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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2463/2000
of 9 November 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 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 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 9 November 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	052	142,5
	204	79,8
	999	111,2
0707 00 05	052	114,9
	628	146,0
	990	130,4
0709 90 70	052	91,3
	999	91,3
0805 20 10	204	53,9
	999	53,9
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	53,6
	999	53,6
	0805 30 10	69,7
0806 10 10	052	163,0
	064	94,8
	400	272,1
	632	37,3
	999	141,8
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	052	87,5
	388	42,9
	400	65,2
	404	92,0
	720	40,0
	999	65,5
	0808 20 50	052
	064	59,9
	999	77,4

⁽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 2464/2000
of 9 November 2000
on the issuing of export licences for wine-sector products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 of 11 July 1995 on arrangements for issuing export licences for wine-sector products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2739/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 63(7) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽³⁾ limits the grant of export refunds for wine-sector products to the volumes and expenditure contained in the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations.
- (2) Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 lays down the conditions under which the Commission may take specific measures to prevent an overrun of the quantity laid down or the budget available under the said Agreement.
- (3) On the basis of information on export licence applications available to the Commission on 8 November 2000, the quantity still available for the period until 15 November 2000, for zone (1) Africa referred to in

Article 3(4a) of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95, could be exceeded unless the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund is restricted. Therefore, a single percentage for the acceptance of applications submitted between 1 and 7 november 2000 should be applied and the submission of applications and the issue of licences suspended until 15 November 2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export licences with advance fixing of the refund for wine-sector products for which applications are submitted between 1 and 7 november 2000 under Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 shall be issued for 14,95 % of the quantities requested for zone (1) Africa.

2. The issue of export licences for wine-sector products referred to in paragraph 1 for which applications are submitted from 8 November 2000 and the submission of export licence applications from 10 November 2000 shall be suspended until 15 November 2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 12.7.1995, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 60.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2465/2000
of 9 November 2000
on the issue of import licences for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 936/97 of 27 May 1997 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled and frozen beef and for frozen buffalo meat ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 134/1999 ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 936/97 provides in Articles 4 and 5 the conditions for applications and for the issue of import licences for meat referred to in Article 2(f).
- (2) Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 fixes the amount of high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal originating in and imported from the United States of America and Canada which may be imported on special terms for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 at 11 500 t.

- (3) It should be recalled that licences issued pursuant to this Regulation will, throughout the period of validity, be open for use only in so far as provisions on health protection in force permit,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. All applications for import licences from 1 to 5 November 2000 for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal as referred to in Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 shall be granted in full.
2. Applications for licences may be submitted, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 936/97, during the first five days of December 2000 for 5 312,033 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 137, 28.5.1997, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 17, 22.1.1999, p. 22.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2466/2000**of 9 November 2000****fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to certain cereal and rice-products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty**

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provide that the difference between quotations of prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of each of those Regulations and the prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 of 13 July 2000 laying down common implementing rules for granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2390/2000 ⁽⁶⁾, specifies the products for which a rate of refund should be fixed, to be applied where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in Annex B to Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 or in Annex B to Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 as appropriate.
- (3) In accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000, the rate of the refund per 100 kilograms for each of the basic products in question must be fixed for each month.
- (4) The commitments entered into with regard to refunds which may be granted for the export of agricultural products contained in goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty may be jeopardised by the fixing in advance of high refund rates. Whereas it is therefore necessary to take precautionary measures in such situations without, however, preventing the conclusion of long-term contracts. Whereas the fixing of a specific refund rate for the advance fixing of refunds is a measure which enables these various objectives to be met.

- (5) Now that a settlement has been reached between the European Community and the United States of America on Community exports of pasta products to the United States and has been approved by Council Decision 87/482/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, it is necessary to differentiate the refund on goods falling within CN codes 1902 11 00 and 1902 19 according to their destination.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 4(3) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 provides that a reduced rate of export refund has to be fixed, taking account of the amount of the production refund applicable, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1722/93 ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 87/1999 ⁽⁹⁾, for the basic product in question, used during the assumed period of manufacture of the goods.
- (7) Spirituous beverages are considered less sensitive to the price of the cereals used in their manufacture. However, Protocol 19 of the Act of Accession of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark stipulates that the necessary measures must be decided to facilitate the use of Community cereals in the manufacture of spirituous beverages obtained from cereals. Accordingly, it is necessary to adapt the refund rate applying to cereals exported in the form of spirituous beverages.
- (8) It is necessary to ensure continuity of strict management taking account of expenditure forecasts and funds available in the budget.
- (9) 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

