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(Acts adopted pursuant to Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL DECISION
of 28 February 2000
on the rules applicable to national experts in the military field on secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council during the interim period

(2000/178/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Article 2

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28(1),

A military expert on secondment shall be a national of a Member State of the European Union.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 207(2),

Article 3

Whereas:

Period of secondment

- (1) The Council adopted on 14 February 2000 Decision 2000/144/CFSP setting up the Interim Military Body ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The Council adopted on 14 February 2000 Decision 2000/145/CFSP on the secondment of national experts in the military field to the General Secretariat of the Council during an interim period ⁽²⁾.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 4 of Decision 2000/145/CFSP, that Decision takes effect only after the Council has established the rules applicable to the secondment of such experts.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to establish these rules,

1. Military experts may be seconded for a maximum of three years. In exceptional cases, and taking account of particular tasks to be performed, the secondment may be extended for a period up to one year.

They shall serve on a full-time basis throughout the period of secondment.

2. The probable period of secondment shall be fixed at the outset in an Exchange of Letters between the Secretary-General/High Representative and the Permanent Representative of the Member State concerned.

Article 4

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Tasks

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The national experts in the military field on secondment to the Council General Secretariat during the interim period as referred to in Decision 2000/145/CFSP (hereinafter 'military experts'), shall be subject to the rules set out in this Decision.

1. Military experts on secondment will provide military expertise to the Interim Military Body and to the Secretary-General/High Representative.

Acting under the authority of the Secretary-General/High Representative and under the military guidance of the Interim Military Body, they shall carry out the tasks assigned to them in a predetermined work programme or job description.

2. Unless special instructions to the contrary are given under the authority of the Secretary-General/High Representative, military experts on secondment shall not enter into any commitment on the General Secretariat's behalf with third parties.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 49, 22.2.2000, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 49, 22.2.2000, p. 3.

*Article 5***Social security and health care**

1. Military experts remain covered by their national social security legislation and health care provisions.
2. Before the period of secondment begins, the national administration from which the military expert is to be seconded shall certify to the General Secretariat that he/she will remain subject through the period of secondment to the social security legislation (including health care) applicable to that administration which will assume responsibility for expenses incurred abroad.

*Article 6***Accident insurance**

The General Secretariat shall cover military experts on secondment against the risk of accidents on the same terms as General Secretariat employees not covered by the Staff Regulations. This shall apply from the day the military expert takes up duty.

*Article 7***Breaks in or termination of periods of secondment**

1. The Secretary-General/High Representative may authorise breaks in periods of secondment and specify the terms applicable. The allowances referred to in Articles 13 and 14 when applicable shall be paid only if the break is at the Secretary-General/High Representative's request.
2. Periods of secondment may be terminated if the interests of the General Secretariat or the expert's national administration so require or for any other sufficient cause.

CHAPTER II

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF A MILITARY EXPERT ON SECONDMENT*Article 8*

1. A military expert on secondment shall carry out his/her duties and conduct himself/herself solely with the interests of the Council in mind and in accordance with the national provisions applicable to his/her secondment.
2. A military expert on secondment shall abstain from any action, and in particular any public expression of opinion, which may reflect on his/her position.
3. A military expert on secondment who, in the performance of his/her duties, is called on to pronounce on a matter in the handling or outcome of which he/she has a personal interest such as to impair his/her independence shall inform the head of the department to which he/she is assigned.

4. A military expert on secondment shall exercise the greatest discretion with regard to all facts and information coming to his/her knowledge in the course of or in connection with the performance of his/her duties. He/she shall not in any form whatsoever disclose to any unauthorised person any document or information not legally made public. He/she shall continue to be bound by this obligation after his/her period of secondment without prejudice to national provisions in this field.

5. A military expert on secondment shall not, whether alone or together with others, publish or cause to be published any text dealing with the work of the European Union without obtaining permission in accordance with the conditions and rules in force at the General Secretariat.

6. A military expert on secondment shall be subject to the security rules and regulations in force in the General Secretariat without prejudice to his/her continuing national security obligations.

7. A military expert on secondment shall continue to be subject to his/her national disciplinary rules. The Secretary-General/High Representative may bring to the attention of national authorities any violation by the military experts of the rules set out or referred to in the present Decision.

8. All rights in any work done by a military expert on secondment in the performance of his/her duties shall be the property of the General Secretariat.

9. A military expert on secondment shall reside at his/her place of employment or at no greater distance therefrom as is compatible with the proper performance of his/her duties.

10. A military expert on secondment shall assist and provide advice to the superiors to whom he/she is assigned; he/she shall be responsible to them for performance of the tasks entrusted to him/her.

CHAPTER III

WORKING CONDITIONS OF THE MILITARY EXPERT ON SECONDMENT*Article 9***Hours of work**

A military expert on secondment shall be bound by the rules on hours of work in force at the General Secretariat.

*Article 10***Leave and official closing dates**

Military experts on secondment shall be subject to their national rules on annual leave and special leave. Official closing dates in force at the General Secretariat shall apply to them.

*Article 11***Management and control**

Management and control of leave and working time shall be the responsibility of the Secretary-General/High Representative or the Deputy Secretary-General. For that purpose, the relevant information on the leave entitlement including the annual credit shall be communicated in the Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 16(2).

CHAPTER IV

EMOLUMENTS

A. Remuneration

*Article 12***Remuneration**

The remuneration of the military expert on secondment shall continue to be the full responsibility of the Member State concerned.

B. Reimbursement of expenses

*Article 13***Travel expenses**

1. If a military expert on secondment has not removed his/her personal effects from his/her place of recruitment to his/her place of employment, he/she shall be entitled each month to the cost of a return journey from his/her place of employment to his/her place of recruitment. This payment shall be made at the end of each month or on the last day worked if the whole month is not worked. This flat-rate payment shall be based on the cost of the first-class rail fare where the single journey does not exceed five hundred kilometres. Where the journey exceeds five hundred kilometres or involves a sea crossing, payment shall be based on the reduced-price economy-class air fare (the lowest fare offered by the national companies serving the place of recruitment and the place of employment).

2. The rate applied shall be that in force on 1 January of the current year at the General Secretariat's Travel Office. This rate shall be reviewed on 1 July in respect of journeys where the price has increased by more than 5 % since 1 January. Where a whole month is not worked, the amount shall be calculated in proportion to the number of days worked.

3. If a military expert on secondment does remove his/her personal effects from his/her place of recruitment to his/her place of employment, he/she shall be entitled each year for himself/herself, his/her spouse and his/her dependent children to a flat-rate payment equal to the cost of a return journey from his/her place of employment to his/her place of recruitment in accordance with the rules and conditions in force at the General Secretariat.

4. In accordance with the rules and conditions in force at the General Secretariat, a military expert on secondment shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses:

- (a) for himself/herself:
 - from his/her place of recruitment to his/her place of employment at the beginning of the period of secondment,
 - from his/her place of employment to his/her place of recruitment at the end of the period of secondment,
- (b) for his/her spouse and dependent children:
 - from the place of recruitment to the place of employment when removal takes place,
 - from the place of employment to the place of recruitment at the end of the period of secondment.

