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## I

*(Information)*

## COMMISSION

ECU <sup>(1)</sup>

15 January 1987

(87/C 12/01)

Currency amount for one unit:

Belgian and Luxembourg franc con.	42,5974	Spanish peseta	144,320
Belgian and Luxembourg franc fin.	43,3184	Portuguese escudo	158,462
German mark	2,06140	United States dollar	1,11790
Dutch guilder	2,32466	Swiss franc	1,72737
Pound sterling	0,744767	Swedish krona	7,35911
Danish krone	7,83421	Norwegian krone	7,96892
French franc	6,87506	Canadian dollar	1,52336
Italian lira	1466,96	Austrian schilling	14,5058
Irish pound	0,778208	Finnish markka	5,14959
Greek drachma	149,586	Japanese yen	171,765
		Australian dollar	1,71667
		New Zealand dollar	2,12447

The Commission has installed a telex with an automatic answering device which gives the conversion rates in a number of currencies. This service is available every day from 3.30 p.m. until 1 p.m. the following day.

Users of the service should do as follows:

- call telex number Brussels 23789;
- give their own telex code;
- type the code 'cccc' which puts the automatic system into operation resulting in the transmission of the conversion rates of the ECU;
- the transmission should not be interrupted until the end of the message, which is marked by the code 'ffff'.

*Note:* The Commission also has an automatic telex answering service (No 21791) providing daily data on calculation of monetary compensatory amounts for the purposes of the common agricultural policy.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 of 18 December 1978 (OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2626/84 (OJ No L 247, 16. 9. 1984, p. 1).

Council Decision 80/1184/EEC of 18 December 1980 (Convention of Lomé) (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 34).

Commission Decision No 3334/80/ECSC of 19 December 1980 (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 27).

Financial Regulation of 16 December 1980 concerning the general budget of the European Communities (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 23).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3308/80 of 16 December 1980 (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 1).

Decision of the Council of Governors of the European Investment Bank of 13 May 1981 (OJ No L 311, 30. 10. 1981, p. 1).

## II

*(Preparatory Acts)*

## COMMISSION

**Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) opening for 1987, as an autonomous measure, a special import quota for high quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff**

*COM(86) 706 final**(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 8 December 1986)**(87/C 12/02)*

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, in view of the market situation for beef both within and outside the Community, provision should be made for the opening for 1987, as an autonomous measure, of a special Community import tariff quota for 12 000 tonnes, at a duty of 20 %, of high quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas equal, continuous access for all operators concerned in the Community to the said quota and the uninterrupted application of the rate laid down for that quota to all imports of the products concerned in all the Member States until the volume provided for is exhausted should in particular be ensured; whereas, to this end, a system for utilizing the Community tariff quota, based on the presentation of a certificate of authenticity guaranteeing the type, provenance and origin of the products is required;

Whereas rules for the application of these provisions should be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 <sup>(2)</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. A special Community tariff contingent for high quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby opened for 1987.

The total amount of this contingent shall be 12 000 tonnes expressed in weight of the product.

2. The applicable duty for this contingent in the Common Customs Tariff shall be fixed at 20 %.

*Article 2*

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, the rules for the application of this Regulation, and in particular:

- (a) provisions guaranteeing the type, provenance and origin of the products;
- (b) provisions relating to the recognition of the document enabling the guarantees provided for in (a) to be ascertained,

shall be determined.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8.

**Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 76/116/EEC in respect of fluid fertilizers**

*COM(86) 704 final*

*(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 16 December 1986)*

(87/C 12/03)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES;

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Council Directive 76/116/EEC of 18 December 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to fertilizers<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, laid down rules governing the marketing of solid fertilizers; whereas it has proved necessary to extend the scope of this Directive to cover fluid fertilizers;

Whereas Directive 76/116/EEC is also applicable to fluid fertilizers, and in particular the designation 'EEC fertilizer' for fertilizers meeting the definition and having the composition of simple and compound fertilizers set out in this Directive,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*

Directive 76/116/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 2*

Member States shall take all the necessary measures to ensure that the designation "EEC fertilizer" is used only for fertilizers belonging to one of the fertilizer types listed in Annex I and complying with the

conditions laid down by the Directive and by Annexes I to III thereof.'

2. The following paragraph 3 is added to Article 4:

'3. Fluid fertilizers may only be marketed if directions for their correct storage are provided, in particular with regard to storage temperature.'

