paraguay

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure¹,

Whereas:

(1) 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\(^1\).

(2) The Union’s tariff rate quotas that are not part of the Union’s schedule of concessions and commitments should not be apportioned.

(3) Council Regulation (EC) No 1149/2002\(^2\) opened an import tariff quota of 1 000 tonnes, expressed in product weight, of high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef. Despite not being part of the WTO schedule of the Union, that tariff quota was incorrectly apportioned by Regulation (EU) 2019/216, thus reducing its volume with application as of 1 January 2021. The original volume of that tariff quota should therefore be restored.

(4) Regulation (EU) 2019/216 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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Article 1

In Part A of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/216, the following row is deleted:

| High quality meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen | t | PAR | 094455 | 71,1 % | 711 |

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 ..., ...

*For the European Parliament*  
*For the Council*

*The President*  
*The President*