5. For the purpose of this Decision, the place of recruitment shall be the place where the military expert on secondment performed his/her duties prior to his/her secondment. The place of employment shall be the place in which the department to which he/she is assigned is located. The Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 16(2) shall identify these places.

6. The Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 16(2) may stipulate that travel expenses shall not be covered by the General Secretariat.

*Article 14***Removal expenses**

1. A military expert on secondment shall be entitled to reimbursement of the costs of removing his/her personal effects in accordance with the rules and conditions in force at the General Secretariat and with paragraphs 2 and 3.

2. A military expert on secondment who moves his/her residence to his/her place of employment to comply with the obligation set out in Article 8(9) may remove his/her personal effects no later than six months after taking up duty provided that the probable period of secondment is at least two years and that the place of recruitment is at least 50 km from the place of employment.

3. At the end of the period of secondment, removal must take place within one year.

4. The Exchange of Letters referred to in Article 16(2) may stipulate that removal expenses shall not be covered by the General Secretariat.

*Article 15***Official travel and related expenses**

1. Military experts on secondment may be sent on official travel, subject to compliance with Article 4.

2. Official travel expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with the rules and conditions relating to the reimbursement of such expenses for officials in force at the General Secretariat.

CHAPTER V

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

Article 16

Budgetary allocations and contracts

1. Expenditure arising from the secondment of military experts shall be charged to line 1113 of the Council budget.
2. Secondment and any extension thereof shall be implemented by an Exchange of Letters between the Secretary-General/High Representative and the Permanent Representative of the Member State concerned. The Exchange of Letters shall indicate the names of the individuals authorised to lay down the practical detailed arrangements for secondment under this Decision. A military expert on secondment shall present himself/herself to the appropriate department of the Directorate-General for Administration and Protocol on the first day of his/her secondment to complete the relevant administrative formalities.

Article 17

Settlement of expenditure

Payments shall be made by the appropriate department of the Directorate-General for Administration and Protocol, in euro

into a bank account opened at a banking institution in Belgium.

Article 18

Expenditure on infrastructure

Expenditure on the provision of working facilities (offices, furniture, machines, etc.) for military experts on secondment paid from administrative appropriations shall be charged to administrative appropriations.

Article 19

1. This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.
2. It shall apply until the permanent bodies of the Common European Security and Defence Policy are established.

Article 20

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 28 February 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. PINA MOURA

I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 466/2000
of 1 March 2000
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 2 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

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 1 March 2000 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	204	70,5
	624	160,7
	999	115,6
0707 00 05	052	125,3
	068	76,9
	628	150,2
0709 10 00	999	117,5
	220	201,2
	999	201,2
0709 90 70	052	101,9
	204	36,1
	628	127,8
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	999	88,6
	052	50,2
	204	36,9
	212	37,6
	600	38,1
0805 20 10	624	54,7
	999	43,5
	052	41,1
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	600	61,9
	999	51,5
	039	114,7
	388	149,3
	400	94,8
	404	89,3
	508	97,7
	512	94,4
	528	101,8
	720	108,0
728	91,4	
0808 20 50	999	104,6
	388	87,0
	400	108,4
	512	80,3
	528	83,7
	720	64,3
	999	84,7

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 467/2000
of 1 March 2000**

**fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar for the 29th partial invitation to tender issued
within the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No
1489/1999**

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 organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 of 7 July 1999 on a standing invitation to tender to determine levies and/or refunds on exports of white sugar ⁽²⁾, requires partial invitations to tender to be issued for the export of this sugar.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 a maximum export refund shall be fixed, as the case may be, account being taken in particular of the state and foreseeable development of the Community

and world markets in sugar, for the partial invitation to tender in question.

- (3) Following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the 29th partial invitation to tender, the provisions set out in Article 1 should be adopted.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 29th partial invitation to tender for white sugar issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 the maximum amount of the export refund is fixed at EUR 52,418/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 172, 8.7.1999, p. 27.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 468/2000**of 1 March 2000****fixing the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state**

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 organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point (a) of the second subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 provides that when refunds on white and raw sugar, unadulterated and exported in its unaltered state, are being fixed account must be taken of the situation on the Community and world markets in sugar and in particular of the price and cost factors set out in Article 19 of that Regulation; whereas the same Article provides that the economic aspect of the proposed exports should also be taken into account.
- (3) The refund on raw sugar must be fixed in respect of the standard quality; the latter is defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EC) No 431/68 of 9 April 1968 determining the standard quality for raw sugar and fixing the Community frontier crossing point for calculating cif prices for sugar ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 ⁽³⁾; furthermore, this refund should be fixed in accordance with Article 19(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999; candy sugar is defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2135/95 of 7 September 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for the grant of

export refunds in the sugar sector ⁽⁴⁾; the refund thus calculated for sugar containing added flavouring or colouring matter must apply to their sucrose content and, accordingly, be fixed per 1 % of the said content.

- (4) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for sugar according to destination.
- (5) In special cases, the amount of the refund may be fixed by other legal instruments.
- (6) The refund must be fixed every two weeks; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period.
- (7) It follows from applying the rules set out above to the present situation on the market in sugar and in particular to quotations or prices for sugar within the Community and on the world market that the refund should be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, unadulterated and exported in the natural state, are hereby fixed to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 89, 10.4.1968, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 214, 8.9.1995, p. 16.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 1 March 2000 fixing the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

Product code	Amount of refund
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 11 90 9100	43,23 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	43,12 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9950	⁽²⁾
1701 12 90 9100	43,23 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	43,12 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9950	⁽²⁾
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 91 00 9000	0,4699
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 99 10 9100	46,99
1701 99 10 9910	49,09
1701 99 10 9950	46,88
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 99 90 9100	0,4699

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %; if the yield is other than 92 %, the refund applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999.

⁽²⁾ Fixing suspended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2689/85 (OJ L 255, 26.9.1985, p. 12), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3251/85 (OJ L 309, 21.11.1985, p. 14).

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 469/2000
of 1 March 2000**

fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for molasses 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 market in sugar ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for imports of molasses in the sugar sector and amending Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 1(2) and 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 stipulates that the cif import price for molasses, hereinafter referred to as the 'representative price', should be set in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽³⁾. That price should be fixed for the standard quality defined in Article 1 of the above Regulation.
- (2) The representative price for molasses is calculated at the frontier crossing point into the Community, in this case Amsterdam; that price must be based on the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market established on the basis of the quotations or prices on that market adjusted for any deviations from the standard quality. The standard quality for molasses is defined in Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.
- (3) When the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market are being established, account must be taken of all available information on offers on the world market, on the prices recorded on important third-country markets and on sales concluded in international trade of which the Commission is aware, either directly or through the Member States. Under Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68, the Commission may for this purpose take an average of several prices as a basis, provided that this average is representative of actual market trends.
- (4) The information must be disregarded if the goods concerned are not of sound and fair marketable quality or if the price quoted in the offer relates only to a small

quantity that is not representative of the market. Offer prices which can be regarded as not representative of actual market trends must also be disregarded.