3. Chapter 'C — Fluid fertilizers' contained in Annex I to this Directive is added to Annex I.

4. The following is inserted after the second subparagraph in point 1. c) of Annex II:  
'The *additional* information on the fertilizing components of fluid fertilizers may be expressed in terms of weight versus volume (kg per hectolitre or grams per litre).

Quantities of a fluid fertilizer shall be expressed by mass. The expression of quantities of fluid fertilizers by volume shall be optional.'

5. The following products and tolerances are added under A.I in Annex III:

— Nitrogen fertilizer solution	0,6 %
— Ammonium nitrate — urea solution	0,6 %'

*Article 2*

1. Member States shall implement the measures necessary for compliance with this Directive at the latest by 31 December 1987. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of any national provisions that they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

*Article 3*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 24, 30. 1. 1976, p. 21.

ANNEX

C. FLUID FERTILIZERS

1. Straight fluid fertilizers

Number	Type designation	Data on method of production and essential ingredients	Minimum content of nutrients (percentage by weight) data on the expression of nutrients; other requirements	Other data or type designation	Nutrient content to be declared; forms and solubilities of the nutrients; other criteria
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Nitrogen fertilizer solution	Product obtained chemically and by dissolution in water, in a form stable at atmospheric pressure, not incorporating organic materials of animal or vegetable origin	15 % N Nitrogen expressed as total nitrogen or, if there is only one form, nitric nitrogen or ammoniacal nitrogen or ureic nitrogen. Maximum biuret content: ureic N x 0,026		Total nitrogen and/or for any form that amounts to not less than 1 %, nitric nitrogen, ammoniacal nitrogen and ureic nitrogen. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' may be added
2	Ammonium nitrate-urea fertilizer solution	Product obtained chemically and by dissolution in water, containing ammonium nitrate and urea	26 % N Nitrogen expressed as total nitrogen, consisting of approximately 50 % urea and 50 % ammonium nitrate. Maximum biuret content: 0,5 %		Total nitrogen Nitric nitrogen, ammoniacal nitrogen and ureic nitrogen. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be added

## 2. Compound fluid fertilizers

Type designation	Data on method of production	Minimum content of nutrients (percentage by weight)		Form, solubility and nutrient content to be declared as specified in columns 8, 9 and 10				Data for identifying fertilizers. Other requirements		
		Total	For each nutrient	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
NPK-fertilizer solution	Product obtained chemically and by dissolution in water, in a form stable at atmospheric pressure, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	15 % N + P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> + K <sub>2</sub> O	For each nutrient: 2 % N 3 % P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 3 % K <sub>2</sub> O	1. Total nitrogen 2. Nitric nitrogen 3. Ammoniacal nitrogen 4. Ureic nitrogen	Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Water-soluble K <sub>2</sub> O	1. Total nitrogen 2. If any of the forms of nitrogen to 4. amounts to not less than 1 % by weight, it must be declared. If the biuret content does not exceed 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be stated	Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1. Water-soluble potassium oxide 2. The words 'low in chlorine' may be used only where the Cl content does not exceed 2 % 3. The chlorine content can be declared	
NPK fertilizer suspension	Product in liquid form, in which the nutrients are derived from substances both in suspension in the water and in solution. Not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	20 % (N + P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> + K <sub>2</sub> O)	3 % N 4 % P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 4 % K <sub>2</sub> O	1. Total nitrogen 2. Nitric nitrogen 3. Ammoniacal nitrogen 4. Ureic nitrogen	1. Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 2. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> soluble in neutral ammonium citrate 3. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> soluble in neutral ammonium citrate and water	Water-soluble K <sub>2</sub> O	1. Total nitrogen 2. If any of the forms of nitrogen to 4. amounts to not less than 1 %, by weight, it must be declared. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be stated	The fertilizers must not contain Thomas slag, aluminium calcium phosphate, disintegrated phosphates, partially solubilized phosphates or natural phosphates 1. If the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is less than 2 %, only solubility 2 will be declared 2. If the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is at least 2 %, solubility 3 will be declared and the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1. Water-soluble potassium oxide 2. The words 'chlorine may be used only where the chlorine content does not exceed 2 %' 3. The chlorine content can be declared	

