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Report Highlights:

The EU-Morocco agricultural trade liberalization deal of 2003 is in the process of being updated to take into account the May 2004 enlargement of the EU. Changes are minor, with the EU increasing tariff rate quotas for several fruit and vegetables, notably an additional 13,000 MT for tomatoes. The agreement is expected to be formally approved in the Council in February 2005 will be applied retroactively from May 2004.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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The agricultural trade liberalization package between the EU and Morocco is in the process of being revised to take into account of EU enlargement in May 2004, although the changes to the EU's import concessions are rather minor. The revised concessions will apply retroactively from May 2004. The revised agreement is expected to be formally adopted by the Council in February 2005.

EU import concessions are revised upwards for:

- Tomatoes (from October to May) - the maximum annual Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) is revised up from 200,000 MT to 213,000 MT for 2004/05).
- Cucumbers (from November to May)– An additional 600 MT added to the TRQ which now totals 6,200 MT.
- Fresh oranges (from December to May) – An extra 6,800 MT is added to the TRQ which now totals 306,800 MT.
- Fresh clementines (from November to February) - An extra 13,700 MT is added to the TRQ which now totals 143,700 MT.
- Roses (June only) – A new TRQ for 50 MT at zero duty.
- Lettuce, chicory, carrots and similar vegetables – TRQ reference quantity limit raised from 600 MT to 3000 MT.
- Strawberries (April only) – a new TRQ for 100 MT at zero duty.

The October 2003 EU-Morocco deal entered into force in January 2004. More details can be found in GAIN Report E23201, [EU and Morocco reach agri-trade liberalization deal](#)¹.

Full text of the agreement can be found at:

<http://register.consilium.eu.int/pdf/en/03/st15/st15613.en03.pdf>

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