- (5) If information on molasses of the standard quality is to be comparable, prices must, depending on the quality of the molasses offered, be increased or reduced in the light of the results achieved by applying Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.
- (6) A representative price may be left unchanged by way of exception for a limited period if the offer price which served as a basis for the previous calculation of the representative price is not available to the Commission and if the offer prices which are available and which appear not to be sufficiently representative of actual market trends would entail sudden and considerable changes in the representative price.
- (7) Where there is a difference between the trigger price for the product in question and the representative price, additional import duties should be fixed under the conditions set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95. Should the import duties be suspended pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, specific amounts for these duties should be fixed.
- (8) Application of these provisions will have the effect of fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for the products in question as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and the additional duties applying to imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 March 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 12.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 27.6.1968, p. 12.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

fixing the representative prices and additional import duties applying to imports of molasses in the sugar sector

(in EUR)

CN code	Amount of the representative price in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the additional duty in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the duty to be applied to imports in 100 kg net of the product in question because of suspension as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 ^(?)
1703 10 00 ⁽¹⁾	7,62	0,00	—
1703 90 00 ⁽¹⁾	7,82	0,00	—

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.

^(?) This amount replaces, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, the rate of the Common Customs Tariff duty fixed for these products.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 470/2000
of 1 March 2000
fixing export refunds on fruit and vegetables

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 35(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules on export refunds on fruit and vegetables.
- (2) Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, provides that, to the extent necessary for economically significant quantities of the products listed in that Article to be exported, the difference between the international market prices for those products and their prices in the Community may be covered by export refunds.
- (3) Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that refunds must be fixed in the light of the existing situation or the outlook for fruit and vegetable prices on the Community market and supplies available on the one hand, and prices on the international market on the other hand. Account must also be taken of the costs referred to in Article 35(4)(b) of that Regulation and of the economic aspect of the exports planned.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, refunds are to be set with due regard to the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.
- (5) In accordance with Article 35(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, prices on the Community market are to be established in the light of the most favourable prices from the export standpoint. International trade prices are to be established in the light of the prices referred to in the second subparagraph of that paragraph.

- (6) The international trade situation or the special requirements of certain markets may call for the refund on a given product to vary according to its destination.
- (7) Tomatoes, lemons, oranges and apples of classes Extra, I and II of the common quality standards, shelled almonds, hazelnuts and walnuts in shell can currently be exported in economically significant quantities.
- (8) The application of the abovementioned rules to the present and forecast market situation, and in particular to fruit and vegetable prices in the Community and international trade, gives the refund rates set out in the Annex hereto.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 35(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, the resources available should be used as efficiently as possible while avoiding discrimination between traders. Therefore, care should be taken not to disturb the trade flows previously induced by the refund arrangements. For those reasons and because of the seasonal nature of exports of fruit and vegetables, quotas should be fixed for each product.
- (10) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2765/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, establishes an agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds.
- (11) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/1999 ⁽⁸⁾, lays down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products.
- (12) Owing to the market situation, in order to make the most efficient use of the resources available and given the structure of Community exports, the most appropriate method should be selected for export refunds on certain products and certain destinations and consequently refunds under the A1 and A2 licence arrangements referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 should not be fixed simultaneously for the export period in question.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 338, 30.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 48.

- (13) The quantities laid down for the various products should be distributed in accordance with the different systems for the grant of the refund, taking account in particular of their perishability.
- (14) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,
2. Quantities covered by licences issued for food aid as referred to in Article 14a of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall not count against the eligible quantities covered by the Annex.
3. Without prejudice to the application of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, the term of validity of A1 and A2 licences shall be two months.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The export refunds on fruit and vegetables shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

EXPORT REFUNDS ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Product (full definitions of eligible products are given in the 'Fruit and vegetables' sector of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 amended)	Product code	Destination or destination group ⁽¹⁾	System Application periods					
			A1 10.3 to 9.5.2000		A2 13 to 15.3.2000		B 17.3 to 16.5.2000	
			Refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)
Tomatoes	0702 00 00 9100	A00	20		20	6 559	20	11 134
Shelled almonds	0802 12 90 9000	A00	50	405			50	405
Hazelnuts in shell	0802 21 00 9000	A00	59	12				
Shelled hazelnuts	0802 22 00 9000	A00	114	721			114	721
Walnuts in shell	0802 31 00 9000	A00	73	7				
Oranges	0805 10 10 9100 0805 10 30 9100 0805 10 50 9100	A00	50		50	27 870	50	52 427
Lemons	0805 30 10 9100	A00	45		45	16 722	45	14 450
Apples	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F07	40		40	6 159	40	3 636

⁽¹⁾ The destination codes are defined as follows:

A00: All destinations.

F07: Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroes, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Malta, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, destinations referred to in Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999, African countries and territories except South Africa, countries of the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qalwain, Ras al Khaimah, Fujairah), Kuwait, Yemen), Syria, Iran, Jordan, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Ecuador and Colombia.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 471/2000
of 1 March 2000**

**fixing, for February 2000, the specific exchange rate for the amount of the reimbursement of
storage costs 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 organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1713/93 of 30 June 1993 establishing special detailed rules for applying the agricultural conversion rate in the sugar sector ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1642/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1713/93 provides that the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 is to be converted into national currency using a specific agricultural conversion rate equal to the average, calculated *pro rata temporis*, of the agricultural conversion rates applicable during the month of storage; that specific rate must be fixed each month for the previous month; however, in the case of the reimbursable amounts applying from 1 January 1999, as a result of

the introduction of the agrimonetary arrangements for the euro from that date, the fixing of the conversion rate should be limited to the specific exchange rates prevailing between the euro and the national currencies of the Member States that have not adopted the single currency.

- (2) Application of these provisions will lead to the fixing, for February 2000, of the specific exchange rate for the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs in the various national currencies as indicated in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specific exchange rate to be used for converting the amount of the reimbursement of the storage costs referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 into national currency for February 2000 shall be as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 March 2000.

It shall apply with effect from 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 159, 1.7.1993, p. 94.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 195, 28.7.1999, p. 3.

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to the Commission Regulation of 1 March 2000 fixing, for February 2000, the exchange rate for the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs in the sugar sector

Specific exchange rate		
EUR 1 =	7,44520	Danish kroner
	333,142	Greek drachma
	8,51245	Swedish kroner
	0,614659	Pound sterling

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 472/2000
of 29 February 2000
establishing unit values for the determination of the customs value of certain perishable goods

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 955/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 173 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Articles 173 to 177 of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 provide that the Commission shall periodically establish

unit values for the products referred to in the classification in Annex 26 to that Regulation.

- (2) The result of applying the rules and criteria laid down in the abovementioned Articles to the elements communicated to the Commission in accordance with Article 173 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 is that unit values set out in the Annex to this Regulation should be established in regard to the products in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The unit values provided for in Article 173 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 are hereby established as set out in the table in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 February 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 119, 7.5.1999, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p. 25.

