

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 775/2003
of 5 May 2003

amending Regulation (EC) No 2759/1999 laying down rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 on Community support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe in the pre-accession period

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 of 21 June 1999 on Community support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe in the pre-accession period ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 696/2003 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2759/1999 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2251/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, concerns the processing and marketing measure and its paragraph 2 lists certain expenditure that may be eligible. In order to avoid misinterpretation, it should be clearly indicated that the list of expenditure is not exhaustive.
- (2) Financing Agreements referred to in Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) 2222/2000 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 188/2003 ⁽⁶⁾, applicable between the Community and each applicant country set already out the parameters determining eligible expenditure. It is therefore appropriate to take into account the relevant provisions of those Agreements.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2759/1999 should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Agricultural Structures and Rural Development Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2759/1999 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 3(2) the introductory phrase is replaced by the following:
'Eligible expenditure may include in particular:';
2. the following Article 8a is inserted:

'Article 8a

Financing Agreements

For each Programme eligible expenditure shall respect the provisions of the Financing Agreement referred to in Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000 ^(*) applicable between the Community and the applicant country concerned.

^(*) OJ L 253, 7.10.2000, p. 5.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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 Brussels, 5 May 2003.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 87.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 99, 17.4.2003, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 331, 23.12.1999, p. 51.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 343, 18.12.2002, p. 8.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 253, 7.10.2000, p. 5.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 27, 1.2.2003, p. 4.