

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2371/1999**of 8 November 1999****amending Regulations (EC) No 1599/97 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of minimum import prices for certain soft fruits originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic and (EC) No 2479/96 laying down detailed rules for the application of the minimum import price system for certain soft fruit originating in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and fixing the minimum import prices**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Decisions of 18 May 1998 on the conclusion of Protocols adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreements establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Lithuania respectively, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) detailed rules should be laid down for the application of the system of minimum import prices for certain soft fruits originating in Estonia and Lithuania and intended for processing as provided for in the above Protocols. The system is identical to that for certain soft fruits originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, the detailed rules for the application of which are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 ⁽²⁾. With a view to simplifying administration, the detailed rules for the application of the above import arrangements should be included in the same Regulation and to that end the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 should be extended to cover products originating in Estonia and Lithuania;

(2) these import arrangements replace those provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1926/96 ⁽³⁾. As a result, Commission Regulation (EC) No 2479/96 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 922/1999 ⁽⁵⁾, should be amended to exclude Estonia and Lithuania from its scope;

(3) the Protocols came into force on 1 September 1999, as provided for by the Council ⁽⁶⁾, and this Regulation should therefore apply from that date;

(4) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following:

'Commission Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 of 28 July 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of minimum import prices for certain soft fruits originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Estonia and Lithuania'.

2. The Annex is replaced by Annex A hereto.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 2479/96 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following:

'Commission Regulation (EC) No 2479/96 of 18 December 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of the minimum import price system for certain soft fruit originating in Latvia and fixing the minimum import prices'.

2. Annexes I and II are replaced by Annexes B and C hereto.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 September 1999.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 321, 30.11.1998, p. 1 (for Lithuania), and OJ L 29, 3.2.1999, p. 9 (for Estonia).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 216, 8.8.1997, p. 63.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 254, 8.10.1996, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 335, 24.12.1996, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 114, 1.5.1999, p. 47.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 224, 25.8.1999, p. 9 (for Lithuania), and OJ L 248, 21.9.1999, p. 36 (for Estonia).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 November 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

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MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES

CN code	TARIC code	Description	Bulgaria	Hungary	Poland	Romania	Slovakia	Czech Republic	Estonia	Lithuania
ex 0810 10	—	Strawberries for processing	51,4	—	—	51,4	—	—	51,4	—
ex 0810 20 10	—	Raspberries for processing	63,1	63,1	63,1	63,1	63,1	63,1	—	—
ex 0810 30 10	—	Blackcurrants for processing	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5
ex 0810 30 30	—	Redcurrants for processing	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	—
ex 0811 10 11	0811 10 11*10	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content of more than 13 % by weight: whole fruit	—	—	75,0	—	—	—	75,0	—
	0811 10 11*90	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content of more than 13 % by weight: other	—	—	57,6	—	—	—	57,6	—
ex 0811 10 19	0811 10 19*10	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	—	—	75,0	—	—	—	75,0	—
	0811 10 19*90	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	—	—	57,6	—	—	—	57,6	—
ex 0811 10 90	0811 10 90*10	Frozen strawberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: whole fruit	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	—
	0811 10 90*90	Frozen strawberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: other	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	—
ex 0811 20 19	0811 20 19*11	Frozen raspberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: whole fruit	—	99,5	99,5	—	99,5	99,5	99,5	—
	0811 20 19*19	Frozen raspberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight: other	—	79,6	79,6	—	79,6	79,6	79,6	—
ex 0811 20 31	0811 20 31*10	Frozen raspberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: whole fruit	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	—
	0811 20 31*90	Frozen raspberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: other	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	—
ex 0811 20 39	0811 20 39*10	Frozen blackcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: without stalk	—	62,8	62,8	62,8	62,8	62,8	62,8	—
	0811 20 39*90	Frozen blackcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: other	—	44,8	44,8	44,8	44,8	44,8	44,8	—
ex 0811 20 51	0811 20 51*10	Frozen redcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: without stalk	—	39,0	39,0	—	39,0	39,0	39,0	—
	0811 20 51*90	Frozen redcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: other	—	29,5	29,5	—	29,5	29,5	29,5	—

ANNEX B

'ANNEX I

CN code	Description	Origin
0811 10 11	Frozen strawberries	Latvia'

ANNEX C

'ANNEX II

PRICE

(EUR/100 kg net weight)

CN code	Description	Latvia
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: whole fruit	93,7
ex 0811 10 90	Frozen strawberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents: other	72,0'