Type-designation	Data on method of production	Minimum content of nutrients (percentage by weight) Other requirements		Form, solubility and nutrient content to be declared as specified in columns 8, 9 and 10			Data for identifying fertilizers Other requirements		
		Total	For each nutrient	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NP fertilizer	Product obtained chemically and by dissolution in water, in a form stable at atmospheric pressure, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	18 % (N + P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	3 % N 5 % P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1. Total nitrogen 2. Nitric nitrogen 3. Ammoniacal nitrogen 4. Ureic nitrogen	Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>		1. Total nitrogen 2. If any of the forms of nitrogen to not less than 1 % by weight, it must be declared. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be stated	Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	
NP fertilizer suspension	Product in liquid form, in which the nutrients are derived from substances both in solution and in suspension in the water, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	18 % (N + P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	3 % N 5 % P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1. Total nitrogen 2. Nitric nitrogen 3. Ammoniacal nitrogen 4. Ureic nitrogen	1. Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 2. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> soluble in neutral ammonium citrate 3. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> soluble in neutral ammonium citrate and water		1. Total nitrogen 2. If any of the forms of nitrogen to not less than 1 % by weight, it must be declared. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be stated	1. If the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is less than 2 %, only solubility 2. will be declared 2. If the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is at least 2 %, solubility 3. will be declared and the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> content must be stated The fertilizers may not contain Thomas slag, aluminium calcium phosphate, disintegrated phosphates, partially solubilized phosphates or natural phosphates	

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		Total	For each nutrient	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NK fertilizer solution	Product obtained chemically and by dissolution in water, in a form stable at atmospheric pressure, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	18 % (N + K <sub>2</sub> O)   3 % N Maximum biuret content: ureic N × 0,026	For each nutrient	1. Total nitrogen 2. Nitric nitrogen 3. Ammoniacal nitrogen 4. Ureic nitrogen		Water-soluble K <sub>2</sub> O	1. Total nitrogen 2. If any of the forms of nitrogen to not less than 1 % by weight, it must be declared. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be stated		1. Water-soluble potassium oxide 2. The words 'low in chlorine' may be used only with a chlorine content of under 2 % 3. The chlorine content can be declared
NK fertilizer suspension	Product in liquid form, in which the nutrients are derived from substances both in solution and in suspension in the water, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	18 % (N + K <sub>2</sub> O)   3 % N Maximum biuret content: ureic N × 0,026		1. Total nitrogen 2. Nitric nitrogen 3. Ammoniacal nitrogen 4. Ureic nitrogen		Water-soluble K <sub>2</sub> O	1. Total nitrogen 2. If any of the forms of nitrogen to not less than 1 % by weight, it must be declared. If the biuret content is less than 0,2 %, the words 'low in biuret' can be stated		1. Water-soluble potassium oxide 2. The words 'low in chlorine' may be used only where the chlorine content does not exceed 2 % 3. The chlorine content can be declared
PK fertilizer solution	Product obtained chemically and by dissolution in water, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	18 % (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> + K <sub>2</sub> O)   5 % P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 5 % K <sub>2</sub> O			Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Water-soluble K <sub>2</sub> O		Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1. Water-soluble potassium oxide 2. The words 'low in chlorine', may be used only where the chlorine content does not exceed 2 % 3. The chlorine content can be declared



Type designation	Data on method of production	Minimum content of nutrients (percentage by weight) Other requirements		Form, solubility and nutrient content to be declared as specified in columns 8, 9 and 10			Data for identifying fertilizers Other requirements		
		Total	For each nutrient	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PK fertilizer suspension	Product in liquid form, in which the nutrients are derived from substances both in solution and in suspension in water, not incorporating organic nutrients of animal or vegetable origin	18 % (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> + K <sub>2</sub> O)	5 % P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 5 % K <sub>2</sub> O		1. Water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 2. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> soluble in neutral ammonium citrate 3. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> soluble in neutral ammonium citrate and water	Water-soluble K <sub>2</sub> O		1. If the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is less than 2 %, only solubility 2. will be declared 2. If the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> is at least 2 % solubility 3. will be declared and the water-soluble P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> content must be stated The fertilizers must not contain Thomas slag, aluminium calcium phosphate, disintegrated phosphates, partially solubilized phosphates or natural phosphates	1. Water-soluble potassium oxide 2. The words 'low in chlorine' may be used only where the chlorine content does not exceed 2 % 3. The chlorine content can be declared