The rates of the refunds applicable to the basic products appearing in Annex A to Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 and listed either in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 or in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95, exported in the form of goods listed in Annex B to Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 or in Annex B to amended Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 respectively, are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 177, 15.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 3.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 275, 29.9.1987, p. 36.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 159, 1.7.1993, p. 112.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 9, 15.1.1999, p. 8.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission
Erkki LIIKANEN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 9 November 2000 fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to certain cereals
and rice products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty**

CN code	Description of products ⁽¹⁾	Rate of refund per 100 kg of basic product	
		In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
1001 10 00	Durum wheat: – on exports of goods falling within CN codes 1902 11 and 1902 19 to the United States of America – in other cases	— —	— —
1001 90 99	Common wheat and meslin: – on exports of goods falling within CN codes 1902 11 and 1902 19 to the United States of America – in other cases: – – where Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 applies ⁽²⁾ – – where goods falling within subheading 2208 ⁽³⁾ are exported – – in other cases	— — — —	— — — —
1002 00 00	Rye	3,303	3,303
1003 00 90	Barley – where goods falling within subheading 2208 ⁽³⁾ are exported – in other cases	— —	— —
1004 00 00	Oats	2,860	2,860
1005 90 00	Maize (corn) used in the form of: – starch: – – where Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 applies ⁽²⁾ – – where goods falling within subheading 2208 ⁽³⁾ are exported – – in other cases – glucose, glucose syrup, maltodextrine, maltodextrine syrup of CN codes 1702 30 51, 1702 30 59, 1702 30 91, 1702 30 99, 1702 40 90, 1702 90 50, 1702 90 75, 1702 90 79, 2106 90 55 ⁽⁴⁾ : – – where Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 applies ⁽²⁾ – – where goods falling within subheading 2208 ⁽³⁾ are exported – – in other cases – where goods falling within subheading 2208 ⁽³⁾ are exported – other (including unprocessed) Potato starch of CN code 1108 13 00 similar to a product obtained from processed maize: – where Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 applies ⁽²⁾ – – where goods falling within subheading 2208 ⁽³⁾ are exported – in other cases	2,649 0,472 2,649 1,987 0,354 1,987 0,472 2,649 2,649 0,472 2,649	2,649 0,472 2,649 1,987 0,354 1,987 0,472 2,649 2,649 0,472 2,649

(EUR/100 kg)

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CN code	Description of products ⁽¹⁾	Rate of refund per 100 kg of basic product	
		In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
ex 1006 30	Wholly-milled rice: – round grain	13,700	13,700
	– medium grain	13,700	13,700
	– long grain	13,700	13,700
1006 40 00	Broken rice	3,300	3,300
1007 00 90	Sorghum	—	—

⁽¹⁾ As far as agricultural products obtained from the processing of a basic product or/and assimilated products are concerned, the coefficients shown in Annex E of amended Commission Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 shall be applied (OJ L 177, 15.7.2000, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ The goods concerned fall under CN code 3505 10 50.

⁽³⁾ Goods listed in Annex B of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 or referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2825/93.

⁽⁴⁾ For syrups of CN codes NC 1702 30 99, 1702 40 90 and 1702 60 90, obtained from mixing glucose and fructose syrup, the export refund may be granted only for the glucose syrup.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2467/2000
of 9 November 2000
fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

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 organization of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provide that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of those Regulations and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provides that when refunds are being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of cereals, rice and broken rice on the Community market on the one hand and prices for cereals, rice, broken rice and cereal products on the world market on the other. The same Articles provide that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on the markets in cereals and rice and, furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports, and the need to avoid disturbances on the Community market.

(3) Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2993/95 ⁽⁶⁾, on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and from rice defines the specific criteria to be taken into account when the refund on these products is being calculated.

(4) The refund to be granted in respect of certain processed products should be graduated on the basis of the ash, crude fibre, tegument, protein, fat and starch content of the individual product concerned, this content being a particularly good indicator of the quantity of basic product actually incorporated in the processed product.

(5) There is no need at present to fix an export refund for manioc, other tropical roots and tubers or flours obtained therefrom, given the economic aspect of potential exports and in particular the nature and origin of these products. For certain products processed from cereals, the insignificance of Community participation in world trade makes it unnecessary to fix an export refund at the present time.

(6) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination.

(7) The refund must be fixed once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period.