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Code	Description Species, varieties, CN code	Amount of unit values per 100 kg						
		a) b) c)	EUR FIM SEK	ATS FRF BEF/LUF	DEM IEP GBP	DKK ITL	GRD NLG	ESP PTE
1.10	New potatoes 0701 90 50	a) b) c)	44,20 262,78 376,80	608,16 289,91 1 782,90	86,44 34,81 27,20	329,16 85 577,33	14 764,01 97,40	7 353,76 8 860,70
1.30	Onions (other than seed) 0703 10 19	a) b) c)	25,47 151,43 217,13	350,45 167,06 1 027,38	49,81 20,06 15,68	189,67 49 313,31	8 507,65 56,12	4 237,55 5 105,92
1.40	Garlic 0703 20 00	a) b) c)	89,09 529,69 759,52	1 225,88 584,38 3 593,80	174,24 70,16 54,83	663,48 172 498,23	29 759,81 196,32	14 822,98 17 860,52
1.50	Leeks ex 0703 90 00	a) b) c)	48,56 288,72 414,00	668,20 318,53 1 958,91	94,98 38,24 29,89	361,65 94 025,27	16 221,47 107,01	8 079,70 9 735,41
1.60	Cauliflowers 0704 10 00	a) b) c)	55,28 328,68 471,29	760,67 362,61 2 229,99	108,12 43,54 34,02	411,70 107 037,01	18 466,28 121,82	9 197,82 11 082,64
1.70	Brussels sprouts 0704 20 00	a) b) c)	59,69 354,90 508,89	821,35 391,54 2 407,89	116,74 47,01 36,74	444,54 115 575,96	19 939,44 131,54	9 931,58 11 966,77
1.80	White cabbages and red cabbages 0704 90 10	a) b) c)	40,10 238,40 341,83	551,73 263,01 1 617,45	78,42 31,58 24,68	298,61 77 635,71	13 393,90 88,36	6 671,33 8 038,43
1.90	Sprouting broccoli or calabrese (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> <i>L. convar. botrytis (L.) Alef var. italica Plenck</i>) ex 0704 90 90	a) b) c)	105,95 629,95 903,28	1 457,90 694,99 4 274,01	207,22 83,44 65,21	789,06 205 147,81	35 392,60 233,48	17 628,60 21 241,07
1.100	Chinese cabbage ex 0704 90 90	a) b) c)	109,11 648,74 930,22	1 501,39 715,72 4 401,49	213,40 85,93 67,16	812,60 211 266,61	36 448,23 240,45	18 154,39 21 874,61
1.110	Cabbage lettuce (head lettuce) 0705 11 10	a) b) c)	152,67 907,73 1 301,59	2 100,79 1 001,45 6 158,69	298,60 120,24 93,97	1 137,01 295 610,34	50 999,41 336,44	25 402,15 30 607,59
1.120	Endives ex 0705 29 00	a) b) c)	21,82 129,74 186,03	300,25 143,13 880,22	42,68 17,18 13,43	162,50 42 249,41	7 288,97 48,08	3 630,54 4 374,52
1.130	Carrots ex 0706 10 00	a) b) c)	66,47 395,20 566,67	914,62 436,00 2 681,31	130,00 52,35 40,91	495,02 128 699,80	22 203,60 146,48	11 059,33 13 325,62
1.140	Radishes ex 0706 90 90	a) b) c)	129,63 770,73 1 105,14	1 783,72 850,30 5 229,17	253,53 102,09 79,79	965,40 250 994,42	43 302,17 285,66	21 568,25 25 988,04
1.160	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>) 0708 10 00	a) b) c)	351,97 2 092,74 3 000,75	4 843,27 2 308,80 14 198,60	688,40 277,20 216,64	2 621,33 681 516,70	117 576,91 775,65	58 563,55 70 564,45

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		a) b) c)	EUR FIM SEK	ATS FRF BEF/LUF	DEM IEP GBP	DKK ITL	GRD NLG	ESP PTE
1.170	Beans:							
1.170.1	Beans (<i>Vigna</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.) ex 0708 20 00	a) b) c)	151,27 899,41 1 289,64	2 081,51 992,26 6 102,18	295,86 119,13 93,11	1 126,58 292 897,82	50 531,44 333,35	25 169,06 30 326,73
1.170.2	Beans (<i>Phaseolus</i> ssp., <i>vulgaris</i> var. <i>Compressus</i> Savi) ex 0708 20 00	a) b) c)	182,96 1 087,80 1 559,78	2 517,52 1 200,11 7 380,39	357,83 144,09 112,61	1 362,56 354 250,47	61 116,15 403,18	30 441,17 36 679,20
1.180	Broad beans ex 0708 90 00	a) b) c)	157,74 937,88 1 344,81	2 170,55 1 034,71 6 363,22	308,51 124,23 97,09	1 174,77 305 427,23	52 693,05 347,61	26 245,73 31 624,03
1.190	Globe artichokes 0709 10 00	a) b) c)	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
1.200	Asparagus:							
1.200.1	— green ex 0709 20 00	a) b) c)	444,18 2 640,95 3 786,82	6 111,99 2 913,60 17 917,99	868,73 349,82 273,39	3 308,00 860 043,31	148 376,76 978,83	73 904,55 89 049,15
1.200.2	— other ex 0709 20 00	a) b) c)	548,15 3 259,17 4 673,28	7 542,75 3 595,65 22 112,43	1 072,09 431,71 337,39	4 082,37 1 061 372,02	183 110,48 1 207,97	91 204,97 109 894,79
1.210	Aubergines (eggplants) 0709 30 00	a) b) c)	157,24 934,92 1 340,56	2 163,69 1 031,44 6 343,11	307,54 123,84 96,78	1 171,06 304 462,39	52 526,59 346,52	26 162,82 31 524,13
1.220	Ribbed celery (<i>Apium graveolens</i> L., var. <i>dulce</i> (Mill.) Pers.) ex 0709 40 00	a) b) c)	77,82 462,72 663,48	1 070,87 510,49 3 139,38	152,21 61,29 47,90	579,59 150 686,92	25 996,87 171,50	12 948,71 15 602,17
1.230	Chantarelles 0709 51 30	a) b) c)	1 699,80 10 106,55 14 491,64	23 389,76 11 149,96 68 569,76	3 324,52 1 338,70 1 046,23	12 659,26 3 291 271,75	567 818,19 3 745,87	282 822,92 340 779,30
1.240	Sweet peppers 0709 60 10	a) b) c)	216,21 1 285,51 1 843,28	2 975,08 1 418,23 8 721,79	422,87 170,28 133,08	1 610,21 418 636,10	72 224,12 476,46	35 973,90 43 345,71
1.250	Fennel 0709 90 50	a) b) c)	73,55 437,31 627,05	1 012,07 482,46 2 967,00	143,85 57,93 45,27	547,76 142 412,66	24 569,38 162,08	12 237,69 14 745,45
1.270	Sweet potatoes, whole, fresh (intended for human consumption) 0714 20 10	a) b) c)	51,27 304,86 437,13	705,53 336,33 2 068,36	100,28 40,38 31,56	381,86 99 278,76	17 127,81 112,99	8 531,14 10 279,35
2.10	Chestnuts (<i>Castanea</i> spp.), fresh ex 0802 40 00	a) b) c)	176,48 1 049,30 1 504,58	2 428,42 1 157,63 7 119,19	345,16 138,99 108,62	1 314,33 341 712,93	58 953,14 388,91	29 363,80 35 381,06
2.30	Pineapples, fresh ex 0804 30 00	a) b) c)	75,11 446,61 640,38	1 033,59 492,71 3 030,09	146,91 59,16 46,23	559,41 145 440,79	25 091,80 165,53	12 497,90 15 058,98

