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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, ECSC, EURATOM) No 2700/1999
of 17 December 1999**

adjusting with effect from 1 July 1999 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities and the weightings applied thereto

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities laid down by Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 ⁽¹⁾ and last amended by Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 1238/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 63, 64, 65, 65a and 82 of the Staff Regulations, Annex XI to the Staff Regulations, and the first subparagraph of Article 20 and Article 64 of the Conditions of Employment,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) A review of the remuneration of officials and other servants carried out on the basis of a report by the Commission has shown that the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities should be adjusted under the 1999 annual review;
- (2) In accordance with Annex XI to the Staff Regulations, the annual adjustment in respect of 2000 will entail the establishment before 31 December 2000 of new weightings with retroactive effect from 1 July 2000;
- (3) These new weightings could lead to retroactive adjustments to remuneration and pensions (positive or negative) in respect of the period of 2000 for which payments will already have been made on the basis of this Regulation;
- (4) Provision should therefore be made for the payment of arrears in the event of an upward adjustment as a result of these weightings or for the recovery of sums overpaid in the event of a downward adjustment for the period between the effective date and the date of entry into force of the Council's decision on the annual adjustment in respect of 2000;
- (5) Provision should be made for the effects of any such recovery to be spread over a period of not more than twelve months following the date of entry into force of the Council's decision on the annual adjustment in respect of 2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 July 1999:

- (a) the table of basic monthly salaries in Article 66 of the Staff Regulations shall be replaced by the following:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 150, 17.6.1999, p. 1.

Grade	Step							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A 1	11 255,79	11 853,71	12 451,63	13 049,55	13 647,47	14 245,39		
A 2	9 988,58	10 559,13	11 129,68	11 700,23	12 270,78	12 841,33		
A 3/LA 3	8 272,36	8 771,43	9 270,50	9 769,57	10 268,64	10 767,71	11 266,78	11 765,85
A 4/LA 4	6 949,66	7 339,20	7 728,74	8 118,28	8 507,82	8 897,36	9 286,90	9 676,44
A 5/LA 5	5 729,65	6 069,09	6 408,53	6 747,97	7 087,41	7 426,85	7 766,29	8 105,73
A 6/LA 6	4 951,49	5 221,65	5 491,81	5 761,97	6 032,13	6 302,29	6 572,45	6 842,61
A 7/LA 7	4 262,23	4 474,31	4 686,39	4 898,47	5 110,55	5 322,63		
A 8/LA 8	3 769,56	3 921,58						
B 1	4 951,49	5 221,65	5 491,81	5 761,97	6 032,13	6 302,29	6 572,45	6 842,61
B 2	4 290,09	4 491,22	4 692,35	4 893,48	5 094,61	5 295,74	5 496,87	5 698,00
B 3	3 598,48	3 765,72	3 932,96	4 100,20	4 267,44	4 434,68	4 601,92	4 769,16
B 4	3 112,37	3 257,40	3 402,43	3 547,46	3 692,49	3 837,52	3 982,55	4 127,58
B 5	2 782,05	2 899,42	3 016,79	3 134,16				
C 1	3 174,49	3 302,50	3 430,51	3 558,52	3 686,53	3 814,54	3 942,55	4 070,56
C 2	2 761,14	2 878,45	2 995,76	3 113,07	3 230,38	3 347,69	3 465,00	3 582,31
C 3	2 575,62	2 676,13	2 776,64	2 877,15	2 977,66	3 078,17	3 178,68	3 279,19
C 4	2 327,27	2 421,54	2 515,81	2 610,08	2 704,35	2 798,62	2 892,89	2 987,16
C 5	2 145,89	2 233,82	2 321,75	2 409,68				
D 1	2 425,17	2 531,21	2 637,25	2 743,29	2 849,33	2 955,37	3 061,41	3 167,45
D 2	2 211,29	2 305,47	2 399,65	2 493,83	2 588,01	2 682,19	2 776,37	2 870,55
D 3	2 058,13	2 146,22	2 234,31	2 322,40	2 410,49	2 498,58	2 586,67	2 674,76
D 4	1 940,54	2 020,12	2 099,70	2 179,28				

- (b) — EUR 165,87 shall be replaced by EUR 170,35 in Article 1(1) of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations,
 — EUR 213,61 shall be replaced by EUR 219,38 in Article 2(1) of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations,
 — EUR 381,61 shall be replaced by EUR 391,91 in the second sentence of Article 69 of the Staff Regulations and in the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Annex VII thereto,
 — EUR 190,90 shall be replaced by EUR 196,05 in the first subparagraph of Article 3 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations.

Article 2

With effect from 1 July 1999, the table of basic monthly salaries in Article 63 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants shall be replaced by the following:

Category	Group	Step			
		1	2	3	4
A	I	5 284,60	5 939,19	6 593,78	7 248,37
	II	3 835,48	4 209,22	4 582,96	4 956,70
	III	3 223,12	3 366,70	3 510,28	3 653,86
B	IV	3 096,23	3 399,34	3 702,45	4 005,56
	V	2 432,04	2 592,35	2 752,66	2 912,97
C	VI	2 313,05	2 449,23	2 585,41	2 721,59
	VII	2 070,25	2 140,69	2 211,13	2 281,57
D	VIII	1 871,18	1 981,39	2 091,60	2 201,81
	IX	1 802,02	1 827,12	1 852,22	1 877,32

Article 3

With effect from 1 July 1999, the fixed allowance referred to in Article 4a of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations shall be:

- EUR 102,24 per month for officials in Grade C4 or C5,
- EUR 156,75 per month for officials in Grade C1, C2 or C3.

Article 4

Pensions for which entitlement has accrued by 1 July 1999 shall be calculated from that date by reference to the table of basic monthly salaries laid down in Article 66 of the Staff Regulations, as amended by Article 1(a) of this Regulation.

Article 5

With effect from 1 July 1999, the date '1 July 1998' in the second subparagraph of Article 63 of the Staff Regulations shall be replaced by '1 July 1999'.

Article 6

1. With effect from 16 May 1999, the weightings applicable to the remuneration of officials and other servants employed in the countries and places listed below shall be as follows:

- Ireland 112,7.

2. With effect from 1 July 1999, the weightings applicable to the remuneration of officials and other servants employed in the countries and places listed below shall be as follows:

Belgium		100,0
Denmark		131,7
Germany		107,6
except:	Bonn	101,7
	Karlsruhe	98,8
	Munich	108,8
Greece		86,5
Spain		92,3
France		118,8
Ireland		109,7
Italy		101,3
except:	Varese	94,7
Luxembourg		100,0
Netherlands		114,4
Austria		110,2
Portugal		85,4
Finland		117,8
Sweden		120,0
United Kingdom		156,5
except:	Culham	123,8

3. The weightings applicable to pensions shall be determined in accordance with Article 82(1) of the Staff Regulations. Articles 3 to 10 of Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 2175/88⁽¹⁾ shall remain in force.

4. In accordance with Annex XI to the Staff Regulations these weightings could be adjusted before 31 December 2000 by a Council Regulation establishing new weightings with effect from 1 July 2000. In this event, the institutions shall make the corresponding positive or negative adjustment to the remuneration and pensions of the officials, former officials and other persons concerned with retroactive effect for the period between the effective date and the date of entry into force of the decision on the 2000 adjustment.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 191, 22.7.1988, p. 1.

If this retroactive adjustment necessitates the recovery of sums overpaid, such recovery may be spread over a period of not more than twelve months from the date of entry into force of the decision on the 2000 annual adjustment.

Article 7

With effect from 1 July 1999, the table in Article 10(1) of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations shall be replaced by the following:

	Entitled to household allowance		Not entitled to household allowance	
	1st to 15th day	from 16th day	1st to 15th day	from 16th day
	EUR per calendar day			
A 1-A 3 & LA 3	66,45	31,31	45,62	26,22
A 4-A 8 & LA 4-LA 8 and category B	64,49	29,20	43,76	22,84
Other grades	58,51	27,24	37,65	18,84

Article 8

With effect from 1 July 1999, the allowances for shiftwork laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 300/76 ⁽¹⁾ shall be EUR 296,34, EUR 447,28, EUR 489,06 and EUR 666,74.

Article 9

With effect from 1 July 1999, the amounts in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 ⁽²⁾ shall be subject to a weighting of 4,277878.

Article 10

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1999.

For the Council
The President
K. HEMILÄ

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 38, 13.2.1976, p. 1. Regulation as supplemented by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 1307/87 (OJ L 124, 13.5.1987, p. 6) and last amended by Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 2461/98 (OJ L 307, 17.11.1998, p. 5).
⁽²⁾ OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 2459/98 (OJ L 307, 17.11.1998, p. 3).

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2701/1999
of 14 December 1999**

amending Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 ⁽³⁾ lays down that the quota fixed for granting production aid for products processed from tomatoes is to be shared out each year among the Member States; for the 1999/2000 marketing year this apportionment is to be calculated on the basis of the average quantities produced in compliance with minimum prices during 1997/1998 and 1998/1999; from 2000/2001 onwards it is to be based on the average quantities produced during the three marketing years preceding the marketing year for which the allocation is made;
- (2) In Portugal the 1997/1998 marketing year was characterised by extremely unfavourable weather conditions which led to an unusually sharp fall in production; an allocation of quotas on the basis of this unusually low production in Portugal would not take account of the production potential in this Member State under normal weather conditions;
- (3) Exceptionally, for the two marketing years concerned by the unusual fall in production of tomatoes for processing — 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 — only, Portugal should be given an additional quota for the production of tomato concentrates to make up for the loss of quota resulting from the abnormal conditions in 1997/1998 without injuring producers in the other

Member States; this additional quantity should be fixed at 83 468 tonnes for 1999/2000 and calculated, for 2000/2001, by replacing the quantity actually processed during the 1997/1998 marketing year by the quantity of 884 592 tonnes originally allocated to Portugal;

- (4) This Regulation concerns the 1999/2000 marketing year; this marketing year started on 15 June 1999; this Regulation should apply from that date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph shall be inserted in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96:

- '3a. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, an additional quantity of fresh tomatoes intended for the production of concentrate shall be allocated to Portugal for 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. This quantity shall be:
- 83 468 tonnes for 1999/2000, and
 - for 2000/2001, the difference between the quantity calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 and that calculated by replacing the quantity of fresh tomatoes used in Portugal for the production of concentrate in the 1997/1998 marketing year by 884 592 tonnes.

The volume of fresh tomatoes referred to in paragraph 1 and the quantity of fresh tomatoes intended for the production of concentrate referred to in the first indent of the second subparagraph of paragraph 2 shall be increased, for these two marketing years concerned, by the additional quantity allocated to Portugal.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 15 June 1999.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered 2 December 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 20 October 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2199/97 (OJ L 303, 6.11.1997, p. 1).

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

K. HEMILÄ

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2702/1999
of 14 December 1999**

on measures to provide information on, and to promote, agricultural products in third countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas:

(1) Under current legislation the Community can conduct promotional measures in third countries for a limited number of agricultural products; the results so far have been very encouraging;

(2) In view of the experience gained, the prospects for market growth both within and outside the Community and the new context of international trade, a consistent overall policy needs to be developed towards information and promotion on the markets of third countries;

(3) Such a policy can usefully supplement and strengthen the measures undertaken by the Member States, especially by promoting the image of Community products on international markets as regards food quality and safety in particular; this activity, by helping to open up new markets, is also likely to have a multiplier effect on national and private initiatives;

(4) The selection criteria for the products involved and markets must be identified; however, products qualifying for export refunds are not excluded from the system;

(5) As a general rule, the Commission should provide only part of the requisite funding, so that the proposer organisations and Member States concerned can share the responsibility; however, in exceptional cases it may be

appropriate not to require a financial contribution from the Member State concerned;

(6) Provision should be made whereby the Commission of the European Communities, through the appropriate procedures, can delegate implementation of the measures to bodies with the necessary facilities and skills;

(7) In view of the experience gained and the results achieved by the International Olive Oil Council in its promotional activities, provision should, however, be made to continue delegating to it measures falling within its sphere of responsibility; it should also be possible to seek the assistance of similar international organisations for other products;

(8) To monitor the proper conduct of the programmes and the impact of the measures, provision should be made for effective monitoring by the Commission and the Member States and for evaluation of the results by an independent body;

(9) As a result, Regulations (EC) No 136/66/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, (EEC) No 1308/70 ⁽⁵⁾ and (EC) No 2275/96 ⁽⁶⁾ should be amended;

(10) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽⁷⁾, and it is appropriate therefore that those measures be adopted under the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of the said Decision. In this context the management committees concerned will act jointly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Community may fund, in whole or in part, measures in third countries that provide information on, or promote, agricultural products and food products.

2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be directed towards particular brand names, nor shall they favour the products of any one Member State.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats (OJ L 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 (OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 32).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp (OJ L 146, 4.7.1970, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 (OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105).