(8) Certain processed maize products may undergo a heat treatment following which a refund might be granted that does not correspond to the quality of the product; whereas it should therefore be specified that on these products, containing pregelatinized starch, no export refund is to be granted.

(9) 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

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(d) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 1(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and subject to Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 55.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 25.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 9 November 2000 fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds	Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds
1102 20 10 9200 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	37,09	1104 23 10 9100	A00	EUR/t	39,74
1102 20 10 9400 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	31,79	1104 23 10 9300	A00	EUR/t	30,46
1102 20 90 9200 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	31,79	1104 29 11 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 10 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1104 29 51 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 10 9900	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1104 29 55 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 30 9100	A00	EUR/t	51,48	1104 30 10 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1103 12 00 9100	A00	EUR/t	51,48	1104 30 90 9000	A00	EUR/t	6,62
1103 13 10 9100 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	47,68	1107 10 11 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 10 9300 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	37,09	1107 10 91 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 10 9500 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	31,79	1108 11 00 9200	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 90 9100 ⁽¹⁾	A00	EUR/t	31,79	1108 11 00 9300	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1103 19 10 9000	A00	EUR/t	33,03	1108 12 00 9200	A00	EUR/t	42,38
1103 19 30 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1108 12 00 9300	A00	EUR/t	42,38
1103 21 00 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1108 13 00 9200	A00	EUR/t	42,38
1103 29 20 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1108 13 00 9300	A00	EUR/t	42,38
1104 11 90 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1108 19 10 9200	A00	EUR/t	50,16
1104 12 90 9100	A00	EUR/t	57,20	1108 19 10 9300	A00	EUR/t	50,16
1104 12 90 9300	A00	EUR/t	45,76	1109 00 00 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1104 19 10 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1702 30 51 9000 ⁽²⁾	A00	EUR/t	41,52
1104 19 50 9110	A00	EUR/t	42,38	1702 30 59 9000 ⁽²⁾	A00	EUR/t	31,79
1104 19 50 9130	A00	EUR/t	34,44	1702 30 91 9000	A00	EUR/t	41,52
1104 21 10 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1702 30 99 9000	A00	EUR/t	31,79
1104 21 30 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1702 40 90 9000	A00	EUR/t	31,79
1104 21 50 9100	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1702 90 50 9100	A00	EUR/t	41,52
1104 21 50 9300	A00	EUR/t	0,00	1702 90 50 9900	A00	EUR/t	31,79
1104 22 20 9100	A00	EUR/t	45,76	1702 90 75 9000	A00	EUR/t	43,51
1104 22 30 9100	A00	EUR/t	48,62	1702 90 79 9000	A00	EUR/t	30,20
				2106 90 55 9000	A00	EUR/t	31,79

⁽¹⁾ No refund shall be granted on products given a heat treatment resulting in pregelatinisation of the starch.

⁽²⁾ Refunds are granted in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2730/75 (OJ L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 20), amended.

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2468/2000
of 9 November 2000

fixing the maximum export refund on common wheat in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1701/2000

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund on exportation of common wheat to all third countries with the exclusion of certain ACP States was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/2000 ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2019/2000 ⁽⁶⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in

Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95. In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) 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

For tenders notified from 3 to 9 November 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1701/2000, the maximum refund on exportation of common wheat shall be EUR 0,00/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 195, 1.8.2000, p. 18.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 241, 26.9.2000, p. 37.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2469/2000**of 9 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on common wheat in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2014/2000**

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of common wheat to certain ACP States was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2014/2000 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix

a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95. In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) 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

For tenders notified from 3 to 9 November 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2014/2000, the maximum refund on exportation of common wheat shall be EUR 3,00/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 241, 26.9.2000, p. 23.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2470/2000**of 9 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on barley in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2317/2000**

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley to all third countries except for the United States of America and Canada was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2317/2000 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria

referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95. In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund, as well as to any tenderer whose bid relates to an export tax.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) 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

For tenders notified from 3 to 9 November 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2317/2000, the maximum refund on exportation of barley shall be EUR 0,00/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 267, 20.10.2000, p. 23.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2471/2000**of 9 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on rye in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1740/2000**

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of rye to all third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1740/2000⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix

a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95. In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) 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

For tenders notified from 3 to 9 November 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1740/2000, the maximum refund on exportation of rye shall be EUR 27,25/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 199, 5.8.2000, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2472/2000**of 9 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on oats in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2097/2000**

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2097/2000 of 3 October 2000 on a special intervention measure for cereals in Finland and Sweden ⁽⁵⁾ and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of oats produced in Finland and Sweden for export from Finland or Sweden to all third countries was opened pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2097/2000.
- (2) Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2097/2000 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in

Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95. In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) 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

For tenders notified from 3 to 9 November 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2097/2000, the maximum refund on exportation of oats shall be EUR 30,20/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 249, 4.10.2000, p. 15.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2473/2000
of 9 November 2000**

**fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported in connection with the invitation to
tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2424/2000**

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 Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2424/2000⁽³⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2235/2000⁽⁵⁾, the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, may decide to fix maximum reduction in the import duty. In fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any

tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum reduction in the import duty being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) 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

For tenders notified from 3 to 9 November 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2424/2000, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be 38,96 EUR/t and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 450 000 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 256, 10.10.2000, p. 13.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 7 November 2000

authorising the Kingdom of Spain to extend until 7 March 2001 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa

(2000/686/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Article 167(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on mutual fishery relations between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the Republic of South Africa, signed on 14 August 1979, entered into force on 8 March 1982 for an initial period of 10 years. The Agreement remains in force for an indeterminate period if it is not denounced by the giving of 12 months' notice.
- (2) Article 167(2) of the 1985 Act of Accession lays down that the rights and obligations resulting from the fisheries agreements concluded by the Kingdom of Spain with third countries shall not be affected during the period for which the provisions of such agreements are provisionally maintained.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 167(3) of the said Act, the Council is to adopt, before the expiry of the Fisheries Agreements concluded by the Kingdom of Spain with third countries, decisions appropriate for the continuation of fishing activities resulting therefrom, including the poss-

ibility of prolonging for periods not exceeding one year. The abovementioned Agreement has been extended until 7 March 2000 ⁽¹⁾.

- (4) It appears appropriate to authorise the Kingdom of Spain to renew the Agreement in question until 7 March 2001,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Kingdom of Spain is hereby authorised to extend until 7 March 2001 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa which entered into force on 8 March 1982.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council
The President
D. VOYNET

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 209, 7.8.1999, p. 29.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 7 November 2000
authorising the Portuguese Republic to extend until 9 April 2001 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa

(2000/687/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Article 354(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on mutual fishery relations between the Government of the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the Republic of South Africa, signed on 9 April 1979, entered into force on that day for an initial period of 10 years. The Agreement remains in force for an indeterminate period if it is not denounced by the giving of 12 months' notice.
- (2) Article 354(2) of the 1985 Act of Accession lays down that the rights and obligations resulting from the Fisheries Agreements concluded by the Portuguese Republic with third countries shall not be affected during the period for which the provisions of such agreements are provisionally maintained.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 354(3) of the said Act, the Council is to adopt, before the expiry of the Fisheries Agreements concluded by the Portuguese Republic with third countries, decisions appropriate for the continuation of fishing activities resulting therefrom, including the poss-

ibility of prolonging for periods not exceeding one year. The abovementioned Agreement has been extended until 9 April 2000 ⁽¹⁾.

- (4) It appears appropriate to authorise the Portuguese Republic to renew the Agreement in question until 9 April 2001,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Portuguese Republic is hereby authorised to extend until 9 April 2001 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa which entered into force on 9 April 1979.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council
The President
D. VOYNET

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 209, 7.8.1999, p. 30.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 7 November 2000

amending Decision 2000/24/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank to cover loans for projects in Croatia

(2000/688/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⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) On 6 March 1995, the General Affairs Council adopted negotiation directives for the conclusion of an economic and trade agreement including a financial protocol with Croatia. The financial protocol consisted of a special EUR 230 million European Investment Bank (EIB) loan facility for Croatia covering a five-year period. On 4 August 1995, the presidency of the Council announced the suspension of the negotiations with Croatia on the economic and trade agreement due to the start of military operations in Krajina.
- (2) Recent developments, following the results of the parliamentary and the presidential elections in early 2000, have fundamentally changed the political scenario in Croatia. The new Croatian government is fully committed to implementing a political and economic reform programme in line with the conditions of the European Union Stabilisation and Association Process for the countries of South-Eastern Europe.
- (3) The General Affairs Council of 24 January 2000 adopted a specific statement on Croatia and re-iterated its readiness to help Croatia meeting the challenges it faces in developing a closer relationship with the European Union.
- (4) At the invitation of the General Affairs Council of 14 February 2000, the Commission on 24 May 2000 adopted a report on the feasibility of opening negotiations for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Croatia. This report was endorsed by the General Affairs Council of 14 June 2000 and followed by adoption by the Commission on 19 July 2000 of a recommendation to the Council on the opening of negotiations.
- (5) It is crucial to demonstrate the European Union's support to Croatia at this moment in implementing a political and economic reform programme elaborated

after the elections of early 2000 in line with the European Union Stabilisation and Association Process, by supporting Croatia's investment activities in infrastructure and private sector development.

