

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1173/2006****of 31 July 2006****fixing the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 1 August 2006**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 of 28 June 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards import duties in the cereals sector <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 provides that the rates of duty in the Common Customs Tariff are to be charged on import of the products referred to in Article 1 of that Regulation. However, in the case of the products referred to in paragraph 2 of that Article, the import duty is to be equal to the intervention price valid for such products on importation and increased by 55 %, minus the cif import price applicable to the consignment in question. However, that duty may not exceed the rate of duty in the Common Customs Tariff.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 10(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003, the cif import prices are calculated on the basis of the representative prices for the product in question on the world market.

- (3) Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 lays down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 as regards import duties in the cereals sector.

- (4) The import duties are applicable until new duties are fixed and enter into force.

- (5) In order to allow the import duty system to function normally, the representative market rates recorded during a reference period should be used for calculating the duties.

- (6) Application of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 results in import duties being fixed as set out in Annex I to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The import duties in the cereals sector referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 shall be those fixed in Annex I to this Regulation on the basis of the information given in Annex II.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 August 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 July 2006.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 125. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1110/2003 (OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 12).

## ANNEX I

**Import duties for the products covered by Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 applicable from 1 August 2006**

| CN code       | Description                                     | Import duty <sup>(1)</sup><br>(EUR/tonne) |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1001 10 00    | Durum wheat high quality                        | 0,00                                      |
|               | medium quality                                  | 0,00                                      |
|               | low quality                                     | 5,93                                      |
| 1001 90 91    | Common wheat seed                               | 0,00                                      |
| ex 1001 90 99 | Common high quality wheat other than for sowing | 0,00                                      |
| 1002 00 00    | Rye                                             | 37,23                                     |
| 1005 10 90    | Maize seed other than hybrid                    | 50,27                                     |
| 1005 90 00    | Maize other than seed <sup>(2)</sup>            | 50,27                                     |
| 1007 00 90    | Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing     | 42,22                                     |

<sup>(1)</sup> For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal (Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96), the importer may benefit from a reduction in the duty of:

— EUR 3/t, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or

— EUR 2/t, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden or the Atlantic coasts of the Iberian peninsula.

<sup>(2)</sup> The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of EUR 24/t, where the conditions laid down in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 are met.

## ANNEX II

**Factors for calculating duties**

(14.7.2006-28.7.2006)

1. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

| Exchange quotations                   | Minneapolis  | Chicago | Minneapolis | Minneapolis        | Minneapolis      | Minneapolis |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Product (% proteins at 12 % humidity) | HRS2         | YC3     | HAD2        | Medium quality (*) | Low quality (**) | US barley 2 |
| Quotation (EUR/t)                     | 157,48 (***) | 75,86   | 154,25      | 144,25             | 124,25           | 92,95       |
| Gulf premium (EUR/t)                  | —            | 15,09   | —           |                    |                  | —           |
| Great Lakes premium (EUR/t)           | 19,96        | —       | —           |                    |                  | —           |

(\*) A discount of 10 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

(\*\*) A discount of 30 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

(\*\*\*) Premium of 14 EUR/t incorporated (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

2. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico–Rotterdam: 20,81 EUR/t; Great Lakes–Rotterdam: 26,85 EUR/t.

3. Subsidy within the meaning of the third paragraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96: 0,00 EUR/t (HRW2)
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- 0,00 EUR/t (SRW2).