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		a) b) c)	EUR FIM SEK	ATS FRF BEF/LUF	DEM IEP GBP	DKK ITL	GRD NLG	ESP PTE
2.40	Avocados, fresh ex 0804 40 00	a) b) c)	130,66 776,85 1 113,92	1 797,88 857,05 5 270,69	255,54 102,90 80,42	973,07 252 987,23	43 645,97 287,93	21 739,50 26 194,38
2.50	Guavas and mangoes, fresh ex 0804 50 00	a) b) c)	130,97 778,71 1 116,59	1 802,19 859,11 5 283,32	256,16 103,15 80,61	975,40 253 593,67	43 750,60 288,62	21 791,61 26 257,17
2.60	Sweet oranges, fresh:							
2.60.1	— Sanguines and semi-sanguines 0805 10 10	a) b) c)	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
2.60.2	— Navels, navelines, navelates, salustianas, vernas, Valencia lates, Maltese, shamoutis, ovalis, trovita and hamlins 0805 10 30	a) b) c)	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
2.60.3	— Others 0805 10 50	a) b) c)	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
2.70	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), fresh; clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids, fresh:							
2.70.1	— Clementines 0805 20 10	a) b) c)	52,55 312,47 448,05	723,15 344,73 2 120,01	102,79 41,39 32,35	391,39 101 758,15	17 555,56 115,81	8 744,20 10 536,07
2.70.2	— Monreales and satsumas 0805 20 30	a) b) c)	61,60 366,26 525,17	847,63 404,07 2 484,94	120,48 48,51 37,91	458,77 119 274,23	20 577,48 135,75	10 249,38 12 349,69
2.70.3	— Mandarines and wilkings 0805 20 50	a) b) c)	37,32 221,89 318,16	513,52 244,80 1 505,45	72,99 29,39 22,97	277,93 72 260,05	12 466,48 82,24	6 209,39 7 481,83
2.70.4	— Tangerines and others ex 0805 20 70 ex 0805 20 90	a) b) c)	68,52 407,39 584,15	942,82 449,45 2 763,99	134,01 53,96 42,17	510,28 132 668,57	22 888,30 150,99	11 400,37 13 736,55
2.85	Limes (<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i>), fresh ex 0805 30 90	a) b) c)	140,91 837,81 1 201,32	1 938,95 924,30 5 684,25	275,59 110,97 86,73	1 049,42 272 837,48	47 070,58 310,52	23 445,25 28 249,68
2.90	Grapefruit, fresh:							
2.90.1	— white ex 0805 40 00	a) b) c)	37,52 223,09 319,89	516,30 246,12 1 513,61	73,39 29,55 23,09	279,44 72 651,37	12 533,99 82,69	6 243,02 7 522,35
2.90.2	— pink ex 0805 40 00	a) b) c)	55,73 331,33 475,10	766,81 365,54 2 248,00	108,99 43,89 34,30	415,02 107 901,55	18 615,44 122,81	9 272,11 11 172,16
2.100	Table grapes ex 0806 10 10	a) b) c)	118,89 706,87 1 013,58	1 635,93 779,85 4 795,92	232,52 93,63 73,18	885,42 230 198,69	39 714,44 261,99	19 781,25 23 834,84

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		a) b) c)	EUR FIM SEK	ATS FRF BEF/LUF	DEM IEP GBP	DKK ITL	GRD NLG	ESP PTE
2.110	Water melons 0807 11 00	a) b) c)	32,65 194,13 278,35	449,27 214,17 1 317,08	63,86 25,71 20,10	243,16 63 218,25	10 906,57 71,95	5 432,42 6 545,64
2.120	Melons (other than water melons):							
2.120.1	— Amarillo, cuper, honey dew (including cantalene), onteniente, piel de sapo (including verde liso), rochet, tendral, futuro ex 0807 19 00	a) b) c)	73,36 436,20 625,47	1 009,51 481,24 2 959,50	143,49 57,78 45,16	546,38 142 052,71	24 507,28 161,67	12 206,76 14 708,18
2.120.2	— other ex 0807 19 00	a) b) c)	168,19 1 000,01 1 433,91	2 314,35 1 103,26 6 784,78	328,95 132,46 103,52	1 252,60 325 662,03	56 184,00 370,64	27 984,53 33 719,15
2.140	Pears							
2.140.1	Pears — nashi (<i>Pyrus pyrifolia</i>) ex 0808 20 50	a) b) c)	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
2.140.2	Other ex 0808 20 50	a) b) c)	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
2.150	Apricots 0809 10 00	a) b) c)	534,19 3 176,14 4 554,22	7 350,58 3 504,04 21 549,08	1 044,78 420,71 328,79	3 978,36 1 034 331,81	178 445,43 1 177,19	88 881,37 107 095,04
2.160	Cherries 0809 20 95 0809 20 05	a) b) c)	377,09 2 242,08 3 214,88	5 188,87 2 473,55 15 211,77	737,52 296,98 232,10	2 808,38 730 148,05	125 966,91 831,00	62 742,50 75 599,76
2.170	Peaches 0809 30 90	a) b) c)	414,02 2 461,66 3 529,74	5 697,05 2 715,80 16 701,57	809,75 326,07 254,83	3 083,42 801 656,64	138 303,75 912,38	68 887,31 83 003,78
2.180	Nectarines ex 0809 30 10	a) b) c)	127,46 757,82 1 086,63	1 753,84 836,06 5 141,59	249,28 100,38 78,45	949,23 246 790,78	42 576,94 280,88	21 207,03 25 552,79
2.190	Plums 0809 40 05	a) b) c)	142,69 848,38 1 216,48	1 963,43 935,97 5 756,01	279,07 112,38 87,82	1 062,67 276 282,11	47 664,86 314,44	23 741,25 28 606,34
2.200	Strawberries 0810 10 00	a) b) c)	196,86 1 170,50 1 678,36	2 708,90 1 291,34 7 941,46	385,03 155,04 121,17	1 466,14 381 181,28	65 762,32 433,83	32 755,36 39 467,63
2.205	Raspberries 0810 20 10	a) b) c)	750,86 4 464,38 6 401,42	10 332,00 4 925,29 30 289,44	1 468,55 591,35 462,15	5 592,00 1 453 859,17	250 823,31 1 654,67	124 931,86 150 533,03
2.210	Fruit of the species <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> 0810 40 30	a) b) c)	1 496,22 8 896,10 12 756,00	20 588,39 9 814,54 60 357,24	2 926,35 1 178,37 920,92	11 143,08 2 897 080,09	499 811,29 3 297,23	248 949,56 299 964,58
2.220	Kiwi fruit (<i>Actinidia chinensis</i> Planch.) 0810 50 00	a) b) c)	163,06 969,51 1 390,17	2 243,75 1 069,60 6 577,82	318,92 128,42 100,36	1 214,39 315 728,19	54 470,19 359,34	27 130,90 32 690,59