- (6) It is therefore appropriate to provide a guarantee mandate to the EIB to allow it to sign loan operations in Croatia. The EIB has indicated its ability and willingness to extend loans from its own resources in Croatia, in accordance with its Statute.
- (7) On 31 October 1994 the Council adopted Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2728/94 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions ⁽³⁾.
- (8) Council Decision 2000/24/EC ⁽⁴⁾ grants the EIB a Community guarantee against losses under loans for projects outside the Community (Central and Eastern Europe, Mediterranean countries, Latin America and Asia and the Republic of South Africa).
- (9) That global guarantee covering the general EIB external lending mandate laid down in Decision 2000/24/EC should be extended to Croatia. The loan ceilings should be increased in order to allow for the extension of corresponding loan facilities to Croatia. Decision 2000/24/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) The Treaty does not provide, for the adoption of this Decision, powers other than those under Article 308,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision 2000/24/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The second sentence of the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) in the introductory part, 'EUR 18 410 million' shall be replaced by 'EUR 18 660 million';
 - (b) in the first indent, 'EUR 8 680 million' shall be replaced by 'EUR 8 930 million'.
2. In the first indent of paragraph 2, 'Croatia' shall be inserted after 'Bulgaria'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 311 E, 31.10.2000, p. 329.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 6 October 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 293, 12.11.1994, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1149/1999 (OJ L 139, 2.6.1999, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 9, 13.1.2000, p. 24.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council
The President
L. FABIOUS

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 November 2000

amending Commission Decision 2000/552/EC on certain protection measures with regard to movement of equidae within and dispatch from certain parts of France affected by West Nile fever

(notified under document number C(2000) 3173)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/689/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In certain departments of France cases of West Nile fever, a non-contagious vector-transmitted viral disease accompanied by clinical signs of encephalitis, have been reported in horses.
- (2) The presence of this disease is liable to constitute a danger for humans and equidae.
- (3) The Commission therefore adopted Decision 2000/552/EC of 15 September 2000 on certain protection measures with regard to movement of equidae within and dispatch from certain parts of France affected by West Nile fever ⁽³⁾.
- (4) In order to adapt the measures to the current epidemiological situation, it is necessary to amend Decision 2000/552/EC with regard to equidae dispatch from the affected parts of the territory of France.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Decision 2000/552/EC are replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Member States shall amend the measures they apply with regard to France to bring them into line with this Decision.

They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 30 November 2000.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 November 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 234, 16.9.2000, p. 48.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

In France the départements of:

- l'Hérault (34)
- Gard (30)
- the part of the *département* Bouches-du-Rhône (13) west of the N 7 road

ANNEX II

Supplementary certificate

Reference No of animal health certificate:

The equine animal described in the abovementioned animal health certificate complies with one of the following conditions:

- (1) either it comes from a holding situated in the centre of an area of at least 30 km radius around that holding where there has been no case of West Nile fever reported in equidae during the past 15 days, and has had no contact during the preceding 15 days with equidae which have been resident on holdings where West Nile fever has been confirmed during the previous 30 days ⁽¹⁾,
- or
- (2) it comes from a holding situated within an area of 30 km radius around a holding on which West Nile fever has been confirmed in equidae during the previous 30 days and has prior to dispatch
 - either undergone pre-movement isolation under vector-protected conditions for a period of at least 21 days, or since entry from a holding outside the areas identified in Annex I to Decision 2000/552/EC, and during that period the body temperature taken daily remained within the normal physiological range and has been subjected to an IG-M capture ELISA test for the detection of antibodies against West Nile virus with negative result, carried out on a blood sample taken not earlier than 17 days from the date the isolation commenced ⁽¹⁾, or not more than five days prior to dispatch if it entered isolation on a holding outside the areas identified in Annex I to Decision 2000/552/EC for a period of less than 21 days ⁽¹⁾,
 - or
 - has been subjected to two tests for the detection of antibodies against West Nile virus, with negative result in the case of IG-M capture ELISA, and with positive result at a serum dilution of 1 in 100 in the case of either a IG-G capture ELISA ⁽¹⁾, or a plaque-reduction neutralisation test ⁽¹⁾, carried out on a blood sample taken within 21 days of dispatch ⁽¹⁾.