⁽⁶⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 2275/96 of 22 November 1996 introducing specific measures for live plants and floricultural products (OJ L 308, 29.11.1996, p. 7).

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 32, 6.2.1999, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999

⁽³⁾ OJ C 169, 16.6.1999, p. 8.

Article 2

The measures referred to in Article 1 shall be:

- (a) public relations, promotional or publicity measures, in particular highlighting the advantages of Community products, especially in terms of quality, hygiene, food safety, nutrition, labelling, animal welfare or environment-friendliness;
- (b) participation at events, fairs or exhibitions of international importance, especially through the provision of Community exhibition stands;
- (c) information campaigns, in particular on the Community system of protected designations of origin (PDOs), protected geographical indications (PGIs) and traditional speciality guaranteed (TSGs) and of organic farming;
- (d) information campaigns on the Community system of quality wines produced in specified regions (QWPSR), table wines and spirit drinks with a geographical indication;
- (e) studies of new markets, necessary for the expansion of market outlets;
- (f) high-level trade visits;
- (g) studies to evaluate the results of the promotional and information measures.

Article 3

The following products in particular shall be eligible for the measures referred to in Article 1:

- (a) products intended for direct consumption or processing for which export opportunities or potential new market outlets in third countries exist, especially where export refunds will not be required;
- (b) typical or quality products displaying high added value.

Article 4

In choosing the third countries in which the measures referred to in Article 1 will be carried out, account shall be taken of the markets of countries where there is actual or potential demand.

Article 5

1. In accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 11, the Commission shall draw up every two years a list of the products and markets referred to in Articles 3 and 4 respectively.

However, this list may be amended in the interim, if necessary.

2. Before the list referred to in paragraph 1 is drawn up, the Commission may consult the Standing Group on the Promotion of Agricultural Products of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Product Health and Safety.

Article 6

Where measures are decided on in particular for the olive oil and table olive sector, the Community may carry them out through the International Olive Oil Council.

In the case of other sectors, the Community may seek the help of international organisations offering similar guarantees.

Article 7

1. To carry out the measures referred to in Article 2(a), (b), (d) and (e) and subject to Article 6, the trade or inter-trade organisation or organisations representing the sector or sectors concerned shall draw up promotion and information programmes lasting no longer than three years and shall propose the name of a body which may be entrusted with implementing the programmes.

Without prejudice to the second subparagraph of Article 9(3) and once the programme or programmes and the body or bodies proposed to implement them have been approved, the Member States concerned shall undertake to contribute to funding the programmes and shall submit them to the Commission. The Commission shall approve the programmes and the body or bodies responsible for implementing them, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11 and shall give preference to programmes from organisations that cover several Member States.

Before approving the programmes, the Commission may consult the Standing Group on the Promotion of Agricultural Products of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Product Health and Safety.

2. The Commission shall decide on the measures:

- (a) referred to in Article 2(c) and (f) as well as those referred to in Article 2(b) and (e) where the second subparagraph of Article 9(1) applies, or
- (b) carried out by an international organisation as referred to in Article 6,

after the Management Committee for the sectors in question or, where appropriate, the Regulatory Committees referred to in Regulations (EEC) No 2092/91 ⁽¹⁾, (EEC) No 2081/92 ⁽²⁾ and (EEC) No 2082/92 ⁽³⁾ have been informed.

Before taking a decision, the Commission may consult the Standing Group on the Promotion of Agricultural Products referred to in the third subparagraph of paragraph 1.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 198, 22.7.1991, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1804/1999 (OJ L 262, 8.10.1999, p. 23).

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1068/97 (OJ L 156, 13.6.1997, p. 10).

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2082/92 of 14 July 1992 on certificates of specific character for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 9). Regulation as last amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

Article 8

1. The Commission shall, on the basis of an open or restricted invitation to tender, choose:

- any technical assistants needed to evaluate the proposed programmes, including the proposed implementing bodies;
- the body or bodies responsible for implementing the measures referred to in Article 2(c) and (f) and also, where the second subparagraph of Article 9(1) applies, in Article 2(b) and (e);
- the body or bodies responsible for evaluating the results of the measures implemented.

2. The body or bodies responsible for implementing the measures referred to in Articles 7(1) and 8(1) shall have specialist knowledge of the products concerned and the targeted markets and have the resources to ensure that the measures are implemented as effectively as possible, taking account of the European dimension of these programmes.

3. A Monitoring Group, comprising representatives of the Commission, the Member States concerned and the proposer organisations, shall supervise the proper conduct of the measures.

4. The Member States concerned shall be responsible for monitoring measures other than those referred to in the second indent of paragraph 1 and for making payments in respect thereof.

Article 9

1. Without prejudice to paragraph 4, the Community shall fund:

- (a) the measures referred to in Article 2(c), (f) and (g) in their entirety;
- (b) the other promotional and information measures listed in Article 2 in part.

However, in certain special cases the Community may fund the measures referred to in Article 2(b) and (e) in full.

2. The Community's contribution to the measures referred to in paragraph 1(b) shall not exceed 50 % of the real cost of the measures. However, in the case of promotions lasting at least two years, the contribution shall be degressive, falling from 60 % to 40 % of the real cost of the measures.

3. The Member States concerned shall contribute to the measures referred to in paragraph 2 by covering 20 % of their real costs, the remaining balance to be borne by the proposer organisations. The share paid by the Member States and/or by

the trade or inter-trade organisations may also be funded out of quasi-tax revenue.

However, in duly substantiated cases and on condition that the programme concerned is clearly of Community interest, it may be decided, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11, that the proposer organisation shall provide all that part of the funding not borne by the Community.

4. Where Article 6 applies, the Community shall, after approving the programme, grant an appropriate contribution to the international organisation in question.

Article 10

Community expenditure on the measures referred to in Article 1 shall be considered intervention within the meaning of Article 1(2)(e) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽¹⁾.

Article 11

The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the management procedure set out in Article 12(2).

Article 12

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for Oils and Fats set up under Article 37 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC and by the Management Committees set up under the corresponding Articles of the other Regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

Article 13

Before 31 December 2003, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council a report on the application of this Regulation, together with any appropriate proposals.

Article 14

1. The words 'or third countries' in Article 11(1) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall be deleted.

2. The words 'and elsewhere' in the first indent of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 shall be deleted.

3. The words 'and abroad' in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2275/96 are hereby deleted.

Article 15

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

It shall apply until 31 December 2004.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

K. HEMILÄ

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2703/1999
of 14 December 1999
amending Regulation (EC) No 2596/97 extending the period provided for in Article 149(1) of the
Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 149(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The second paragraph of Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2596/97 ⁽³⁾ extends until 31 December 1999 the period during which transitional measures may be adopted with regard to the fat content requirements for milk intended for human consumption in Finland and Sweden; the difficulties in adapting to the Community rules which necessitated those transitional measures could not be resolved before 31 December 1999;
- (2) It is therefore necessary to make use of the possibility afforded by the 1994 Act of Accession to extend the period in question; an additional period of four years seems appropriate;

- (3) There should also be a mid-term examination of the progress made by those Member States in applying the Community rules,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2596/97, the second paragraph shall be replaced by the following:

'However, with regard to the requirements relating to the fat content of milk for human consumption produced in Finland and Sweden, the period is hereby extended until 31 December 2003.

Finland and Sweden shall notify the Commission before 31 December 2001 of the measures adopted with a view to adapting to the Community rules. On that basis the Commission shall present to the Council a report on the progress made by the Member States concerned.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

For the Council
The President
K. HEMILÄ

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 342, 30.11.1999, p. 35.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 2 December 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 351, 23.12.1997, p. 12.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2704/1999
of 14 December 1999
amending Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain
arable crops

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 6(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 ⁽⁴⁾ provides that the land set-aside may be used for the provision of materials for the manufacture within the Community of products not primarily intended for human or animal consumption, provided that effective control systems are applied;
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with point 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding on certain oilseeds between the European Economic Community and the United States of America within the framework of the GATT it is necessary to provide for the possibility of reducing the amount of by-products which may be produced and put to a feed or food use, if the total quantity of such by-products would otherwise exceed 1

million metric tonnes annually expressed in soya meal equivalents;

- (3) It is therefore necessary to amend Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following subparagraph shall be added to Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999:

'If the quantity of by-products for feed or food uses likely to be made available as a result of the cultivation of oilseeds on land set-aside under the first subparagraph will, on the basis of the forecast quantities covered by contracts made with producers, exceed 1 million metric tonnes annually expressed in soya bean meal equivalents, in order to limit such quantity to 1 million metric tonnes, the amount of the forecast quantity under each contract, which may be used for feed or food uses, shall be reduced.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

For the Council
The President
K. HEMILÄ

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 12, 17.1.1996, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 141, 13.5.1996, p. 277.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 97, 1.4.1996, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 1.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2705/1999
of 20 December 1999
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

- (2) in compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 December 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 December 1999 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	103,5
	204	49,5
	624	137,2
	999	96,7
0707 00 05	052	118,8
	999	118,8
0709 10 00	220	196,7
	999	196,7
0709 90 70	052	116,6
	204	107,7
	999	112,2
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	43,8
	204	45,2
	388	35,6
	624	54,9
	999	44,9
0805 20 10	052	77,1
	204	56,7
	999	66,9
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	59,2
	204	0,0
	464	123,0
	999	60,1
0805 30 10	052	54,6
	600	102,2
	999	78,4
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	400	76,5
	404	78,4
	728	89,9
	999	81,6
	052	142,9
0808 20 50	064	64,6
	400	112,9
	720	69,8
	999	97,5

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2645/98 (OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p. 22). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2706/1999
of 20 December 1999
setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

- (1) Whereas, pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, the requirements of the Canary Islands for rice are to be covered in terms of quantity, price and quality by the mobilization, on disposal terms equivalent to exemption from the levy, of Community rice, which involves the grant of an aid for supplies of Community origin; whereas this aid is to be fixed with particular reference to the costs of the various sources of supply and in particular is to be based on the prices applied to exports to third countries;
- (2) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2790/94 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1620/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down common detailed rules for implementation of

the specific arrangements for the supply of certain agricultural products, including rice, to the Canary Islands;

- (3) Whereas, as a result of the application of these detailed rules to the current market situation in the rice sector, and in particular to the rates of prices for these products in the European part of the Community and on the world market, the aid for supply to the Canary Islands should be set at the amounts given in the Annex;
- (4) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, the amount of aid for the supply of rice of Community origin under the specific arrangements for the supply of the Canary Islands shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11.12.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 296, 17.11.1994, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 19.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 December 1999 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Canary Islands

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid
Milled rice (1006 30)	135,00
Broken rice (1006 40)	30,00

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2707/1999
of 20 December 1999**

setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Azores and Madeira ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 562/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

- (1) Whereas, pursuant to Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92, the requirements of the Azores and Madeira for rice are to be covered in terms of quantity, price and quality by the mobilization, on disposal terms equivalent to exemption from the levy, of Community rice, which involves the grant of an aid for supplies of Community origin; whereas this aid is to be fixed with particular reference to the costs of the various sources of supply and in particular is to be based on the prices applied to exports to third countries;
- (2) Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1696/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2596/93 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down common detailed rules for implementation of the specific arrangements for the supply of certain agricultural products, including rice, to the Azores and Madeira; whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1983/92 of 16 July 1992 laying down detailed rules for implementation of the specific arrangements for the supply of rice products to the Azores and Madeira and establishing the forecast supply balance for these prod-

ucts ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1683/94 ⁽⁶⁾, lays down detailed rules which complement or derogate from the provisions of the aforementioned Regulation;

- (3) Whereas, as a result of the application of these detailed rules to the current market situation in the rice sector, and in particular to the rates of prices for these products in the European part of the Community and on the world market the aid for supply to the Azores and Madeira should be set at the amounts given in the Annex;
- (4) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Pursuant to Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92, the amount of aid for the supply of rice of Community origin under the specific arrangements for the supply of the Azores and Madeira shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 76, 13.3.1998, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 1.7.1992, p. 6.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 238, 23.9.1993, p. 24.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 198, 17.7.1992, p. 37.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 178, 12.7.1994, p. 53.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 December 1999 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid	
	Destination	
	Azores	Madeira
Milled rice (1006 30)	135,00	135,00

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2708/1999
of 20 December 1999**

fixing the production refund for olive oil used in the manufacture of certain preserved foods

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 20a thereof,

- (1) Whereas Article 20a of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides for the granting of a production refund for olive oil used in the preserving industry; whereas under paragraph 6 of that Article, and without prejudice to paragraph 3 thereof, the Commission shall fix this refund every two months;
- (2) Whereas by virtue of Article 20a(2) of the abovementioned Regulation, the production refund must be fixed on the basis of the gap between prices on the world market and on the Community market, taking account of the import charge applicable to olive oil falling within

