

## **COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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### **Decree Law n° 3/98 (sic)**

**Of 1 February**

The policy to elimination contingency in external commerce, initiated by Decree 193/91 of 30 December, has proven to be on target, flexible and dynamic and has contributed to the modernization of the sector, improvement of the services provided the consumers and reduction of the inflation rate in recent years.

However, in view of the growing economic globalization phenomenon and particularly of the international commerce, it becomes necessary to permanently update the instruments and commercial policy measures with a view to create greater dynamism and freedom in market operation, specifically with regard to the clear definition of the rules of the game, giving consistency to the process of dynamic insertion of Cape Verde in the world economy.

This diploma consecrates the end of the gradual liberalization process of the plafond system initiated in 1992, thus opening new perspectives for the economic operators and for the consumers and creating conditions for the full operation of sound competition rules among the different economic agents in the market.

In the defense of the national economy, the government may impose temporary restrictions to the import of products when there is clear proof that this import causes or threatens to cause grave damage to the economy.

The associations representative of the operators were consulted.

Under these terms,

In the use of the faculty conferred by subparagraph a) of n° 2, article 216 of the Constitution the Government decrees the following:

#### **Article 1 (Exemption from the Annual Quota import regime)**

Under the provisions of Decree 193/91, of 30 December, the imports still subject to the Annual Quota Regime and the corresponding BRPI are hereinafter free from quota, without prejudice from the provisions of the article that follows.

#### **Article 2 (Special regime)**

The import of sugar, rice, corn, wheat, wheat flour, chemical-pharmaceutical products, fuels, lubricants, tobacco and its derivatives, are subject to a special regime defined in its own diploma.

The import of weaponry and munitions is restricted to the national defense and security forces for their exclusive use.

**Article 3**  
**(Safeguard measures)**

In exceptional circumstances, temporary restrictions may be imposed on the import of products when there are clear indications that the referred operation causes or may cause grave damage to the national economy or to public health.

**Article 4**  
**(Revocation)**

Annex II to Ministerial Decree nº 78/97 of 24 November, is hereby revoked.

**Article 5**  
**(Effective date)**

This diploma goes into effect immediately.

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Publish it.

The President of the Republic, ANTÓNIO MANUEL MASCARENHAS GOMES  
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