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		a) b) c)	EUR FIM SEK	ATS FRF BEF/LUF	DEM IEP GBP	DKK ITL	GRD NLG	ESP PTE
2.230	Pomegranates ex 0810 90 85	a)	82,46	1 134,69	161,28	614,13	27 546,16	13 720,39
		b)	490,29	540,91	64,94	159 667,15	181,72	16 531,99
		c)	703,02	3 326,48	50,75			
2.240	Khakis (including sharon fruit) ex 0810 90 85	a)	140,73	1 936,50	275,25	1 048,09	47 011,22	23 415,68
		b)	836,75	923,14	110,83	272 493,41	310,13	28 214,05
		c)	1 199,80	5 677,08	86,62			
2.250	Lychees ex 0810 90 30	a)	162,68	2 238,55	318,18	1 211,57	54 343,76	27 067,92
		b)	967,26	1 067,12	128,12	314 995,31	358,50	32 614,71
		c)	1 386,94	6 562,56	100,13			

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 473/2000
of 1 March 2000
fixing the import duties in the rice sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1503/96 of 29 July 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 as regards import duties in the rice sector ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2831/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provides that the rates of duty in the Common Customs Tariff are to be charged on import of the products referred to in Article 1 of that Regulation; whereas, however, in the case of the products referred to in paragraph 2 of that Article, the import duty is to be equal to the intervention price valid for such products on importation and increased by a certain percentage according to whether it is husked or milled rice, minus the cif import price provided that duty does not exceed the rate of the Common Customs Tariff duties.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 12(3) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95, the cif import prices are calculated on the basis of the representative prices for the product in question on the world market or on the Community import market for the product.

- (3) Regulation (EC) No 1503/96 lays down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 as regards import duties in the rice sector.
- (4) The import duties are applicable until new duties are fixed and enter into force; whereas they also remain in force in cases where no quotation is available from the source referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1503/96 during the two weeks preceding the next periodical fixing.
- (5) In order to allow the import duty system to function normally, the market rates recorded during a reference period should be used for calculating the duties.
- (6) Application of Regulation (EC) No 1503/96 results in import duties being fixed as set out in the Annexes to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import duties in the rice sector referred to in Article 11(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 shall be those fixed in Annex I to this Regulation on the basis of the information given in Annex II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 71.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 25.

ANNEX I

Import duties on rice and broken rice

(EUR/t)

CN code	Duties (€)				
	Third countries (except ACP and Bangladesh) (1)	ACP (1) (2) (3)	Bangladesh (4)	Basmati India and Pakistan (5)	Egypt (6)
1006 10 21	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 23	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 25	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 27	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 92	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 94	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 96	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 98	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 20 11	143,98	46,05	67,65		107,99
1006 20 13	143,98	46,05	67,65		107,99
1006 20 15	143,98	46,05	67,65		107,99
1006 20 17	204,29	67,16	97,80	0,00	153,21
1006 20 92	143,98	46,05	67,65		107,99
1006 20 94	143,98	46,05	67,65		107,99
1006 20 96	143,98	46,05	67,65		107,99
1006 20 98	204,29	67,16	97,80	0,00	153,21
1006 30 21	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 23	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 25	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 27	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 42	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 44	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 46	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 48	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 61	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 63	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 65	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 67	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 92	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 94	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 96	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 98	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 40 00	(7)	45,38	(7)		105,00

(1) The duty on imports of rice originating in the ACP States is applicable, under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 (OJ L 215, 1.8.1998, p. 12) and amended Commission Regulation (EC) No 2603/97 (OJ L 351, 23.12.1997, p. 22).

(2) In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1706/98, the duties are not applied to products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and imported directly into the overseas department of Réunion.

(3) The import levy on rice entering the overseas department of Réunion is specified in Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.

(4) The duty on imports of rice not including broken rice (CN code 1006 40 00), originating in Bangladesh is applicable under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3491/90 (OJ L 337, 4.12.1990, p. 1) and amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 862/91 (OJ L 88, 9.4.1991, p. 7).

(5) No import duty applies to products originating in the OCT pursuant to Article 101(1) of amended Council Decision 91/482/EEC (OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1).

(6) For husked rice of the Basmati variety originating in India and Pakistan, a reduction of EUR/t 250 applies (Article 4a of amended Regulation (EC) No 1503/96).

(7) Duties fixed in the Common Customs Tariff.

(8) The duty on imports of rice originating in and coming from Egypt is applicable under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 2184/96 (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 1) and Commission Regulation (EC) No 196/97 (OJ L 31, 1.2.1997, p. 53).

ANNEX II

Calculation of import duties for rice

	Paddy	Indica rice		Japonica rice		Broken rice
		Husked	Milled	Husked	Milled	
1. Import duty (EUR/tonne)	(¹)	204,29	455,00	143,98	455,00	(¹)
2. Elements of calculation:						
(a) Arag cif price (EUR/tonne)	—	332,74	323,59	416,92	325,92	—
(b) fob price (EUR/tonne)	—	—	—	386,04	295,04	—
(c) Sea freight (EUR/tonne)	—	—	—	30,88	30,88	—
(d) Source	—	USDA	USDA	Operators	Operators	—

(¹) Duties fixed in the Common Customs Tariff.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 474/2000
of 1 March 2000
amending the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals was fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 418/2000 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 464/2000 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) On the basis of today's cif prices and cif forward delivery prices, taking foreseeable developments on the market into account, the corrective amount at present applicable to the refund on cereals should be altered.

- (3) The corrective amount must be fixed according to the same procedure as the refund. It may be altered in the period between fixings,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The corrective amount referred to in Article 1(1)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 which is applicable to the export refunds fixed in advance in respect of the products referred to, except for malt, is hereby altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 52, 25.2.2000, p. 19.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 56, 1.3.2000, p. 37.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 1 March 2000 amending the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

(EUR/t)

Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7	5th period 8	6th period 9
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	0	—	—
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 90 99 9000	03	0	0	0	0	-5,00	-5,00	-5,00
	02	0	0	0	0	-5,00	—	—
1002 00 00 9000	04	0	-60,00	-60,00	-60,00	-60,00	—	—
	02	0	0	0	0	-5,00	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	01	0	0	0	-15,00	-6,00	—	—
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	01	0	0	0	0	-5,00	—	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 90 00 9000	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 11 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 15 9100	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9130	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9150	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9170	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9180	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1102 10 00 9500	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1102 10 00 9700	01	0	0	0	0	-7,00	—	—
1102 10 00 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 10 9200	01	0	-1,50	-3,00	-4,50	0	—	—
1103 11 10 9400	01	0	-1,34	-2,68	-4,02	0	—	—
1103 11 10 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 90 9200	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 90 9800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(¹) The destinations are identified as follows:

01 all third countries,

02 other third countries,

03 Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Chad, Central African Republic, Benin, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé and Príncipe, Gabon, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland, Seychelles, The Comoros, Madagascar, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Mauritius,

04 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia.

NB: The zones are those defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2145/92 (OJ L 214, 30.7.1992, p. 20).