CN subheading 1509 90 00 and the factors used for fixing the export refunds for those olive oils during the reference period; whereas it is appropriate to take as a reference period the two-month period preceding the beginning of the term of validity of the production refund;

- (3) Whereas the application of the above criteria results in the refund being fixed as shown below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the months of January and February 2000, the amount of the production refund referred to in Article 20a(2) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall be EUR 44,00/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 32.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2709/1999**of 17 December 1999****on opening Community tariff quotas for 2000 for sheep, goats, sheepmeat and goatmeat falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 10, 0104 20 90 and 0204 and derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 as regards the import and export of products in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 of 22 December 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreements to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2435/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 of 3 November 1998 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3491/93 of 13 December 1993 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3492/93 of 13 December 1993 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3296/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part ⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3297/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part ⁽⁷⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3382/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part ⁽⁸⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3383/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part ⁽⁹⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1926/96 of 7 October 1996 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, to take account of the Agreement on agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations ⁽¹⁰⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the Agreement on agriculture concluded in the framework of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations ⁽¹¹⁾, the Community has undertaken to open a non-country-specific tariff quota; the Europe Agreements concluded between the Community and the countries of Central Europe allow additional preferential access to the Community market.
- (2) Moreover, the Community has established a tariff quota for imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania by virtue of Regulation (EC) No 1926/96.
- (3) The tariff quotas have to be opened for 2000 by the Commission and be managed according to the rules laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 ⁽¹²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 344/1999 ⁽¹³⁾.
- (4) A carcass-weight equivalent needs to be fixed in order to ensure a proper functioning of the tariff quotas; furthermore, certain tariff quotas provide the option of importing either the live animals or their meat; a conversion factor is therefore required.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 328, 30.12.1995, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 13.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 319, 21.12.1993, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 319, 21.12.1993, p. 4.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 341, 30.12.1994, p. 14.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 341, 30.12.1994, p. 17.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 5.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 254, 8.10.1996, p. 1.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 22.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 143, 27.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 43, 17.2.1999, p. 6.

- (5) Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 provided in particular, as an autonomous transitional measure, for a reduction in duty and increases in certain import quotas from the Associated Countries of Eastern Europe; it also provided for the importation of pure-bred breeding goats falling within CN code 0104 20 10 within the tariff quotas for Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria; it is necessary to derogate for 2000 from some of the implementing provisions laid down by Regulation (EC) No 1439/95.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for sheepmeat and goatmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation opens Community tariff quotas for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors and provides for certain derogations from Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000.

Article 2

The customs duties applicable to imports into the Community of sheepmeat and goatmeat falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 90 and 0204 originating in the countries indicated in the Annexes and of live pure-bred breeding goats falling within CN code 0104 20 10 for Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria shall be suspended or reduced during the periods, at the levels and within the limits of the tariff quotas laid down in this Regulation.

Article 3

- The quantities of meat, expressed in carcass-weight equivalent, falling within CN code 0204 for which the customs duty, applicable to imports originating in specific supplying countries, is suspended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, shall be those laid down in Annex I.
- The quantities of live animals and meat expressed as carcass-weight equivalent, falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 90 and 0204 and, in addition, for Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria falling within CN code 0104 20 10, for which the customs duty, applicable to imports originating in specific supplying countries, is reduced to zero for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, shall be those laid down in Annex II.
- The quantities of live animals, expressed in live weight, falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80 and 0104 20 90 for which the customs duty, applicable to imports originating in specific supplying countries, is reduced to duty rate zero for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, shall be those laid down in Annex III.
- The quantities of live animals, expressed in live weight, falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80 and 0104 20 90 for which the customs duty, applicable to imports,

is reduced to 10 % *ad valorem* for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, shall be those laid down in Annex IV, Part A.

- The quantities of meat, expressed in carcass-weight equivalent, falling within CN code 0204 for which the customs duty, applicable to imports, is suspended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, shall be those laid down in Annex IV, Part B.

Article 4

- The tariff quotas provided for in Article 3(1), (2) and (3) shall be managed in accordance with the rules laid down in Title II A of Regulation (EC) No 1439/95.
- The tariff quotas provided for in Article 3(4) and (5) shall be managed in accordance with the rules laid down in Title II B of Regulation (EC) No 1439/95.

Article 5

- The term carcass-weight equivalent referred to in Article 3 shall be taken to mean the weight of bone-in meat presented as such, and also boned meat converted by a coefficient into bone-in weight. For this purpose 55 kilograms of boned mutton or goatmeat other than kid corresponds to 100 kilograms of bone-in mutton or goatmeat other than kid and 60 kilograms of boned lamb or kid corresponds to 100 kilograms of bone-in lamb or kid.
- Where the option is available under the association agreements between the Community and certain supplier countries, of allowing imports in the form of live animals or as meat, 100 kilograms of live animals shall be considered to be equivalent to 47 kilograms of meat.

Article 6

The derogations from Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 are as follows:

- Title II A shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of the import of products falling within CN code 0104 20 10 for Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria;
- in Article 14(1) the following phrase is inserted after CN code 0104 20 90, 'and for Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria CN code 0104 20 10';
- Article 14(4) is replaced by the following:
 - Import licences issued in respect of the quantities referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1440/95 and in subsequent annual tariff quota regulations shall bear in box 24 at least one of the following entries:
 - Derecho limitado a 0 [aplicación del anexo II del Reglamento (CE) n° 1440/95 y de posteriores Reglamentos por los que se establecen contingentes arancelarios anuales]
 - Told nedsat til 0 (jf. bilag II til forordning (EF) nr. 1440/95 og efterfølgende forordninger om årlige toldkontingenter)

- Beschränkung des Zollsatzes auf Null (Anwendung von Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1440/95 und der späteren jährlichen Verordnungen über die Zollkontingente)
- Δασμός περιοριζόμενος στο μηδέν [εφαρμογή του παραρτήματος II του κανονισμού (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1440/95 και των μεταγενέστερων κανονισμών σχετικά με την ετήσια δασμολογική ποσόστωση]
- Duty limited to zero (application of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1440/95 and subsequent annual tariff quota regulations)
- Droit de douane nul [application de l'annexe II du règlement (CE) n° 1440/95 et des règlements ultérieurs sur les contingents tarifaires]
- Dazio limitato a zero [applicazione dell'allegato II del regolamento (CE) n. 1440/95 e dei successivi regolamenti relativi ai contingenti tariffari annuali]
- Invoerrecht beperkt tot nul (toepassing van bijlage II bij Verordening (EG) nr. 1440/95 en van de latere verordeningen tot vaststelling van de jaarlijkse tariefcontingenten)
- Direito limitado a zero [aplicação do anexo II do Regulamento (CE) n.º 1440/95 e regulamentos subsequentes relativos aos contingentes pautais anuais]
- Tulli rajoitettu 0 prosenttiin (asetuksen (EY) N:o 1440/95 liitteen II ja sen jälkeen annettujen vuotuisia tariffikiintiöitä koskevien asetusten soveltaminen)
- Tull begränsad till noll procent (tillämpning av bilaga II i förordning (EG) nr 1440/95 i senare förordningar om årliga tullkvoter).'

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January to 31 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

QUANTITIES FOR 2000 REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(1)

Order No 09.4033

Sheepmeat and goatmeat, at zero duty

Argentina	23 000
Australia	18 650
Chile	3 000
New Zealand	226 700
Uruguay	5 800
Iceland	1 350
Bosnia and Herzegovina	850
Croatia	450
Slovenia	50
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1 750

ANNEX II

QUANTITIES FOR 2000 REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(2)

Duty rate zero

	Live animals	Meat	Live animals and/or meat ^(?)
Poland	—	—	9 200
Romania ⁽¹⁾	2 415 ⁽²⁾	367,5 ⁽³⁾	—
Hungary	—	—	14 072,5
Bulgaria	—	—	5 550
Czech Republic	—	—	2 125
Slovakia	—	—	4 250

⁽¹⁾ Possibility of converting limited quantities between live animals and meat.⁽²⁾ Order No 09.4575.⁽³⁾ Order No 09.4576.

ANNEX III

QUANTITIES FOR 2000 REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(3)**Order No 09.4035***Live sheep and goats (tonnes live weight) Duty rate zero*

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	215
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ANNEX IV

A. QUANTITIES FOR 2000 REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(4)**Order No 09.4036***Live sheep and goats (tonnes live weight). Duty rate 10 %*

Others	105
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B. QUANTITIES FOR 2000 REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(5)**Order No 09.4037***Sheep and goatmeat (tonnes CWE). Duty rate zero.*

Others (of which Greenland 100 tonnes, Faeroes 20 tonnes, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania 122,5 tonnes and Turkey 200 tonnes).	642,5
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2710/1999
of 20 December 1999

determining the quantity available for the first half of 2000 for certain products in the milk and milk products sector under the schemes provided for in the Europe Agreements between the Community and the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia in the Agreements on free trade between the Community and the Baltic States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2508/97 of 15 December 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application to milk and milk products of the schemes provided for in the Europe Agreements between the Community and the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia the Agreements on free trade between the Community and the Baltic States ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2631/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas, in application of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1626/1999 ⁽³⁾, determining the extent to which applications for import licences for the said products lodged in July 1999 can be accepted, applications for import licences lodged for the

products referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2508/97 concern quantities less than those available; whereas, therefore, the quantity available for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000 should be fixed for each product,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantity available for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000¹ pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2508/97, shall be as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 December 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 345, 16.12.1997, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 321, 14.12.1999, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 43.

ANNEX

Total quantities available for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000

Country	Poland				Czech Republic				Slovak Republic				Hungary				
	0402 10 19 0402 21 19 0402 21 99	0405 10 11 0405 10 19 0405 10 30 0405 10 50 0405 10 90 0405 20 90	0406	3 096,9	0402 10 19 0402 21 19 0402 21 99	0405 10 11 0405 10 19 0405 10 30 0405 10 50 0405 20 90	0406	981,9	0402 10 19 0402 21 19 0402 21 99	0405 10 11 0405 10 19 0405 10 30 0405 10 50 0405 20 90	0406	360	926,7	0402 10	0406 90 29	0406	1 200
In tonnes	3 000	840			1 380	600		720					180,9	200			

Country	Republic of Estonia		Republic of Latvia		Republic of Lithuania				
	0402 10 19 0402 21 19	0405 10 11 0405 10 19	0402 10 19 0402 21 19	0406	ex 0402 29	0402 10 19 0402 21 19	0405 10 11 0405 10 19	0406 90	0402 99 11
In tonnes	1 800	902,3	1 500	720	240	2 100	720	840	280

Country	Romania	Bulgaria
CN codes	0406	0406
In tonnes	1 444	4 980

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2711/1999
of 20 December 1999**

derogating from Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of production aid for olive oil for the 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 of 20 July 1998 amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats, and in particular Article 2(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 of 17 July 1984 laying down general rules on the granting of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to olive oil producer organisations ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1639/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 of 30 October 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of production aid for olive oil for the 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1273/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, lays down that olive growers must lodge crop declarations before 1 December of each marketing year;

- (2) as a result of the revision of the forms as part of the process of implementing the transitional arrangements provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1638/98, there is a risk of a slight delay in the submission of crop declarations. Since the impact of this delay will be negligible, the deadline for submission of crop declarations should be extended to 15 December instead of 1 December for the 1999/2000 marketing year;

- (3) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Oils and Fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Notwithstanding Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98, for the 1999/2000 marketing year olive growers may lodge crop declarations covering their olive trees in production and details of the olive groves they manage as at 1 November of the marketing year to which the declarations correspond by 15 December 1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 November 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 32.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 208, 3.8.1984, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 38.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 293, 31.10.1998, p. 50.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 151, 18.6.1999, p. 12.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2712/1999**of 20 December 1999****on the opening of a standing invitation to tender for the sale of olive oil held by the Spanish and Greek intervention agencies**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 of 20 July 1998 amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2754/78 of 23 November 1978 on intervention in the olive oil sector ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2203/90 ⁽³⁾, lays down that the sale of olive oil held by intervention agencies must be by tender;
- (2) in accordance with Article 12(1) of Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1638/98, in force until 31 October 1998, the Spanish and Greek intervention agencies currently hold certain quantities of olive oil;
- (3) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 of 23 December 1977 on detailed rules for the sale of olive oil held by intervention agencies ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3818/85 ⁽⁶⁾, lays down the conditions for the sale by tender on the Community market and for export of olive oil. The situation on the market in olive oil currently favours the sale of the oil in question;
- (4) market demand for virgin olive oils not directly edible exceeds supply. In order to provide the greatest possible number of operators with the minimum supplies required to meet their immediate needs, an upper limit should be placed on the quantity for which each operator may submit a tender;
- (5) special rules must be laid down to ensure that the operations are properly carried out and monitored;
- (6) to that end the Member States must provide for all additional measures compatible with the provisions in force to ensure that the operations take place smoothly and that the Commission is kept informed;
- (7) the monitoring arrangements should accordingly be supplemented by allowing a reference sample to be taken;

- (8) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Oils and Fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Spanish intervention agency, Fondo Español de Garantía Agraria, hereinafter referred to as 'FEAGA', and the Greek intervention agency, Diefthinsi Diachiriseos Agoron Georgikon Proionton, hereinafter referred to as 'DIDAGEP', shall open invitations to tender in accordance with this Regulation and Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 for the sale on the Community market of virgin olive oil, the details of which shall be specified in the invitations to tender in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77. The quantities to be sold, before deduction of the quantities reserved in the 2000 financial year for the most deprived persons in the Community, shall be approximately 11 000 tonnes and 12 000 tonnes respectively.

