

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 706/2000**  
**of 3 April 2000**  
**amending the import duties in the cereals sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 <sup>(2)</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>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2519/98 <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 2 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The import duties in the cereals sector are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 672/2000 <sup>(5)</sup>.

- (2) Article 2, (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 provides that if during the period of application, the average import duty calculated differs by EUR 5 per tonne from the duty fixed, a corresponding adjustment is to be made. Such a difference has arisen. It is therefore necessary to adjust the import duties fixed in Regulation (EC) No 672/2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 672/2000 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2000.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 125.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 315, 25.11.1998, p. 7.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 80, 31.3.2000, p. 23.

## ANNEX I

**Import duties for the products covered by Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92**

| CN code    | Description  | Import duty by land inland waterway or sea from Mediterranean, the Black Sea or Baltic Sea ports (EUR/tonne) | Import duty by air or by sea from other ports <sup>(2)</sup> (EUR/tonne) |
|------------|--|--|--|
| 1001 10 00 | Durum wheat high quality                                       | 26,09  | 16,09  |
|            | medium quality <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | 36,09  | 26,09  |
| 1001 90 91 | Common wheat seed  | 23,77  | 13,77  |
| 1001 90 99 | Common high quality wheat other than for sowing <sup>(3)</sup> | 23,77  | 13,77  |
|            | medium quality   | 73,27  | 63,27  |
|            | low quality  | 85,10  | 75,10  |
| 1002 00 00 | Rye  | 76,90  | 66,90  |
| 1003 00 10 | Barley, seed   | 76,90  | 66,90  |
| 1003 00 90 | Barley, other <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 76,90  | 66,90  |
| 1005 10 90 | Maize seed other than hybrid                                   | 87,31  | 77,31  |
| 1005 90 00 | Maize other than seed <sup>(3)</sup>                           | 87,31  | 77,31  |
| 1007 00 90 | Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing                    | 76,90  | 66,90  |

<sup>(1)</sup> In the case of durum wheat not meeting the minimum quality requirements for durum wheat of medium quality, referred to in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1249/96, the duty applicable is that fixed for low-quality common wheat.

<sup>(2)</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 per tonne, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or

— EUR 2 per tonne, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Finland or the Atlantic Coasts of the Iberian Peninsula.

<sup>(3)</sup> The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of EUR 14 or 8 per tonne, where the conditions laid down in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 are met.

## ANNEX II

**Factors for calculating duties**

(for 31 March 2000)

## 1. Averages over the two-week period preceding the day of fixing:

| Exchange quotations                   | Minneapolis | Kansas-City  | Chicago | Chicago | Minneapolis | Minneapolis        | Minneapolis |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Product (% proteins at 12 % humidity) | HRS2. 14 %  | HRW2. 11,5 % | SRW2    | YC3     | HAD2        | Medium quality (*) | US barley 2 |
| Quotation (EUR/t)                     | 125,77      | 108,08       | 98,21   | 94,73   | 155,19 (**) | 145,19 (**)        | 108,10 (**) |
| Gulf premium (EUR/t)                  | —           | 5,47         | 3,51    | 4,78    | —           | —                  | —           |
| Great Lakes premium (EUR/t)           | 31,73       | —            | —       | —       | —           | —                  | —           |

(\*) A discount of EUR 10/t (Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

(\*\*) Fob Great Lakes.

## 2. Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico — Rotterdam: 17,01 EUR/t; Great Lakes — Rotterdam: 22,77 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)  
0,00 EUR/t (SRW2).