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2000/10/EC

of 1 March 2000

including an active substance (fluroxypyr) in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 1999/80/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6(1) and the fourth subparagraph of Article 8(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1972/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, has laid down the detailed rules for the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter referred to as 'the Directive'). Pursuant to that Regulation, Commission Regulation (EC) No 933/94 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2230/95 ⁽⁶⁾, laid down the list of active substances of plant protection products to be assessed, with a view to their possible inclusion in Annex I to the Directive.
- (2) Those active substances should be included in that Annex when it may be expected that there will not be any harmful effects on human or animal health or on groundwater or any unacceptable influence on the environment.
- (3) Such inclusion should be made for a period not exceeding 10 years.
- (4) The Directive, at Article 8(2), provides that after inclusion of an active substance in Annex I to the Directive, Member States shall, within a prescribed period, grant, vary or withdraw, as appropriate, the authorisations of the plant protection products containing the active substance. In particular, Articles 4(1) and 13(1) of the Directive require that plant protection products are not authorised unless account is taken of the conditions associated with the inclusion of the active substance in Annex I and the uniform principles laid down in Annex VI on the basis of a dossier satisfying the data requirements laid down in Article 13.
- (5) For fluroxypyr the effects on human health and the environment have been assessed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 for a number of uses proposed by the notifiers. Germany, acting as designated rapporteur Member State

under Regulation (EC) No 933/94, submitted to the Commission on 27 September 1996 the relevant assessment report.

- (6) The submitted report has been reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the Standing Committee on Plant Health. This review was finalised on 30 November 1999 in the format of the Commission review report for fluroxypyr. It may be necessary to update this report to take account of technical and scientific developments. In such case the conditions for the inclusion of fluroxypyr in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC will also need to be amended pursuant to Article 6(1) of that Directive. The dossier and the information from the review have also been submitted to the Scientific Committee for Plants for consultation.
- (7) It has appeared from the assessments made that plant protection products containing the active substance concerned may be expected to satisfy in general the requirements laid down in Article 5(1)(a) and (b) of the Directive, in particular with regard to the uses which were examined. Therefore it is necessary to include the active substance concerned in Annex I, in order to ensure that, in all Member States, the granting, varying or withdrawing, as appropriate, of the authorisations of plant protection products containing fluroxypyr can be organised in accordance with the provisions of the Directive, and to ensure that this activity is not further delayed.
- (8) The Scientific Committee for Plants in its opinion identified the need to confirm by additional data the environmental safety of certain breakdown products of fluroxypyr occurring in soil and water.
- (9) Article 5(5) of Directive 91/414/EEC provides that the inclusion of an active substance in Annex I can be reviewed at any time if there are indications that the criteria for inclusion are no longer satisfied. Therefore, the Commission will reconsider the inclusion in Annex I if the results of the requested additional trials as outlined in point 7 of the review report were to indicate potential adverse effects, or if the requested additional data results and information were not submitted.
- (10) Before inclusion a reasonable deadline is necessary to permit Member States and the interested parties to prepare themselves for the new requirements which will result from the inclusion. Moreover after inclusion a reasonable period is necessary for the Member States to implement the Directive and in particular to vary or

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 15.12.1992, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 244, 16.9.1999, p. 41.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 107, 28.4.1994, p. 8.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 225, 22.9.1995, p. 1.

withdraw, as appropriate, existing authorisations or grant new authorisations in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC. A longer period should be provided for the submission and assessment of the complete Annex III dossier of each plant protection product in accordance with the uniform principles laid down in Annex VI to the Directive. However, for plant protection products containing several active substances, the complete evaluation on the basis of the uniform principles can only be carried out when all the active substances concerned have been included in Annex I to the Directive.

- (11) The periods laid down for implementation of this Directive do not prejudice the periods which will be established for the inclusion of other active substances in Annex I of the Directive.
- (12) The review report is required for the proper implementation by the Member States, of several sections of the uniform principles laid down in Annex VI to the Directive, where these principles refer to the evaluation of the Annex II data which were submitted for the purpose of the inclusion of the active substance in Annex I to the Directive.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Fluroxypyr is hereby designated as an active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive, at the latest by 1 June 2001. In particular they shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC,

where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing fluroxypyr as an active substance within such period.

2. However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the period laid down in the first paragraph is extended:

- for plant protection products containing only fluroxypyr, to four years from the entry into force of this Directive,
- for plant protection products containing fluroxypyr together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I.

3. When Member States adopt the provisions referred to in paragraph 1, these shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

Article 3

Member States shall inform the Commission if the requested additional trials and information as outlined in point 7 of the review report are not submitted by 1 December 2000.

Article 4

This Directive shall enter into force on 1 December 2000.

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

FLUROXYPYR

1. Identity:

Common name: fluroxypyr

IUPAC name: 4-amino-3,5-dichloro-6-fluoro-2-pyridyloxyacetic acid

2. Particular conditions to be fulfilled:

2.1. Purity of the active substance as manufactured shall have a minimum purity of 950 g/kg.

2.2. Only uses as herbicide may be authorised.

2.3. For the implementation of the uniform principles of Annex VI, the conclusions of the review report on fluroxypyr, and in particular Appendices I and II thereof, as finalised in the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 30 November 1999 shall be taken into account. In this overall assessment, Member States:

— shall take into account the additional information requested in point 7 of the review report,

— must pay particular attention to the protection of groundwater,

— must pay particular attention to the impact on aquatic organisms and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures.

3. Expiry date of the inclusion: 30 November 2010.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 2000

on the clearance of the accounts of Denmark, Germany, Spain and France in respect of expenditure financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) Guarantee Section, for the 1998 financial year and modifying Decision 1999/327/EC

(notified under document number C(2000) 344)

(Only the Spanish, Danish, German and French texts are authentic)

(2000/179/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1287/95 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(b) thereof,

After consulting the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund Committee,

Whereas:

(1) Under Article 5(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, the Commission, on the basis of the annual accounts submitted by the Member States, accompanied by the information required for clearance and a certificate regarding the veracity, completeness, and accuracy of the accounts transmitted clears the accounts of the paying agencies referred to in Article 4(1) of that Regulation.

(2) With regard to Article 7(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 296/96 of 16 February 1996 on data to be forwarded by the Member States and the monthly booking of expenditure financed under the Guarantee

Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2776/88 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2236/98 ⁽⁴⁾, account is taken for the 1998 financial year of expenditure incurred by the Member States between 16 October 1997 and 15 October 1998.

(3) The accounts of the paying agencies of EU-Direktoratet in Denmark, Niedersachsen in Germany, Cantabria in Spain and Ofival in France concerning expenditure financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section for the 1998 financial year which could not be cleared by Commission Decision 1999/327/EC ⁽⁵⁾ were disjoined from that Decision. For these paying agencies, the annual accounts and the accompanying documents now permit the Commission to take a decision on the veracity, completeness, and accuracy of the accounts submitted. Annex I lists the amounts cleared for each paying agency.

(4) The Commission has checked the information submitted and communicated to the Member States the results of its verifications with the necessary amendments.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 125, 8.6.1995, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 39, 17.2.1996, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 281, 17.10.1998, p. 9.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 124, 18.5.1999, p. 28.

- (5) The second subparagraph of Article 7(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1663/95 of 7 July 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 regarding the procedure for the clearance of the accounts of the EAGGF Guarantee Section ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2245/1999 ⁽²⁾, lays down the amounts which are recoverable from, or payable to, each Member State in accordance with Annex II to this Decision are to be deducted from, or added to, advances against expenditure from the second month following that in which the accounts clearance decision is taken.
- (6) In accordance with the final subparagraph of Article 5(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 and Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1663/95, this Decision, adopted on the basis of accounting information, does not prejudice decisions taken subsequently by the Commission excluding from Community financing expenditure not effected in accordance with Community rules,

EAGGF Guarantee Section in respect of the 1998 financial year are cleared as shown in Annex I to the present Decision.