2. Notwithstanding Article 5(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77, where the quantity of oil in a container exceeds 500 tonnes, the Spanish and Greek intervention agencies shall be authorised to divide that quantity into several lots.

Article 2

The invitations to tender shall be published on 18 January 2000.

Details of the lots of oil offered for sale and of the places where they are stored shall be displayed respectively at the central office of FEAGA, calle Beneficencia, 8, E-28004 Madrid, and at the central office of DIDAGEP, Acharnon 241, GR-11253 Athens.

Copies of the invitations to tender shall be sent forthwith to the Commission.

Article 3

Tenders must reach the central offices of the intervention agencies referred to in Article 2 not later than 2 p.m. (local time) on 8 February 2000.

Unsold lots shall be offered for sale in a second invitation to tender. In that case, tenders must reach the intervention agencies concerned not later than 2 p.m. (local time) on 29 February 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 32.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 331, 28.11.1978, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 201, 31.7.1990, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 348, 30.12.1977, p. 46.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1985, p. 20.

Tenders shall be admissible only if they are submitted by a natural or legal person engaged in activities relating to olive oil and recorded as such in a public register of a Member State on 31 December 1999.

Moreover, no tenderer may submit a tender for more than 500 tonnes.

Article 4

1. With regard to lampante virgin olive oil, tenders shall be submitted for an oil of 3° acidity.

2. Where the oil awarded has a different degree of acidity to that for which the tender was made, the price to be paid shall be equal to the price tendered, increased or reduced in accordance with the scale below:

— up to 3° acidity:

increase of EUR 0,32 for each tenth of a degree of acidity below 3°,

— more than 3° acidity:

reduction of EUR 0,32 for each tenth of a degree of acidity above 3°.

Article 5

Not later than two days after the expiry of the time limit laid down for the submission of tenders, the intervention agencies concerned shall send the Commission a list, without names, stating the highest tender received for each lot put up for sale.

Article 6

The minimum selling price per 100 kilograms of oil shall be fixed, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, on the basis of the tenders received, not later than the 10th working day after the expiry of each deadline for the submission of tenders. The decision fixing the minimum selling price shall be notified immediately to the Member State concerned.

Article 7

Without prejudice to Article 10 of this Regulation, the intervention agencies concerned shall sell the oil not later than the fifth working day after the date of notification of the decision referred to in Article 6. The intervention agencies shall send the storage agencies a list of the lots remaining unsold.

Article 8

The security referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 shall be EUR 18 per 100 kilograms.

Article 9

The storage charge referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 shall be EUR 3 per 100 kilograms.

Article 10

Without prejudice to Article 11(1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77, before the lot awarded is removed, the intervention agency concerned, the successful tenderer and the storage agency shall take a reference sample and test it in accordance with Article 2(4) and (5) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3472/85⁽¹⁾.

The intervention agency must have the final result of the tests on this sample not later than the 30th working day following the notification of the decision referred to in Article 6.

(a) If the final result of the tests on the sample indicates a difference between the quality of the olive oil to be removed and the quality of the oil as described in the invitation to tender, while confirming that the oil is still olive oil as referred to in point 1 of the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the following provisions shall apply:

(i) the intervention agency shall, that same day, inform the Commission, in accordance with Annex I, and the storer and the successful tenderer thereof;

(ii) the successful tenderer may:

— either agree to take over the lot with its quality as established,

— or refuse to take over the lot in question, notwithstanding the declaration made in accordance with Article 7(6)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77. In that case, the successful tenderers shall, that same day, inform the intervention agency concerned and the Commission thereof in accordance with Annex II.

Once these formalities have been completed, the successful tenderer shall be immediately released from all his obligations relating to the lot in question, including those relating to the securities.

(b) If the final result of the tests on the sample indicates that the oil is not that referred to in point 1 of the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC:

— the intervention agency concerned shall, that same day, inform the Commission, in accordance with Annex I, and the storer and the successful tenderer thereof,

— the successful tenderer shall give official notice, that same day, to the intervention agency concerned that he cannot take over the lot in question and shall inform the Commission thereof, that same day, in accordance with Annexes I and II.

Once these formalities have been completed, the successful tenderer shall be immediately released from all his obligations relating to the lot in question, including those relating to the securities.

Notwithstanding the second paragraph of Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77, the whole of the lot awarded shall be removed by the 70th day following the notification referred to in Article 6.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 333, 11.12.1985, p. 5.

Article 11

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

The only numbers to be used in Brussels are (DG VI/C/4, for the attention of Mr Gazagnes):

— fax (32-2) 296 60 09/08

ANNEX II

Communication of refusal of lots under the invitation to tender for the sale of ... tonnes of olive oil held by the ... intervention agency

- Date of successful tenderer:
- Date of award of contract:
- Date of refusal of the lot by successful tenderer:

Lot No	Quantity in tonnes	Address of warehouse	Reason for refusal to take over

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2713/1999

of 20 December 1999

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90 laying down detailed rules for granting private storage aid for pigmeat

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90 of 27 November 1990 laying down detailed rules for granting private storage aid for pigmeat ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3533/93 ⁽⁴⁾, stipulates that placing in storage must be completed not later than 28 days after the date of conclusion of the contract. Article 5 of that Regulation defines the primary requirements to be complied with by operators. Article 6 of that Regulation stipulates that the aid may be reduced or not paid if the quantity actually stored during the contractual storage period is less than the contractual quantity;
- (2) Commission Decisions 1999/551/EC ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Decision 1999/601/EC ⁽⁶⁾, and 1999/640/EC ⁽⁷⁾ lay down measures to protect certain products of animal origin intended for human or animal consumption from contamination by dioxin;
- (3) a small number of operators who concluded private storage contracts pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2042/98 of 25 September 1998 on special conditions for the granting of private storage aid for pigmeat ⁽⁸⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2619/98 ⁽⁹⁾, have not been able to respect their contractual commitments because of the protection measures linked to the contamination by dioxin of certain products intended for human consumption and the slaughtering ban imposed by the Belgian authorities;
- (4) because of those measures some or all of the quantities put into storage have been excluded from the grant of aid owing to the results of polychlorinated biphenyl

(PCB) analyses or owing to the absence of evidence that the meat is of sound and fair merchantable quality in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90;

- (5) if operators are not to be disproportionately penalised in the light of the above quite exceptional circumstances, the rules normally applicable in such circumstances, as laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90, should not be applied;
- (6) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By derogation from Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90, operators who have concluded private storage contracts pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2042/98, but who have not been able to complete placing in storage as a result of difficulties linked to the protective measures imposed by Decision 1999/551/EC may have a further 21 days in which to complete such placing.

Article 2

The securities lodged under Regulation (EC) No 2042/98 in respect of private storage aid applications with a view to the conclusion of private storage contracts for which the primary requirement within the meaning of Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90 could not be complied with because of the protective measures imposed by Decision 1999/640/EC and the slaughtering ban imposed by the Belgian authorities shall be released for the quantities not actually stored.

Article 3

By derogation from Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90, if the quantity actually stored under Regulation (EC) No 2042/98 during the contractual storage period is lower than the contractual quantity because of the protective measures imposed by Decision 1999/640/EC and the slaughtering ban imposed by the Belgian authorities, the aid shall be paid for the quantity actually stored.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.
⁽³⁾ OJ L 333, 30.11.1990, p. 22.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 321, 23.12.1993, p. 9.
⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 209, 7.8.1999, p. 42.
⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 232, 2.9.1999, p. 33.
⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 253, 28.9.1999, p. 19.
⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 263, 26.9.1998, p. 12.
⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 329, 5.12.1998, p. 9.

Article 4

By derogation from Article 6(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90, where some or all of the quantities stored under Regulation (EC) No 2042/98 have been excluded from the grant of aid owing to the results of PCB analyses stipulated by Decision 1999/640/EC or requested by the competent authorities pursuant to Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90, the aid shall be paid, where appropriate, for the quantity which has not been excluded because of those results. The security shall be released in its entirety.

Article 5

This Regulation shall apply at the request of operators who can prove to the satisfaction of the competent authority that they have experienced the difficulties referred to in Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Regulation during performance of their private

storage contracts concluded under Regulation (EC) No 2042/98 as a result of the protective measures imposed by Decisions 1999/551/EC and 1999/640/EC and the slaughtering ban imposed by the Belgian authorities.

In evaluating the situation referred to in the first paragraph the competent authorities shall use the commercial documents referred to in Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4045/89 ⁽¹⁾ and the results of the PCB analyses referred to in Article 4.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 388, 30.12.1989, p. 18.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2714/1999
of 20 December 1999**

**establishing transitional provisions on the administration and control of direct payments in the
sectors of arable crops and beef and veal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 of 17 May 1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 50 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 of 27 November 1992 establishing an integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1036/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12(h) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of Agenda 2000, the direct payment schemes in the sectors of arable crops and beef and veal have been revised and are now set out in Council Regulations (EC) No 1251/1999 and (EC) No 1254/1999.
- (2) In the interest of clarity and legal certainty and in order to ensure these schemes be properly implemented the applicable administration and control provisions should be clarified. To that purpose, pending the decision of the Council on the amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 as proposed by the Commission, it is appropriate, for a transitional period, to ensure that the integrated administration and control system be applied to

the said schemes and that Member States have the flexibility provided for in Article 6 of that Regulation.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committees concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The integrated administration and control system as established by Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 shall apply to applications submitted for aids pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 and Chapter I of Title I of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999.

Article 2

1. 'Area' aid applications within the meaning of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 shall be submitted by a date to be fixed by the Member State which shall not be after that laid down for the submission of applications in Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999.

2. Certain amendments may be made to the 'area' aid application provided that they are received by the competent authorities no later than the date laid down for sowing in Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

It shall apply from 1 January to 30 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 355, 5.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 127, 21.5.1999, p. 4.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2715/1999
of 20 December 1999
setting the intervention threshold for tomatoes for the 2000 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 27(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 27(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides for the possibility of setting an intervention threshold if the market in a product listed in Annex II thereto is suffering or at risk of suffering from widespread structural imbalances giving, or liable to give rise to too large a volume of withdrawals. Such a development would be likely to cause budget problems for the Community;
- (2) an intervention threshold was fixed for tomatoes for the 1999 marketing year in Commission Regulation (EC) No 13/1999 ⁽³⁾. Since the conditions laid down in the abovementioned Article 27 continue to be met for that product, a new threshold should be set for the 2000 marketing year equal to that set for the 1999 marketing year, and the period to be taken into account for the assessment of the overrun of the threshold should also be determined;
- (3) pursuant to the abovementioned Article 27, an overrun of the intervention threshold results in a reduction in the Community withdrawal compensation in the marketing year following the year in which the threshold is exceeded. The consequences of such an overrun should be determined and a reduction in proportion to the size

of the overrun fixed, but restricted to a certain percentage;

- (4) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The intervention threshold for tomatoes for the 2000 marketing year shall be 360 000 tonnes.
2. The overrun of the intervention threshold laid down in paragraph 1 shall be assessed on the basis of withdrawals effected between 1 November 1999 and 31 October 2000.

Article 2

If the quantity subject to withdrawals during the period set in Article 1(2) exceeds the threshold set in Article 1(1), the Community withdrawal compensation set in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 for the following marketing year shall be reduced in proportion to the size of the overrun based on the production used to calculate the relevant threshold.

