

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 323/2004  
of 25 February 2004**

**adapting Regulation (EEC) No 1686/72 on account of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

*Article 1*

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Regulation (EEC) No 1686/72 is hereby amended as follows:

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, and in particular Article 57(2) thereof,

1. The first subparagraph of Article 3(1) is replaced with the following:

'From 1 July 2004, the annual maximum quantity of seed other than rice seed eligible for Community production aid shall be 332 841 tonnes, allocated to the producer Member States as follows:

Whereas:

(1) Article 3(4a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common organisation of the market in seeds <sup>(1)</sup> provides for a mechanism to stabilise production of rice seed and seed other than rice seed involving fixing a maximum quantity eligible for production aid, to be allocated among the Member States.

Belgium 10 077 tonnes,

(2) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1686/72 of 2 August 1972 on certain detailed rules for aid for seed <sup>(2)</sup> fixes the said maximum quantities of rice seed and seed other than rice seed for the Community and by Member State.

Czech Republic 9 124 tonnes,

(3) In view of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the Community on 1 May 2004, the maximum quantity of rice seed and seed other than rice seed eligible for production aid in the enlarged Community and the quantities allocated to each Member State should be fixed. The quantities taken into account for calculating the maximum quantities are those communicated by the Member States to the Commission.

Denmark 93 697 tonnes,

(4) The rice seed harvested in a given marketing year is normally used to sow areas for the production of paddy rice and rice seed during the next marketing year. The quantity of seed used in the Community to sow one hectare is 0,2 tonnes. Accordingly, to sow the total base area of (433 123 ha + 3 222 ha =) 436 345 ha, 87 269 tonnes of seed are needed.

Germany 31 654 tonnes,

(5) Regulation (EEC) No 1686/72 should be amended accordingly,

Estonia 379 tonnes,

Greece 3 846 tonnes,

Spain 23 976 tonnes,

France 52 981 tonnes,

Ireland 1 016 tonnes,

Italy 18 822 tonnes,

Cyprus 305 tonnes,

Latvia 1 086 tonnes,

Lithuania 1 090 tonnes,

Luxembourg 865 tonnes,

Hungary 7 772 tonnes,

Malta 300 tonnes,

Netherlands 35 856 tonnes,

Austria 769 tonnes,

Poland 5 800 tonnes,

Portugal 300 tonnes,

Slovenia 369 tonnes,

Slovakia 862 tonnes,

Finland 5 853 tonnes,

Sweden 8 132 tonnes,

United Kingdom 17 910 tonnes.'

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 154/2002 (OJ L 25, 29.1.2002, p. 18).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 177, 4.8.1972, p. 26. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 800/2002 (OJ L 131, 16.5.2002, p. 3).

2. The first subparagraph of Article 3a(1) is replaced with the following:

'From 1 July 2004, the annual maximum quantity of rice seed eligible for Community production aid shall be 87 269 tonnes, allocated to the producer Member States as follows:

Spain	29 625,613 tonnes,
France	3 031,861 tonnes,
Greece	1 472,618 tonnes,
Hungary	644,400 tonnes,

Italy	50 242,268 tonnes,
Portugal	2 252,240 tonnes.'

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 May 2004, subject to the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

It shall apply until the end of the 2004/2005 marketing year.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2004.

*For the Commission*  
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