Date and place	Name and function	Signature of the official veterinarian

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate'

COMMISSION DECISION**of 8 November 2000****setting up an Enterprise Policy Group***(notified under document number C(2000) 3089)*

(2000/690/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Whereas:

(1) Article 157 of the Treaty establishing the European Community has assigned to the Community and the Member States the task of ensuring that the conditions required for the competitiveness of the Community's industry exist.

(2) On the grounds of rationalisation and in order to facilitate the integration of the Commission's work on good practice and coordination with the Member States, as stated in the Commission communication 'challenges for enterprise policy in the knowledge-driven economy' ⁽¹⁾, the Commission requires a body for reflection, debate and advice, consisting of high-level experts from the enterprise community and representatives of the Member States, entitled the 'Enterprise policy group' (EPG), in order to examine general enterprise policy issues and to assist the Commission in the identification and dissemination of good practice.

(3) In order to achieve greater transparency and efficiency in enterprise policy and to enable it to play a more strategic role in meeting challenges in the knowledge-driven economy, the EPG should comprise two sections, the first comprising representatives from the Member States, and the second comprising eminent persons, chosen by the Commission from a wide range of highly and appropriately qualified applicants, active in industry, services, the business community or in fields of activity linked to the development of innovation and the knowledge-driven economy.

(4) In order to allow adequate representation of the Directors-General of industry and of the national authorities responsible for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), it is appropriate that the Member States may appoint up to two representatives for the first section.

(5) The EPG should therefore be set up and its terms of reference and internal organisation should be defined.

(6) In order to guarantee an adequate representation of SMEs, a fixed allowance should be provided for those participating in the work of the EPG who are employed by an SME.

(7) The Committee on Commerce and Distribution and the Consultative Committee for Cooperatives, Mutual Societies, Associations and Foundations should be dissolved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

An Enterprise policy group, hereinafter referred to as 'the group', whose members are appointed by the Commission, is hereby established by the Commission. Its task is to advise the Commission on enterprise policy issues.

Article 2

1. The Group shall consist of two Sections:

— A first Section (Directors-General), comprising up to two representatives from each Member State, nominated by each Member State,

— A second professional chamber, comprising up to 40 members appointed by the Commission, representing a wide range of expertise in domains of importance to enterprises.

2. Working groups may be set up to study specific subjects on the basis of a mandate.

3. The Commission may invite experts to participate in the work of the group, sections or working groups.

4. The group, its sections and working groups shall meet in the form and according to the timetable determined by the Commission. The Commission shall chair the meetings and Commission officials may take part in them.

5. The group and its sections shall adopt their rules of procedure on the basis of a draft presented by the Commission. The Commission departments shall provide the secretariat.

6. The Commission may publish on the Internet, in the original language of the document concerned, any conclusion, summary, part conclusion or working paper relating to the group or its sections.

⁽¹⁾ COM (2000) 256 final, including Annex describing the best procedure

Article 3

The following provisions shall apply for the second section:

- appointment shall be in a personal capacity and advice should be given to the Commission independently of any outside instruction,
- information obtained through the work of the group, its sections or working groups, shall not be divulged, where it is stated by the Commission to relate to a confidential matter,
- the term of office of members shall be two years, renewable. They shall remain in office until they are replaced, or until the expiry of their term of office,
- members who are no longer able to make an effective contribution to the work of the group, who resign or who breach the requirements set out in the first or second indent of the present Article or in Article 287 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, may be replaced for the remainder of their term,
- The names of the members shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by members, observers and experts, in connection with the activities of the group, shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the

provisions in force within the Commission. Their functions shall not be remunerated. Nevertheless, the Commissioner responsible for enterprise policy may decide that members, observers or experts who are employed by a small or medium-sized enterprise ⁽¹⁾, may also be compensated for the costs resulting from preparatory work and of being away from their enterprise, by a fixed allowance of EUR 500 a day, to a maximum of 10 days a year.

Article 5

Commission Decisions 81/428/EEC ⁽²⁾ and 98/215/EC ⁽³⁾ are hereby repealed.

Article 6

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply until 31 December 2005. The Commission will decide whether to extend it or not before that date.

Done at Brussels, 8 November 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ According to the definition given in the Commission Recommendation of 3 April 1996 (OJ L 107, 30.4.1996 P. 4), including the self-employed.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 165, 23.6.1981, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 80, 18.3.1998, p. 51.