However, the reduction in the Community compensation shall not exceed 30 %.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 4, 8.1.1999, p. 6.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2716/1999
of 20 December 1999**

amending Regulation (EC) No 1564/1999 fixing the minimum import price applicable to dried grapes during the 1999/2000 marketing year as well as the countervailing charge to be imposed where that price is not observed

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2199/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1564/1999 ⁽³⁾ fixes for the 1999/2000 marketing year the minimum import price applicable to dried grapes falling within CN code 0806 20 and listed in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2201/96, in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96;
- (2) in accordance with Article 10 of the Agreement on Safeguards concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the safeguard measures taken under Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1947 and which were in existence on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement must be terminated not later than eight years after the date on which they were first applied, or five years after the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement, whichever comes later;
- (3) the minimum import price is a safeguard measure taken under Article XIX of the GATT of 1947, so the Community has an international legal obligation to

abolish it for the above products no later than the end of 1999;

- (4) to meet the aforementioned obligation, therefore, the minimum import price should be fixed at zero, with effect from 1 January 2000. The countervailing charge to be imposed where this price is not observed must also be fixed at zero;
- (5) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1564/1999 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The minimum import price and the countervailing charge applicable to dried grapes falling within CN code 0806 20 shall both be fixed at zero from 1 January 2000.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 6.11.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 13.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2717/1999
of 20 December 1999
amending Regulation (EC) No 882/1999 fixing the minimum import price applicable to certain
types of processed cherries during the 1999/2000 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2199/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 882/1999 ⁽³⁾ fixes for the 1999/2000 marketing year the minimum import price applicable to certain types of processed cherries falling within CN codes 0811, 0812 and 2008 and listed in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2201/96, in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96;
- (2) in accordance with Article 10 of the Agreement on Safeguards concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the safeguard measures taken under Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1947 and which were in existence at the time of entry into force of the WTO Agreement must be abolished no later than eight years after the date on which they were first applied, or five years after the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement, whichever comes later;
- (3) the minimum import price is a safeguard measure taken under Article XIX of the GATT of 1947, so the Community has an international legal obligation to

abolish it for the above products no later than the end of 1999;

- (4) to meet the aforementioned obligation, therefore, the minimum import price should be fixed at zero, with effect from 1 January 2000;
- (5) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 882/1999 is replaced by the following:

'1. The minimum import price applicable to certain types of processed cherries falling within CN codes 0811, 0812 and 2008 and listed in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be fixed at zero with effect from 1 January 2000.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 6.11.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 111, 29.4.1999, p. 35.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2718/1999
of 20 December 1999**

amending Regulation (EC) No 97/95 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards the minimum price and compensatory payment to be paid to potato producers and of Council Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

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⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 of 27 July 1994 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1252/1999⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Regulation (EC) No 97/95 is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas:

1. The phrase 'compensatory payment to be paid to potato producers' used in the title of the Regulation is replaced by the words 'payment to be paid to potato producers'.

(1) Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 fixes the minimum price and Article 8(2) fixes the payment for producers for the 2000/01 and 2001/02 marketing years;

2. The following point (l) is added to Article 1:

'(l) payment for producers: the payment referred to in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92.'

(2) Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 fixes the premium for potato starch producers;

3. Article 7a is replaced by the following text:

'The payment for producers shall be granted for potatoes which are of sound and fair marketable quality, on the basis of the quantity and starch content of the potatoes delivered, in accordance with the rates fixed in Annex II. No payment for producers shall be granted for potatoes which are not of sound and fair marketable quality nor for potatoes whose starch content is below 13 %, except where the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) applies.'

(3) Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No 97/95⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2305/98⁽⁶⁾, establishes the minimum price, the premium to be paid to the starch producer and the payment to be paid to the producer for potatoes based on their starch content and the underwater weight of 5 050 g of potatoes. Annex II should be adjusted as a result;

4. The term 'compensatory payment' in Articles 11(1)(a), 12, 13(1) and 21 is replaced by 'payment for producers'.

(4) In Regulation (EC) No 97/95, the words 'compensatory payment' must be replaced by 'payment for producers' as referred to in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1766/92;

5. Annex II is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation for the 2000/01 marketing year (Part A) and the 2001/02 marketing year (Part B).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 July 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 197, 30.7.1994, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 15.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 16, 24.1.1995, p. 3.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 288, 27.10.1998, p. 5.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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Peso bajo agua de 5 050 g de patatas (en gramos)	Tenor en fécula de patatas (en porcentaje)	Cantidad de patatas necesarias para la fabricación de 1 000 kg de fécula (en kilogramos)	Precio mínimo a percibir por los productores para 1 000 kg de patatas (en euros)	Prima a percibir por el fabricante de fécula para 1 000 kg de patatas (en euros)	Pago que debe percibir el productor por 1 000 kg de patatas (en euros)
Vægt under vand af 5 050 g kartofler (g)	Kartoflernes stivelsesindhold (vægtprocent)	Kartoffelmængde, der medgår til fremstilling af 1 000 kg stivelse (kg)	Avlerens minimumspris pr. 1 000 kg kartofler (EUR)	Præmie, som kartoffelstivelsesfabrikanten modtager for 1 000 kg kartofler (EUR)	Beløb, som avleren modtager for 1 000 kg kartofler (EUR)
Unterwassergewicht von 5 050 g Kartoffeln (in Gramm)	Stärkegehalt der Kartoffeln (in Prozent)	Zur Erzeugung von 1 000 kg Kartoffelstärke nötige Kartoffelmenge (in Kilogramm)	Dem Erzeuger für 1 000 kg Kartoffeln zu zahlender Mindestpreis (in EUR)	Dem Stärkeerzeuger für 1 000 kg Kartoffeln zu zahlende Prämie (in EUR)	Dem Erzeuger für 1 000 kg Kartoffeln zu zahlende Ausgleichszahlung (in EUR)
Βάρος υπό το ύδωρ 5 050 g πατατών (σε γραμμάρια)	Περιεκτικότητα σε άμυλο των πατατών (%)	Ποσότητα πατατών απαραίτητη για παραγωγή 1 000 kg άμυλου (σε χιλιόγραμμα)	Ελάχιστη τιμή προς εισπράξη από τον παραγωγό για 1 000 kg πατατών (σε ευρώ)	Πριμοδότηση προς πληρωμή στον παραγωγό για 1 000 kg πατατών (σε ευρώ)	Εξισωτική πληρωμή που καταβάλλεται στον παραγωγό για 1 000 kg πατατών (σε ευρώ)
Underwater weight of 5 050 g of potatoes (grams)	Starch content of potatoes (%)	Quantity of potatoes needed for the manufacture of 1 000 kg of starch (kg)	Minimum price to be paid to the potato producer per 1 000 kg of potatoes (EUR)	Premium to be paid to the starch producer per 1 000 kg of potatoes (EUR)	Payment to be paid to the producer per 1 000 kg of potatoes (EUR)
Poids sous l'eau de 5 050 g de pommes de terre (en grammes)	Teneur en féculé de la pomme de terre (en pourcentage)	Quantité de pommes de terre nécessaire à la fabrication de 1 000 kg de féculé (en kilogrammes)	Prix minimal à percevoir par le producteur pour 1 000 kg de pommes de terre (en euros)	Prime à percevoir par le féculier pour 1 000 kg de pommes de terre (en euros)	Paiement à percevoir par le producteur pour 1 000 kg de pommes de terre (en euros)
Peso sotto l'acqua di 5 050 g di patate (in grammi)	Tenore in fecola delle patate (in %)	Quantità di patate necessaria alla fabbricazione di 1 000 kg di fecola (in kg)	Prezzo minimo da percepire dal produttore per 1 000 kg di patate (in euro)	Premio da percepire dal fabbricante di fecola per 1 000 kg di patate (in euro)	Pagamento che deve percepire il produttore per 1 000 kg di patate (in euro)
Onderwatergewicht van 5 050 g aardappelen (in g)	Zetmeelgehalte van de aardappelen (in %)	Hoeveelheid aardappelen benodigd voor de vervaardiging van 1 000 kg zetmeel (in kg)	Minimaal door de producent te ontvangen prijs per 1 000 kg aardappelen (in EUR)	Door de zetmeelproducent te ontvangen premie per 1 000 kg aardappelen (in EUR)	Aan de teler te betalen bedrag voor 1 000 kg aardappelen (in EUR)
Peso de baixo de água de 5 050 g de batata (em grammas)	Teor de fécula de batata (em percentagem)	Quantidade de batata necessária ao fabrico de 1 000 kg de fécula (em quilogramas)	Preço mínimo a cobrar pelos produtores para 1 000 kg de batata (em euros)	Subsídio a cobrar pelo produtor de fécula por 1 000 kg de batata (em euros)	Pagamento a cobrar pelo produtor relativamente a 1 000 kg de batata (em euros)
5 050 g perunoita vedenalainen paino (grammoina)	Perunoiden tärkkelyspitoisuus (prosentteina)	1 000 tärkkelyskilon valmistukseen tarvittava perunamäärä (kilogrammoina)	Tuottajalle 1 000 kg:sta perunoita maksettava vähimmäishinta (euroina)	Tärkkelyksentuottajalle 1 000 kg:sta perunoita maksettava palkkio (euroina)	Tuottajalle 1 000 kg:sta perunoita suoritettava maksu (euroina)
Vikt under vatten av 5 050 g potatis (g)	Potatisens stärkelseinnehåll (%)	Potatiskvantitet för framställning av 1 000 kg stärkelse (kg)	Minimipris att betala till potatisproducenten för 1 000 kg potatis (euro)	Bidrag att betala till stärkelseproducenten för 1 000 kg potatis (euro)	Ersättning till producenten för 1 000 kg potatis (euro)
1	2	3	4	5	6

Part A: 2000/01 marketing year

352	13,0	6 533	29,70	3,406	15,11
353	13,1	6 509	29,81	3,418	15,17
354	13,1	6 486	29,92	3,430	15,22
355	13,2	6 463	30,02	3,443	15,28
356	13,2	6 439	30,14	3,456	15,33

1	2	3	4	5	6
357	13,3	6 416	30,24	3,468	15,39
358	13,3	6 393	30,35	3,480	15,45
359	13,4	6 369	30,47	3,493	15,50
360	13,4	6 346	30,58	3,506	15,56
361	13,5	6 322	30,69	3,519	15,62
362	13,5	6 299	30,81	3,532	15,68
363	13,6	6 276	30,92	3,545	15,73
364	13,6	6 252	31,04	3,559	15,79
365	13,7	6 229	31,15	3,572	15,85
366	13,7	6 206	31,27	3,585	15,91
367	13,8	6 182	31,39	3,599	15,97
368	13,8	6 159	31,51	3,613	16,03
369	13,9	6 136	31,62	3,626	16,09
370	13,9	6 112	31,75	3,640	16,16
371	14,0	6 089	31,87	3,654	16,22
372	14,0	6 065	32,00	3,669	16,28
373	14,1	6 047	32,09	3,680	16,33
374	14,1	6 028	32,19	3,691	16,38
375	14,2	6 005	32,31	3,705	16,44
376	14,2	5 981	32,44	3,720	16,51
377	14,3	5 963	32,54	3,731	16,56
378	14,3	5 944	32,65	3,743	16,61
379	14,4	5 921	32,77	3,758	16,68
380	14,4	5 897	32,91	3,773	16,74
381	14,5	5 879	33,01	3,785	16,80
382	14,5	5 860	33,11	3,797	16,85
383	14,6	5 841	33,22	3,809	16,90
384	14,6	5 822	33,33	3,822	16,96
385	14,7	5 799	33,46	3,837	17,03
386	14,7	5 776	33,60	3,852	17,09
387	14,8	5 757	33,71	3,865	17,15
388	14,8	5 738	33,82	3,878	17,21
389	14,9	5 720	33,92	3,890	17,26
390	14,9	5 701	34,04	3,903	17,32
391	15,0	5 682	34,15	3,916	17,38
392	15,0	5 664	34,26	3,928	17,43
393	15,1	5 626	34,49	3,955	17,55
394	15,2	5 607	34,61	3,968	17,61
395	15,2	5 589	34,72	3,981	17,67
396	15,3	5 570	34,84	3,995	17,73
397	15,3	5 551	34,96	4,008	17,79
398	15,4	5 542	35,01	4,015	17,82
399	15,4	5 533	35,07	4,021	17,85
400	15,4	5 523	35,13	4,029	17,88
401	15,5	5 486	35,37	4,056	18,00
402	15,6	5 467	35,49	4,070	18,06
403	15,6	5 449	35,61	4,083	18,12
404	15,7	5 430	35,74	4,098	18,18
405	15,7	5 411	35,86	4,112	18,25
406	15,8	5 393	35,98	4,126	18,31
407	15,8	5 374	36,11	4,140	18,37
408	15,9	5 364	36,18	4,148	18,41
409	15,9	5 355	36,24	4,155	18,44
410	15,9	5 346	36,30	4,162	18,47
411	16,0	5 327	36,43	4,177	18,54
412	16,0	5 308	36,56	4,192	18,60
413	16,1	5 280	36,75	4,214	18,70

1	2	3	4	5	6
414	16,2	5 266	36,85	4,225	18,75
415	16,2	5 252	36,95	4,236	18,80
416	16,3	5 234	37,07	4,251	18,87
417	16,3	5 215	37,21	4,267	18,93
418	16,4	5 206	37,27	4,274	18,67
419	16,4	5 196	37,35	4,282	19,00
420	16,4	5 187	37,41	4,290	19,04
421	16,5	5 150	37,68	4,320	19,17
422	16,6	5 136	37,78	4,332	19,23
423	16,6	5 121	37,89	4,345	19,28
424	16,7	5 107	38,00	4,357	19,33
425	16,7	5 093	38,10	4,369	19,39
426	16,8	5 075	38,24	4,384	19,46
427	16,8	5 056	38,38	4,401	19,53
428	16,9	5 042	38,49	4,413	19,58
429	16,9	5 028	38,59	4,425	19,64
430	17,0	5 000	38,81	4,450	19,75
431	17,1	4 986	38,92	4,462	19,80
432	17,1	4 972	39,03	4,475	19,86
433	17,2	4 963	39,10	4,483	19,90
434	17,2	4 953	39,18	4,492	19,94
435	17,2	4 944	39,25	4,500	19,97
436	17,3	4 930	39,36	4,513	20,03
437	17,3	4 916	39,47	4,526	20,09
438	17,4	4 902	39,59	4,539	20,14
439	17,4	4 888	39,70	4,552	20,20
440	17,5	4 874	39,81	4,565	20,26
441	17,5	4 860	39,93	4,578	20,32
442	17,6	4 846	40,04	4,591	20,38
443	17,6	4 832	40,16	4,605	20,43
444	17,7	4 818	40,28	4,618	20,49
445	17,7	4 804	40,39	4,632	20,55
446	17,8	4 790	40,51	4,645	20,61
447	17,8	4 776	40,63	4,659	20,67
448	17,9	4 762	40,75	4,672	20,73
449	17,9	4 748	40,87	4,686	20,80
450	18,0	4 720	41,11	4,714	20,92
451	18,1	4 706	41,23	4,728	21,98
452	18,1	4 692	41,36	4,742	21,04
453	18,2	4 685	41,42	4,749	21,08
454	18,2	4 679	41,47	4,755	21,10
455	18,2	4 673	41,53	4,761	21,13
456	18,3	4 645	41,78	4,790	21,26
457	18,4	4 631	41,90	4,805	21,32
458	18,4	4 617	42,03	4,819	21,39
459	18,5	4 607	42,12	4,830	21,43
460	18,5	4 598	42,20	4,839	21,47
461	18,6	4 584	42,33	4,854	21,54
462	18,6	4 570	42,46	4,869	21,61
463	18,7	4 561	42,55	4,878	21,65
464	18,7	4 551	42,64	4,889	21,70
465	18,7	4 542	42,72	4,899	21,74
466	18,8	4 523	42,90	4,919	21,83
467	18,9	4 509	43,04	4,935	21,90
468	18,9	4 495	43,17	4,950	21,97
469	19,0	4 481	43,31	4,965	22,04
470	19,0	4 467	43,44	4,981	22,10

1	2	3	4	5	6
471	19,1	4 458	43,53	4,991	22,15
472	19,1	4 449	43,62	5,001	22,19
473	19,2	4 437	43,73	5,015	22,25
474	19,2	4 425	43,85	5,028	22,31
475	19,3	4 414	43,96	5,041	22,37
476	19,3	4 402	44,08	5,055	22,43
477	19,4	4 390	44,20	5,068	22,49
478	19,4	4 379	44,31	5,081	22,55
479	19,5	4 367	44,44	5,095	22,61
480	19,5	4 355	44,56	5,109	22,67
481	19,6	4 343	44,68	5,123	22,74
481,6	19,6	4 337	44,74	5,130	22,77
482	19,7	4 335	44,76	5,133	22,78
483	19,7	4 332	44,79	5,136	22,79
483,2	19,7	4 332	44,79	5,136	22,79
484	19,8	4 325	44,87	5,145	22,83
484,8	19,8	4 318	44,94	5,153	22,87
485	19,9	4 317	44,95	5,154	22,87
486	19,9	4 311	45,01	5,161	22,90
486,4	19,9	4 309	45,03	5,164	22,91
487	20,0	4 305	45,08	5,168	22,94
488	20,0	4 299	45,14	5,176	22,97
489	20,1	4 294	45,19	5,182	22,99
490	20,1	4 290	45,23	5,186	23,02
491	20,2	4 287	45,26	5,190	23,03
492	20,2	4 285	45,29	5,193	23,04
493	20,3	4 283	45,31	5,195	23,05
494	20,3	4 280	45,34	5,199	23,07
495	20,4	4 278	45,36	5,201	23,08
496	20,4	4 276	45,38	5,203	23,09
497	20,5	4 273	45,41	5,207	23,11
498	20,5	4 271	45,43	5,210	23,12
499	20,6	4 266	45,49	5,216	23,15
500	20,6	4 262	45,53	5,221	23,17
501	20,7	4 259	45,56	5,224	23,18
502	20,7	4 257	45,58	5,227	23,19
503	20,8	4 255	45,61	5,229	23,21
504	20,8	4 252	45,64	5,233	23,22
505	20,9	4 248	45,68	5,238	23,24
506	20,9	4 243	45,73	5,244	23,27
507	21,0	4 238	45,79	5,250	23,30
508	21,0	4 234	45,83	5,255	23,32
509	21,1	4 229	45,89	5,261	23,35
509,9	21,1	4 224	45,94	5,268	23,38
510	21,1	4 224	45,94	5,268	23,38
511	21,2	4 219	45,99	5,274	23,40
511,8	21,2	4 215	46,04	5,279	23,43
512	21,3	4 214	46,05	5,280	23,43
513	21,3	4 209	46,10	5,286	23,46
513,7	21,3	4 206	46,14	5,290	23,48
514	21,4	4 204	46,16	5,293	23,49
515	21,4	4 199	46,21	5,299	23,52
515,6	21,4	4 196	46,25	5,303	23,53
516	21,5	4 194	46,27	5,305	23,54
517	21,5	4 189	46,32	5,312	23,57
517,5	21,5	4 187	46,35	5,314	23,58
518	21,6	4 184	46,38	5,318	23,60

1	2	3	4	5	6
519	21,6	4 180	46,42	5,323	23,62
519,4	21,6	4 178	46,45	5,326	23,63
520	21,7	4 175	46,48	5,329	23,65
521	21,7	4 170	46,53	5,336	23,68
521,3	21,7	4 168	46,56	5,338	23,69
522	21,8	4 165	46,59	5,342	23,71
523	21,8	4 160	46,65	5,349	23,74
523,2	21,8	4 159	46,66	5,350	23,74
524	21,9	4 155	46,70	5,355	23,76
525	21,9	4 150	46,76	5,361	23,79
525,1	21,9	4 150	46,76	5,361	23,79
526	22,0	4 145	46,82	5,368	23,82
527	22,0	4 140	46,87	5,374	23,85
528	22,1	4 135	46,93	5,381	23,88
528,8	22,1	4 131	46,97	5,386	23,90
529	22,2	4 130	46,99	5,387	23,91
530	22,2	4 125	47,04	5,394	23,94
530,6	22,2	4 122	47,08	5,398	23,95
531	22,3	4 119	47,11	5,402	23,97
532	22,3	4 114	47,17	5,408	24,00
532,4	22,3	4 112	47,19	5,411	24,01
533	22,4	4 111	47,20	5,412	24,02
534	22,4	4 108	47,24	5,416	24,04
534,2	22,4	4 108	47,24	5,416	24,04
535	22,5	4 103	47,29	5,423	24,07
536	22,5	4 098	47,35	5,429	24,09
537	22,6	4 093	47,41	5,436	24,12
537,8	22,6	4 089	47,46	5,441	24,15
538	22,7	4 088	47,47	5,443	24,15
539	22,7	4 083	47,53	5,449	24,18
539,6	22,7	4 080	47,56	5,453	24,20
540	22,8	4 078	47,58	5,456	24,21
541	22,8	4 076	47,61	5,459	24,22
541,4	22,8	4 075	47,62	5,460	24,23
542	22,9	4 072	47,65	5,464	24,25
543	22,9	4 066	47,73	5,472	24,28
543,2	22,9	4 066	47,73	5,472	24,28
544	23,0	4 061	47,78	5,479	24,31
545	23,0	4 056	47,84	5,486	24,34
and more					

Part B: 2001/02 marketing year

352	13,0	6 533	27,29	3,406	16,92
353	13,1	6 509	27,39	3,418	16,98
354	13,1	6 486	27,49	3,430	17,04
355	13,2	6 463	27,59	3,443	17,10
356	13,2	6 439	27,69	3,456	17,17
357	13,3	6 416	27,79	3,468	17,23
358	13,3	6 393	27,89	3,480	17,29
359	13,4	6 369	28,00	3,493	17,36
360	13,4	6 346	28,10	3,506	17,42
361	13,5	6 322	28,20	3,519	17,48
362	13,5	6 299	28,31	3,532	17,55
363	13,6	6 276	28,41	3,545	17,61
364	13,6	6 252	28,52	3,559	17,68
365	13,7	6 229	28,63	3,572	17,75

1	2	3	4	5	6
366	13,7	6 206	28,73	3,585	17,81
367	13,8	6 182	28,84	3,599	17,88
368	13,8	6 159	28,95	3,613	17,95
369	13,9	6 136	29,06	3,626	18,01
370	13,9	6 112	29,17	3,640	18,09
371	14,0	6 089	29,28	3,654	18,15
372	14,0	6 065	29,40	3,669	18,23
373	14,1	6 047	29,49	3,680	18,28
374	14,1	6 028	29,58	3,691	18,34
375	14,2	6 005	29,69	3,705	18,41
376	14,2	5 981	29,81	3,720	18,48
377	14,3	5 963	29,90	3,731	18,54
378	14,3	5 944	30,00	3,743	18,60
379	14,4	5 921	30,11	3,758	18,67
380	14,4	5 897	30,24	3,773	18,75
381	14,5	5 879	30,33	3,785	18,80
382	14,5	5 860	30,43	3,797	18,86
383	14,6	5 841	30,53	3,809	18,92
384	14,6	5 822	30,63	3,822	18,99
385	14,7	5 799	30,75	3,837	19,06
386	14,7	5 776	30,87	3,852	19,14
387	14,8	5 757	30,97	3,865	19,20
388	14,8	5 738	31,08	3,878	19,26
389	14,9	5 720	31,17	3,890	19,33
390	14,9	5 701	31,28	3,903	19,39
391	15,0	5 682	31,38	3,916	19,45
392	15,0	5 664	31,48	3,928	19,52
393	15,1	5 626	31,69	3,955	19,65
394	15,2	5 607	31,80	3,968	19,71
395	15,2	5 589	31,90	3,981	19,78
396	15,3	5 570	32,01	3,995	19,85
397	15,3	5 551	32,12	4,008	19,91
398	15,4	5 542	32,17	4,015	19,95
399	15,4	5 533	32,23	4,021	19,98
400	15,4	5 523	32,28	4,029	20,01
401	15,5	5 486	32,50	4,056	20,15
402	15,6	5 467	32,62	4,070	20,22
403	15,6	5 449	32,72	4,083	20,29
404	15,7	5 430	32,84	4,098	20,36
405	15,7	5 411	32,95	4,112	20,43
406	15,8	5 393	33,06	4,126	20,50
407	15,8	5 374	33,18	4,140	20,57
408	15,9	5 364	33,24	4,148	20,61
409	15,9	5 355	33,30	4,155	20,64
410	15,9	5 346	33,35	4,162	20,68
411	16,0	5 327	33,47	4,177	20,75
412	16,0	5 308	33,59	4,192	20,83
413	16,1	5 280	33,77	4,214	20,94
414	16,2	5 266	33,86	4,225	20,99
415	16,2	5 252	33,95	4,236	21,05
416	16,3	5 234	34,07	4,251	21,12
417	16,3	5 215	34,19	4,267	21,20
418	16,4	5 206	34,25	4,274	21,23
419	16,4	5 196	34,32	4,282	21,27
420	16,4	5 187	34,38	4,290	21,31
421	16,5	5 150	34,62	4,320	21,46
422	16,6	5 136	34,72	4,332	21,52