Article 2

The amounts recoverable from or payable to Denmark, Germany, Spain and France concerning expenditure financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section in respect of the 1998 financial year are determined in Annex II to the present Decision.

Article 3

The entries in Annex III to Decision 1999/327/EC relating to Denmark, Germany, Spain and France are deleted.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of France.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

Article 1

The accounts of the paying agencies of EU-Direktoratet in Denmark, Niedersachsen in Germany, Cantabria in Spain and Ofival in France concerning expenditure financed by the

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

CLEARANCE OF THE PAYING AGENCIES' ACCOUNTS — FINANCIAL YEAR 1998

List of paying agencies for which the accounts are cleared as follows:

Member State	Paying agency	Amounts cleared in national currency
DK	EU-Direktoratet	8 666 055 313,89
DE	Niedersachsen	1 082 704 977,77
ES	Cantabria	2 830 711 486,00
F	Ofival	4 684 044 575,33

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 158, 8.7.1995, p. 6.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 273, 23.10.1999, p. 5.

ANNEX II

CLEARANCE OF THE PAYING AGENCIES' ACCOUNTS — FINANCIAL YEAR 1998

Amount to be recovered from or paid to the Member State in N.C.

Member State	Expenditure for the paying agencies for which the accounts are		Total (a) + (b)	Reductions and suspensions for the whole financial year	Total including reductions and suspensions	Advances paid to the Member State for the financial year	Amount to be recovered from (-) or paid to (+) the Member State	Amount recovered from (-) or paid to (+) the Member State under Decision 98/324/EC	Amount to be recovered from (-) or paid to (+) the Member State under this Decision
	cleared	disjoined							
	Expenditure declared in the annual declaration	Total of the expenditure in the monthly declarations	(c) = (a) + (b)	(d)	(e) = (c) + (d)	(f)	(g) = (c) - (f)	(h)	(i) = (g) - (h)
DK	8 666 055 313,89	0,00	8 666 055 313,89	- 32 646,00	8 666 022 667,89	8 672 113 671,38	- 6 091 003,49	0,00	- 6 091 003,49
D	10 948 524 979,04	0,00	10 948 524 979,04	- 2 029,44	10 948 522 949,60	10 951 822 732,04	- 3 299 782,44	307 325,56	- 3 607 108,00
ES	884 419 615 768,00	0,00	884 419 615 768,00	- 1 058 448,00	884 418 557 320,00	884 638 631 151,00	- 220 073 831,00	- 220 073 831,00	0,00
F	59 520 494 388,36	0,00	59 520 494 388,36	- 12 358 432,47	59 508 135 955,89	59 513 857 775,37	- 5 721 819,48	- 4 444 387,48	- 1 277 432,00

(¹) For the calculation of the amount to be recovered from or paid to the Member State the amount taken into account is, the total of the annual declaration for the expenditure cleared (column a) or, the total of the monthly declarations for the expenditure disjoined (column b).

(²) The reductions and suspensions are those taken into account in the advance system, to which are added in particular the corrections for the non-respect of payment deadlines established in September and October 1998.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 23 February 2000
extending the possible time period for provisional authorisations of the new active substance
Pseudomonas chlororaphis

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/180/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 1999/80/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(1) fourth subparagraph thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter referred to as 'the Directive') provided for the development of a Community list of active substances authorised for incorporation in plant-protection products.
- (2) Bio Agri submitted a dossier for the new active substance *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* to Sweden on 15 December 1994 with a view of obtaining the inclusion of the active substance in Annex I to the Directive.
- (3) For *Pseudomonas chlororaphis*, the effects on human health and the environment are being assessed, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(2) and (4) of the Directive, for the uses proposed by the applicant. Sweden acting as nominated rapporteur Member State, submitted the assessment report concerned to the Commission on 7 April 1998.
- (4) The submitted report is being reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the framework of the

Standing Committee on Plant Health and in Working Groups thereof.

- (5) For *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* additional time is required to enable a full examination of the scientific and technical dossier.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States may extend provisional authorisations already granted for plant-protection products containing *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* for a period not exceeding 24 months from the date of this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 13.

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recognising in principle the completeness of the dossiers submitted for detailed examination in view of the possible inclusion of thiacloprid, forchlorfenuron, thiamethoxam in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 1999/80/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter referred to as 'the Directive') has provided for the development of a Community list of active substances authorised for incorporation in plant protection products.
- (2) Applicants have submitted dossiers for four active substances to Member States' authorities with a view to obtaining the inclusion of the active substances in Annex I to the Directive.
- (3) A dossier for the active substance thiacloprid was submitted by Bayer plc to the authorities of the United Kingdom on 11 September 1998.
- (4) A dossier for the active substance forchlorfenuron was submitted by SKW Trostberg AG to the Spanish authorities on 7 December 1998.
- (5) A dossier for the active substance thiamethoxam was submitted by Novartis Crop Protection AG to the Spanish authorities on 17 March 1999.
- (6) The said authorities indicated to the Commission the results of a first examination of the completeness of the dossier with regard to the data and information requirements provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant-protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive. Subsequently, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(2), the dossiers were submitted by the applicant to the Commission and other Member States.
- (7) The dossiers for thiacloprid, forchlorfenuron, thiamethoxam were referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 20 July 1999.
- (8) Article 6(3) of the Directive requires it be confirmed at Community level that each dossier is to be considered as satisfying in principle the data and information require-

ments provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant-protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive.

- (9) Such confirmation is necessary in order to pursue the detailed examination of the dossier as well as in order to open to Member States the possibility of granting provisional authorisation for plant-protection products containing this active substance in due respect of the conditions laid down in Article 8(1) of the Directive, and in particular the condition to make a detailed assessment of the active substances and the plant-protection products with regard to the requirements of the Directive.
- (10) Such Decision does not prejudice that further data or information may be requested from the applicant where it would appear during the detailed examination that such information or data are required for a decision to be taken.
- (11) It is understood between the Member States and the Commission that the United Kingdom will pursue the detailed examination for the dossier for thiacloprid, that Spain will pursue the detailed examination for the dossiers forchlorfenuron and thiamethoxam.
- (12) The United Kingdom and Spain will report the conclusions of their examinations accompanied by any recommendations on the inclusion or non-inclusion and any conditions related thereto to the Commission as soon as possible and at the latest within a period of one year. On receipt of this evaluation report the detailed examination will be continued with the expertise of all Member States within the framework of the Standing Committee on Plant Health.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following dossiers satisfy in principle the data and information requirements provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant-protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive, taking into account the uses proposed:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 13.

1. The dossier submitted by Bayer plc to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of thiacloprid as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and which was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 20 July 1999.
2. The dossier submitted by SKW Trostberg AG to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of forchlorfenuron as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and which was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 20 July 1999.
3. The dossier submitted by Novartis Crop Protection AG to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of thiamethoxam as active substance in Annex I to

Directive 91/414/EEC and which was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 20 July 1999.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission