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423	16,6	5 121	34,82	4,345	21,59
424	16,7	5 107	34,91	4,357	21,64
425	16,7	5 093	35,01	4,369	21,70
426	16,8	5 075	35,13	4,384	21,78
427	16,8	5 056	35,27	4,401	21,86
428	16,9	5 042	35,36	4,413	21,92
429	16,9	5 028	35,46	4,425	21,98
430	17,0	5 000	35,66	4,450	22,11
431	17,1	4 986	35,76	4,462	22,17
432	17,1	4 972	35,86	4,475	22,23
433	17,2	4 963	35,93	4,483	22,27
434	17,2	4 953	36,00	4,492	22,32
435	17,2	4 944	36,07	4,500	22,36
436	17,3	4 930	36,17	4,513	22,42
437	17,3	4 916	36,27	4,526	22,49
438	17,4	4 902	36,37	4,539	22,55
439	17,4	4 888	36,48	4,552	22,61
440	17,5	4 874	36,58	4,565	22,68
441	17,5	4 860	36,69	4,578	22,74
442	17,6	4 846	36,80	4,591	22,81
443	17,6	4 832	36,90	4,605	22,88
444	17,7	4 818	37,01	4,618	22,94
445	17,7	4 804	37,12	4,632	23,01
446	17,8	4 790	37,23	4,645	23,08
447	17,8	4 776	37,33	4,659	23,14
448	17,9	4 762	37,44	4,672	23,21
449	17,9	4 748	37,55	4,686	23,28
450	18,0	4 720	37,78	4,714	23,42
451	18,1	4 706	37,89	4,728	23,49
452	18,1	4 692	38,00	4,742	23,56
453	18,2	4 685	38,06	4,749	23,59
454	18,2	4 679	38,11	4,755	23,62
455	18,2	4 673	38,16	4,761	23,66
456	18,3	4 645	38,39	4,790	23,80
457	18,4	4 631	38,50	4,805	23,87
458	18,4	4 617	38,62	4,819	23,94
459	18,5	4 607	38,70	4,830	23,99
460	18,5	4 598	38,78	4,839	24,04
461	18,6	4 584	38,90	4,854	24,11
462	18,6	4 570	39,02	4,869	24,19
463	18,7	4 561	39,09	4,878	24,24
464	18,7	4 551	39,18	4,889	24,29
465	18,7	4 542	39,26	4,899	24,34
466	18,8	4 523	39,42	4,919	24,44
467	18,9	4 509	39,55	4,935	24,52
468	18,9	4 495	39,67	4,950	24,59
469	19,0	4 481	39,79	4,965	24,67
470	19,0	4 467	39,92	4,981	24,75
471	19,1	4 458	40,00	4,991	24,80
472	19,1	4 449	40,08	5,001	24,85
473	19,2	4 437	40,19	5,015	24,91
474	19,2	4 425	40,30	5,028	24,98
475	19,3	4 414	40,40	5,041	25,04
476	19,3	4 402	40,51	5,055	25,11
477	19,4	4 390	40,62	5,068	25,18
478	19,4	4 379	40,72	5,081	25,24
479	19,5	4 367	40,83	5,095	25,31

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480	19,5	4 355	40,94	5,109	25,38
481	19,6	4 343	41,06	5,123	25,45
481,6	19,6	4 337	41,11	5,130	25,49
482	19,7	4 335	41,13	5,133	25,50
483	19,7	4 332	41,16	5,136	25,52
483,2	19,7	4 332	41,16	5,136	25,52
484	19,8	4 325	41,23	5,145	25,56
484,8	19,8	4 318	41,29	5,153	25,60
485	19,9	4 317	41,30	5,154	25,61
486	19,9	4 311	41,36	5,161	25,64
486,4	19,9	4 309	41,38	5,164	25,65
487	20,0	4 305	41,42	5,168	25,68
488	20,0	4 299	41,48	5,176	25,71
489	20,1	4 294	41,53	5,182	25,74
490	20,1	4 290	41,56	5,186	25,77
491	20,2	4 287	41,59	5,190	25,78
492	20,2	4 285	41,61	5,193	25,80
493	20,3	4 283	41,63	5,195	25,81
494	20,3	4 280	41,66	5,199	25,83
495	20,4	4 278	41,68	5,201	25,84
496	20,4	4 276	41,70	5,203	25,85
497	20,5	4 273	41,73	5,207	25,87
498	20,5	4 271	41,75	5,210	25,88
499	20,6	4 266	41,80	5,216	25,91
500	20,6	4 262	41,84	5,221	25,94
501	20,7	4 259	41,87	5,224	25,95
502	20,7	4 257	41,89	5,227	25,97
503	20,8	4 255	41,91	5,229	25,98
504	20,8	4 252	41,94	5,233	26,00
505	20,9	4 248	41,98	5,238	26,02
506	20,9	4 243	42,02	5,244	26,05
507	21,0	4 238	42,07	5,250	26,08
508	21,0	4 234	42,11	5,255	26,11
509	21,1	4 229	42,16	5,261	26,14
509,9	21,1	4 224	42,21	5,268	26,17
510	21,1	4 224	42,21	5,268	26,17
511	21,2	4 219	42,26	5,274	26,20
511,8	21,2	4 215	42,30	5,279	26,23
512	21,3	4 214	42,31	5,280	26,23
513	21,3	4 209	42,36	5,286	26,26
513,7	21,3	4 206	42,39	5,290	26,28
514	21,4	4 204	42,41	5,293	26,29
515	21,4	4 199	42,46	5,299	26,33
515,6	21,4	4 196	42,50	5,303	26,34
516	21,5	4 194	42,52	5,305	26,36
517	21,5	4 189	42,57	5,312	26,39
517,5	21,5	4 187	42,59	5,314	26,40
518	21,6	4 184	42,62	5,318	26,42
519	21,6	4 180	42,66	5,323	26,44
519,4	21,6	4 178	42,68	5,326	26,46
520	21,7	4 175	42,71	5,329	26,48
521	21,7	4 170	42,76	5,336	26,51
521,3	21,7	4 168	42,78	5,338	26,52
522	21,8	4 165	42,81	5,342	26,54
523	21,8	4 160	42,86	5,349	26,57
523,2	21,8	4 159	42,87	5,350	26,58
524	21,9	4 155	42,91	5,355	26,60

1	2	3	4	5	6
525	21,9	4 150	42,97	5,361	26,64
525,1	21,9	4 150	42,97	5,361	26,64
526	22,0	4 145	43,02	5,368	26,67
527	22,0	4 140	43,07	5,374	26,70
528	22,1	4 135	43,12	5,381	26,73
528,8	22,1	4 131	43,16	5,386	26,76
529	22,2	4 130	43,17	5,387	26,77
530	22,2	4 125	43,23	5,394	26,80
530,6	22,2	4 122	43,26	5,398	26,82
531	22,3	4 119	43,29	5,402	26,84
532	22,3	4 114	43,34	5,408	26,87
532,4	22,3	4 112	43,36	5,411	26,88
533	22,4	4 111	43,37	5,412	26,89
534	22,4	4 108	43,41	5,416	26,91
534,2	22,4	4 108	43,41	5,416	26,91
535	22,5	4 103	43,46	5,423	26,94
536	22,5	4 098	43,51	5,429	26,97
537	22,6	4 093	43,56	5,436	27,01
537,8	22,6	4 089	43,61	5,441	27,03
538	22,7	4 088	43,62	5,443	27,04
539	22,7	4 083	43,67	5,449	27,07
539,6	22,7	4 080	43,70	5,453	27,09
540	22,8	4 078	43,72	5,456	27,11
541	22,8	4 076	43,75	5,459	27,12
541,4	22,8	4 075	43,76	5,460	27,13
542	22,9	4 072	43,79	5,464	27,15
543	22,9	4 066	43,85	5,472	27,19
543,2	22,9	4 066	43,85	5,472	27,19
544	23,0	4 061	43,91	5,479	27,22
545	23,0	4 056	43,96	5,486	27,25
and more'					

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2719/1999
of 20 December 1999**

amending Regulation (EC) No 1431/94 laying down detailed rules for the application in the poultrymeat sector of the import arrangements provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 of 29 March 1994 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for high-quality beef, and for pigmeat, poultrymeat, wheat and meslin, and brans, sharps and other residues ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2198/95 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1431/94 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1514/97 ⁽⁶⁾, lays down detailed rules for the application in the poultrymeat sector of the import arrangements provided for in Regulation (EC) No 774/94.
- (2) To ensure better control of imports from certain countries, a supply contract must be demanded when a licence application is lodged.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for poultrymeat and eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph is inserted after Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1431/94:

'1a Licence applications must be accompanied by a supply contract specifying that poultry supplies are available for delivery to the European Community during the quota period from the origin requested and up to the quota quantities applied for.

This paragraph shall apply to products in groups 1, 2 and 4 and the quota period shall be the period laid down in Article 5.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 91, 8.4.1994, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 221, 19.9.1995, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 305, 19.12.1995, p. 49.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 156, 23.6.1994, p. 9.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 204, 31.7.1997, p. 16.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2720/1999
of 20 December 1999
amending representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the
sugar sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed implementing rules for the import of products in the sugar sector other than molasses ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 ⁽³⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 1(2), and Article 3(1) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the amounts of the representative prices and additional duties applicable to the import of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1441/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2544/1999 ⁽⁵⁾;

- (2) Whereas it follows from applying the general and detailed fixing rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 to the information known to the Commission that the representative prices and additional duties at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 December 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 77.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 53.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 December 1999 amending representative prices and the amounts of additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99

(EUR)

CN code	Amount of representative prices per 100 kg net of product concerned	Amount of additional duty per 100 kg net of product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	15,65	8,69
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	15,65	14,99
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	15,65	8,46
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	15,65	14,47
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	16,27	19,02
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	16,27	13,57
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	16,27	13,57
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,16	0,48

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 (OJ L 89, 10.4.1968, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 (OJ L 94, 21.4.1972, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ By 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2721/1999

of 20 December 1999

determining the world market price for unginne d cotton and the rate for the aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

differences in product quality and the nature of offers and quotations; whereas these adjustments are specified in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89;

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(3) Whereas application of the above rules gives the world market price for unginne d cotton indicated hereunder;

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular paragraphs 3 and 10 of Protocol 4 on cotton, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95 ⁽¹⁾,

(4) Whereas the first subparagraph of Article 5(3a) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 stipulates that the advance payment rate for the aid is to be the guide price less the world market price and less a further amount calculated by the formula applicable when the guaranteed maximum quantity based on the revised production estimate for unginne d cotton plus at least 7,5 %; Commission Regulation (EC) No 2606/1999 ⁽⁶⁾ fixes the production estimate for the 1999/2000 marketing year, and the relevant percentage increase; whereas the application of this method results in the fixing of the advance payment rate for each Member State at the levels set out below,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995 ⁽²⁾ laying down general rules for the system of aid for cotton and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1419/98 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 3, 4 and 5 thereof,

(1) Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires a world market price for unginne d cotton to be periodically determined from the world market price determined for ginned cotton, using the historical relationship between the two prices as specified in Article 1 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89 of 3 May 1989 laying down rules for implementing the system of aid for cotton ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1624/1999 ⁽⁵⁾; whereas if it cannot be determined in this way it is to be based on the last price determined;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The world market price for unginne d cotton as indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is set at 19,730 EUR/100 kg.

(2) Whereas Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires the world market price for ginned cotton to be determined for a product of specific characteristics using the most favourable offers and quotations on the world market of those considered representative of the real market trend; whereas to this end an average is to be calculated of offers and quotations on one or more European exchanges for a cif product to a North European port from the supplier countries considered most representative as regards international trade; whereas these rules for determination of the world market price for ginned cotton provide for adjustments to reflect

2. The advance payment of the aid referred to in Article 5(3a), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is fixed at:

- 50,109 EUR/100 kg in Spain,
- 46,176 EUR/100 kg in Greece,
- 86,570 EUR/100 kg in other Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 December 1999.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 48.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 123, 4.5.1989, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 39.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 316, 10.12.1999, p. 36.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 9 December 1999

establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection

(1999/847/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 308 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions ⁽⁴⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The actions taken by the Community in this field since 1985 must be continued with a view to strengthening the cooperation between the Member States; the Resolutions adopted since 1987 ⁽⁵⁾ and Council Decision 98/22/EC of 19 December 1997 establishing a Community Action Programme in the field of Civil Protection ⁽⁶⁾ constitutes the basis for this cooperation;
- (2) The individual actions undertaken by the Community to implement the programme contribute to the protection of persons, environment and property in the event of natural and technological disasters, and a greater awareness of the interrelationship between human activities and nature, which in the future may make it possible to prevent many disasters, including floods;

- (3) The Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development ⁽⁷⁾ presented by the Commission foresees that the Community's activities will be stepped up in particular in the field of environmental emergencies; the same programme calls for these activities to take account of scientific research and technological development;
- (4) The Community Action Programme will continue to help to develop cooperation in this field even more effectively; the programme should be based to a large extent on experience already gained in this field;
- (5) In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Community cooperation supports and supplements national policies in the field of Civil Protection in order to make them more effective; pooling of experience and mutual assistance will help to reduce the loss of human life, injuries, material damage and economic and environmental damage throughout the Community, making the objectives of social cohesion and solidarity more tangible;
- (6) The isolated and outermost regions of the Union have special characteristics because of their geography, terrain and social and economic conditions which have an adverse effect and make it difficult to deliver aid and means of assistance in the event of major danger;
- (7) The Community Action Programme will provide transparency as well as consolidate and strengthen the different actions in continued pursuit of the objectives of the Treaty;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 28, 3.2.1999, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 279, 1.10.1999, p. 210.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 169, 16.6.1999, p. 14.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 293, 13.10.1999, p. 53.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 176, 4.7.1987, p. 1; OJ C 44, 23.2.1989, p. 3; OJ C 315, 14.12.1990, p. 1; OJ C 313, 10.11.1994, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 8, 14.1.1998, p. 20.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ C 138, 17.5.1993, p. 5.

- (8) Action to prevent risks and damage as well as provide information and prepare those responsible for and involved in Civil Protection in the Member States is important and increases the degree of preparedness for accidents; it is also important to undertake Community action to improve techniques and methods of response and immediate aftercare after emergencies;
- (9) It is also important to undertake action targeted at the general public so as to help European citizens to protect themselves more effectively;
- (10) The Permanent Network of National Correspondents on Civil Protection will continue to play an active role for matters relating to civil protection;
- (11) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision are to be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽¹⁾;
- (12) The provisions of this Decision take over from 1 January 2000, from the action programme set up through Decision 98/22/EC and ending on 31 December 1999;
- (13) A financial reference amount, within the meaning of point 34 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽²⁾, is included in this Decision for the entire duration of the programme, without thereby affecting the powers of the budgetary authority as they are defined by the Treaty;
- (14) The Treaty does not provide, for the adoption of this Decision, powers other than those of Article 308,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. A Community action programme in the field of civil protection (hereinafter called this 'programme') is hereby established for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2004.
2. This programme is intended to support and supplement Member States' efforts at national, regional and local levels for the protection of persons, property and in so doing environment, in the event of natural and technological disasters, without prejudice to the internal division of competence in Member States. The aim is also to facilitate cooperation, exchange of experience and mutual assistance between Member States in this field.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

3. This programme excludes any measures aimed at the harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States or of the organising of the national preparedness of the Member States.

Article 2

1. The Commission shall implement the actions under this programme.
2. A three-year rolling plan to implement this programme, to be reviewed annually, shall be adopted, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4(2).
3. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this programme shall be EUR 7,5 million.

The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.

4. Actions under this programme and financial arrangements for Community contribution are set out in the Annex.

Article 3

1. The rolling plan to implement this programme shall contain the individual actions to be undertaken.
2. Individual actions shall be selected primarily on the basis of the following criteria:
 - (a) contribution to preventing the risks and damage to persons, property and in so doing environment, in the event of natural and technological disasters;
 - (b) contribution to increasing the degree of preparedness of those involved in civil protection in the Member States, in order to increase their ability to respond to an emergency;
 - (c) contribution to detecting and studying causes of disasters;
 - (d) contribution to improving the means and methods of forecasting, techniques and methods of response and immediate aftercare after emergencies;
 - (e) contribution to public information, education and awareness, so as to help citizens to protect themselves more effectively.
3. Each individual action shall be implemented in close cooperation with the Member States.
4. Where relevant, actions under this programme should aim to contribute
 - to the integration of civil protection objectives in other Community and Member States policies and actions, in particular including risk evaluation when assessing the impact of installations and activities,
 - as well as to the consistency of this programme with other Community actions.

5. Each action shall take account of the results of the Community and national research in the relevant fields.

Article 4

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.

3. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 5

The Commission shall evaluate the implementation of this programme at mid-term and before its end, and report by 30

September 2002 and 31 March 2004 to the European Parliament and the Council.

Article 6

This Decision shall apply with effect from 1 January 2000.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

O. HEINONEN

ANNEX

Action ⁽¹⁾	Financial arrangements
<p>A. Major projects of general interest</p> <p>Major projects of general interest for all Member States or a number of them and involving a process for enhancing civil protection capabilities for dealing with disasters in certain significant aspects, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — prevention, — preparedness, — response, — immediate aftercare, — detection and study of the causes of disasters (analysis of risks and vulnerability), — analysis of the socio-economic implications of disasters, — improving the means and methods of forecasting. 	<p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 75 % of the total cost of the action.</p>
<p>B. Training</p> <p>1. <i>Workshops and courses</i> ⁽²⁾</p> <p>Organisation of workshops or training courses bringing together experts, technical specialists and technicians from the Member States permitting, within each discipline, the mutual sharing of experience by means of discussions in specific terms of their methods, techniques and means with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — increasing their degree of preparedness — creating the conditions for the establishment of a human network permitting more effective operational cooperation between Member States in case of emergency. <p>2. <i>Exchange of experts and technicians</i></p> <p>Organisation of the secondment of experts to the emergency services or other relevant bodies of another Member States in order to allow the experts to gain experience or appraise different techniques used or to study the approaches taken within other emergency services or other relevant bodies.</p> <p>Organisation of exchanges of Member States experts, specialists and technicians enabling them to present or to follow short training courses.</p> <p>3. <i>Exercises</i> ⁽²⁾</p> <p>The exercises are intended to compare methods, to stimulate cooperation between Member States and to back-up progress in coordination of the national civil protection services, with a view to improving inter alia the effectiveness and speed response in case of emergency.</p>	<p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 75 % of the total cost of the action, with a ceiling of EUR 75 000 per action.</p> <p>Maximum 75 % of the experts travel and subsistence expenses and 100 % of the costs of coordinating the system.</p> <p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 50 % of the costs of participating observers from other Member States and for organising the associated workshops, preparing the exercise and the final report, etc.</p>
<p>C. Other actions</p> <p>1. <i>Pilot projects</i> ⁽²⁾</p> <p>Projects designed to increase the capacity for and speed of response in the initial stages of crises in the different regions of Member States. These projects are aimed mainly at improving means, techniques and procedures also in the isolated and outermost regions or islands. Their scope and content should be such as to interest all or several Member States and it is intended to give them the maximum dissemination and demonstration throughout the Union for their implementation.</p> <p>The greatest possible encouragement should be given to multinational projects.</p>	<p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 50 % of the total cost of each pilot project, with a ceiling of EUR 200 000 for each project.</p>

Action ⁽¹⁾	Financial arrangements
<p>2. <i>Support actions</i> ⁽²⁾</p> <p>Support actions such as preparatory work related to new areas or one-off follow-up actions for other projects, workshops or exercises.</p>	<p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 50 % of the total cost of each action, with a ceiling of EUR 30 000 per action.</p>
<p>3. <i>Conferences and events</i></p> <p>Conference and other civil protection events, involving several Member States.</p>	<p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 30 % of the total cost of the arrangement with a ceiling of EUR 50 000 per action.</p>
<p>4. <i>Information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Actions to improve public information, education and awareness, so as to help the citizens to protect themselves more effectively wherever they may be in the Community as well as to contribute to safety of citizens within the Community — Distribution of information, publications and production of exhibition material on the Community cooperation in the field of civil protection. 	<p>Maximum Community financial contribution: 75 % of the total cost of the action.</p> <p>Community financial contribution: 100 % of the costs.</p>
<p>5. <i>Other actions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Other actions aiming to a better appreciation of the results of the civil protection activities, such as statistics, economic analysis — Evaluation of the programme — Circulation of information on actions decided, in the language of the Member States concerned by the topic of these actions. 	<p>Community financial contribution: 100 % of the costs.</p>
<p>D. Mobilisation of expertise</p> <p>Mobilisation of expertise to intervene in the event of an emergency situation to reinforce the system set-up by the authorities of a Member State or a third country facing natural or technological disasters.</p>	<p>Community financial contribution: 100 % of the costs for the experts mission.</p>

⁽¹⁾ The only eligible actions must be in accordance with the priorities yearly defined within the management committee.

Specific actions eligible to other Community instruments will not be financed in the framework of this programme. As regards item D, this will mean that actions eligible, *inter alia*, to ECHO may not be financed in the framework of this programme.

⁽²⁾ The only eligible actions are those interesting all Member States or a significant number of them.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 13 December 1999
on the full application of the Schengen acquis in Greece

(1999/848/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Article 2(2) of the Protocol integrating the Schengen acquis into the framework of the European Union,

Having regard to the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up the Standing Committee on the implementation of Schengen,

Having regard to the Decision adopted by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 30 June 1999 setting up the Ad Hoc Committee for Greece,

Taking into account the Decisions of the Schengen Executive Committee of 7 October 1997 (SCH/Com-ex(97)29 rev 2) and of 16 December 1998 (SCH/Com-ex(98)49 rev 3),

- (1) Whereas visits have been made to check whether the requirements relating to manpower levels and material resources, the training of border control and surveillance services and coordination between the departments concerned have been satisfied;
- (2) Whereas the conditions for lifting controls on persons at the internal borders with Greece as from 1 January 2000 have been met,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Controls on persons at internal borders between Greece and the Member States which fully apply the Schengen acquis shall be lifted in the period from 1 January 2000 to 26 March 2000.

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2000 to internal maritime traffic in ports.

As regards border controls for internal flights from and to Greece, the dates for their abolition shall be agreed between Greece and any other Member State concerned as from 1 January 2000 in those airports where this is technically possible. Controls shall in any case be abolished by 26 March 2000 at the latest. The Member States concerned shall inform the Council and the Commission before 1 April 2000 of the measures they have taken to implement this Decision.

Article 2

In 2000 the Schengen Evaluation Working Party shall examine the full application of the Schengen acquis to Greece and shall study the measures that prove necessary.

Article 3

1. This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.
2. It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 13 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

S. HASSI

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 December 1999

relating to the granting of a national aid by the Austrian Government to small producers in less-favoured areas by virtue of Annex XV of the 1994 Act of Accession

(1999/849/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 88(2) thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Government of the Republic of Austria on 20 October 1999,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 151(1) of the 1994 Act of Accession provides that the Acts listed in Annex XV shall apply in respect of the new Member States under the conditions laid down in that Annex; Annex XV, Chapter VII, Section 'D. Structures' paragraph 2(c) provides that by way of derogation from Article 35 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 of 15 July 1991 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures⁽¹⁾, 'the Republic of Austria may, subject to authorisation by the Commission, continue to grant, until 31 December 2004, to small producers which were entitled thereto in 1993 by virtue of national legislation, national aid to the extent that the compensatory allowance referred to in Articles 17 to 19 is not sufficient to compensate permanent natural handicaps. The aid granted in total to these producers must not exceed the amounts granted in Austria in the aforementioned year';
- (2) On the basis of this derogation, after the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession the Austrian Government continued to grant national aid adjusted to take account of the Community system of aids established since 1995 and due to remain in force until 2004;
- (3) On 26 October 1995, the Austrian Government notified the Commission of the 'Special Directive concerning the granting of a compensatory allowance in less-favoured areas and national aid', seeking confirmation that the method to be applied by the Austrian authorities for granting the national aid between 1995 and 1998 and for maintaining it until 2004 was valid;

- (4) In its Decision of 20 December 1995 (C(95) 3368) relating to national aid, the Commission limited the granting of national aid to holdings the size of which in hectares of usable agricultural area did not exceed the average size for Austria of all agricultural holdings run on a full-time basis, on the one hand, and on a part-time basis, on the other, and could in no circumstances exceed 25 hectares; moreover that Decision is limited to 31 December 1999;
- (5) That Decision limits the application of the derogation provided for in Annex XV, by excluding from national compensation approximately 2 500 holdings which had an area above the average area of 23 hectares for full-time holdings that received aid and 6 hectares for part-time holdings that received aid out of approximately 124 000 holdings in total that received aids;
- (6) The Commission's taking the definition of 'small producer' as a basis for setting a limit on granting this aid means that not all small producers eligible in 1993 under Austrian law, on which the derogation was established, can be compensated as from 1995;
- (7) The amount of national aid excluded by the Commission Decision represents less than EUR 1 million, equivalent to 0,5 % of the total Austrian national aid to holdings;
- (8) The flat-rate aid granted to holdings since 1995 and planned to continue until 2004 does not exceed the amount of aid granted in Austria in 1993;
- (9) The aid in question is unlikely to distort competition within the Community;
- (10) Owing to the abovementioned derogation for Austria, all the beneficiaries of the national aid scheme working holdings located in particular in mountainous areas or in regions close to the Eastern border of Austria expected no reduction in the overall compensation paid in 1993, nor that it would be abolished, until 2004;
- (11) This being the case, there are exceptional circumstances for considering the intervention planned by the Austrian Government as compatible with the common market, under the conditions provided for in this Decision,

⁽¹⁾ Replaced by Regulation (EC) No 950/97 (OJ L 142, 2.6.1997, p. 1). Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2331/98 (OJ L 291, 30.10.1998, p. 10). Article 35 of the old Regulation corresponds to Article 37 of the new Regulation.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The scheme for maintaining the aids described in the 'Special Directive concerning the granting of compensatory allowances in less-favoured areas and national aid' as forwarded to the Commission on 26 October 1995, shall be deemed compatible with the common market until 31 December 2004, providing as it does that if the calculation of the compensatory allowance granted to a holding as from 1995 results in a smaller amount of aid for a holding than it received under this scheme in 1993, the balance shall be made up in the form of national aid.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Austria.

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

K. HEMLÄ
