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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2474/2000

of 9 November 2000

establishing, pursuant to Article 1(7) of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93, the list of textiles and clothing products to be integrated into GATT 1994 on 1 January 2002 and amending Annex X to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 and Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 3285/94

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and, in particular, Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to Article 1(7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 of 12 October 1993 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries (1),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Community has concluded the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (hereinafter referred to as the WTO) (2), to which is attached the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (hereinafter referred to as the ATC).
- Under Article 2(8)(b) and (11) of the ATC, the (2) Community is obliged, on the one hand, to integrate on 1 January 2002 products which in 1990 accounted for not less than 18 % of the total volume of 1990 imports into the Community of all textiles and clothing products covered by the ATC into the normal GATT rules and disciplines and, on the other hand, to notify the list of such products to the Textiles Monitoring Body of the WTO before 1 January 2001.
- In selecting the products to be integrated, the Council (3) has been guided by a number of factors, including the sensitivity of the product for the Community industry and its regional components particularly in terms of economic competitiveness and the employment situation, the effectiveness of any quantitative restrictions on the product, the ability of Community industry to continue its process of adaptation to increased competition in products which currently are subject to a quantitative restriction with one or more supplier country, the desire to encourage industrial adjustment at an acceptable pace throughout the 10-year transition

period, the impact on consumers, the impact on third countries and the opportunity to simplify the Community import regime for textile and clothing products.

- Account has been taken in this respect of the submissions received from interested parties who responded to the Commission's invitation for such submissions published in the Official Journal of the European Communities (3).
- (5) The list of products contained in Annex X to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 has to be amended to exclude the products to be integrated on 1 January 2002.
- The list of textiles and clothing products which are (6) governed by the normal GATT rules and disciplines, contained in Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 3285/94 of 22 December 1994 on the common rules for imports and repealing Regulation (EC) No 518/94 (4) has to be amended to include, as from 1 January 2002, the products to be integrated under the normal rules of GATT,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

- The products to be integrated under the normal rules of GATT, as from 1 January 2002, are listed in Annex I to this Regulation.
- Annex X to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 is hereby replaced by the Annex in Annex II to this Regulation, as from 1 January 2002.
- Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 3285/94 is hereby replaced by the Annex in Annex III to this Regulation, as from 1 January 2002.

⁽¹) OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/99 (OJ L 134, 28.5.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 3.

OJ C 88, 25.3.2000, p. 18. OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 53. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2315/96 (OJ L 314, 4.12.1996, p. 1).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Council The President J. LANG

ANNEX I

List of textile and clothing products to be integrated into the normal GATT 1994 rules (third stage)

Category	Description
10	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted
18	Men's or boy's singlets and other vests, underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, other than knitted or crocheted
	Women's or girl's singlets and other vests, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjamas, negligées, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, other than knitted or crocheted
21	Parkas, anoraks, windcheaters, waister jackets and the like, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres; upper parts of tracksuits with lining, other than category 16 or 29, of cotton or of man-made fibres
24	Men's or boy's nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted
	Women's or girls' nightdresses, pyjamas, négligées, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted
27	Women's or girl's skirts, including divided skirts
32	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or terry fabrics of cotton and narrow woven fabrics) and tufted textile surfaces, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres
33	Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn obtained from strip or the like of polyethylene or polypropylene, less than 3 m wide
	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, not knitted or crocheted, obtained from strip or the like
34	Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn obtained from strip or the like of polyethylene or polypropylene, 3 m or more wide
36	Woven fabrics of continuous artificial fibres, other than those for tyres of category 114
37	Woven fabrics or artificial staple fibres
38 A	Knitted or crocheted synthetic curtain fabric including net curtain fabric
40	Woven curtains (including drapes, interior blinds, curtain and bed valances and other furnishing articles), other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
42	Yarn of continuous man-made fibres, not put up for retail sale
	Yarn of artificial fibres; yarn of artificial filaments, not put up for retail sale, other than single yarn of viscose rayon untwisted or with a twist of not more than 250 turns/m and single non-textured yarn of cellulose acetate
43	Yarn of man-made filament, yarn of artificial staple fibres, cotton yarn, put up for retail sale
47	Yarn of carded sheep's or lamb's wool (woollen yarn) or of carded fine animal hair, not put up for retail sale
48	Yarn of combed sheep's or lambs' wool (worsted yarn) or of combed fine animal hair, not put up for retail sale
49	Yarn of sheep's or lambs' wool or of combed fine animal hair, put up for retail sale
53	Cotton gauze
54	Artificial staple fibres, including waste, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning

Category	Description
55	Synthetic staple fibres, including waste, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning
56	Yarn of synthetic staple fibres (including waste), put up for retail sale
59	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, other than the carpets of category 58
60	Tapestries, hand-made, of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needlework tapestries (e.g. petit point and cross stitch) made in panels and the like by hand
62	Chenille yarn (flock chenille yarn), gimped yarn (other than metallised yarn and gimped horsehair yarn)
	Tulle and other net fabrics but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, hand or mechanically-made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
	Labels, badges and the like of textile materials, not embroidered, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, woven
	Braids and ornamental trimmings in the piece; tassels, pompons and the like
	Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
63	Knitted or crocheted fabric of synthetic fibres containing by weight 5 % or more elastomeric yarn and knitted or crocheted fabrics containing by weight 5 % or more of rubber thread
	Raschel lace and long-pile fabric of synthetic fibres
66	Travelling rugs and blankets, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
68	Babies' garments and clothing accessories, excluding babies' gloves, mittens and mitts of categories 10 and 87, and babies' stockings, socks and sockettes, other than knitted or crocheted, of category 88
73	Tracksuits of knitted or crocheted fabric, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres
93	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods of woven fabrics, other than made from polyethylene or polypropylene strip
95	Felt and articles thereof, whether or not impregnated or coated, other than floor coverings
98	Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, cables or rope, other than textile fabrics, articles made from such fabrics and articles of category 97
101	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, other than of synthetic fibres
109	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings and sunblinds
112	Other madeup textile articles, woven, excluding those of categories 113 and 114
113	Floor cloth, dish cloth and dusters, other than knitted or crocheted
114	Woven fabrics and articles for technical uses
120	Curtains (drapes), interior blinds, curtain and bed valances and other furnishing articles, not knitted or crocheted, of flax or ramie
123	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics of flax or ramie, other than narrow woven fabrics
	Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, of flax or ramie, other than knitted or crocheted
125 A	Synthetic filament yarn (continuous) not put up for retail sale, other than yarn of category 41

Category	Description
125 B	Monofilament, strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut of synthetic materials
127 A	Yarn of artificial filaments (continuous) not put up for retail sale, other than yarn of category 42
127 B	Monofilament, strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut of artificial textile materials
129	Yarn of coarse animal hair or of horsehair
131	Yarn of other vegetable textile fibres
133	Yarn of true hemp
135	Woven fabrics of coarse animal hair or of horsehair
137	Woven pile fabric and chenille fabrics and narrow woven fabrics of silk, or of silk waste
138	Woven fabrics of paper yarn and other textile fibres other than of ramie
139	Woven fabrics of metal threads or of metallised yarn
140	Knitted or crocheted fabric of textile material other than wool or fine animal hair, cotton or manmade fibres
141	Travelling rugs and blankets of textile material other than wool or fine animal hair, cotton or manmade fibres
142	Carpets and other textile floor coverings of sisal, of other fibres of the agave family or Manila hemp
144	Felt of coarse animal hair
145	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables plaited or not: of abaca (Manila hemp) or of true hemp
146 A	Binder or baler twine for agricultural machines, of sisal or other fibres of the agave family
146 B	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of sisal or other fibres of the agave family, other than the products of category 146 A
146 C	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, whether or not plaited or braided, of jute or other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303
151 A	Floor coverings of coconut fibres (coir)
152	Nedle loom felt of jute or of other textile bast fibres not impregnated or coated, other than floor coverings
160	Handkerchiefs of silk or silk waste
161	Garments, not knitted or crocheted, other than those of categories 1 to 123 and category 159
ex 6405 20	Other footwear with uppers of textile materials
6601 10	Garden or similar umbrellas
8708 21	Safety seat belts
ex 9404 90	Other than mattress supports, mattresses or sleeping bags

ANNEX II

'ANNEX X

List of textile and clothing products not yet integrated into normal GATT 1994 rules

Category	Description
	GROUP I A
1	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale
2	Woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze, terry fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics
2 (a)	Of which: other than unbleached or bleached
3	Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste) other than narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics (terry fabrics) and chenille fabrics
3 (a)	Of which: other than unbleached or bleached
	GROUP I B
4	Shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers (other than of wool or fine animal hair), undervests and the like, knitted or crocheted
5	Jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, waistcoats, twinsets, cardigans, bedjackets and jumpers (other than jackets and blazers), anoraks, windcheaters, waister jackets and the like, knitted or crocheted
6	Men's or boys' woven breeches, shorts other than swimwear and trousers (slacks); women's or girls' woven trousers and slacks, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres; lower parts of tracksuits with lining, other than category 16 or 29, of cotton or of man-made fibres
7	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses, whether or not knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or man-made fibres
8	Men's or boys' shirts, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, cotton or man-made fibres
	GROUP II A
9	Terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics of cotton; toilet linen and kitchen linen, other than knitted or crocheted, of terry towelling and woven terry fabrics, of cotton
20	Bed linen, other than knitted or crocheted
22	Yarn of staple or waste synthetic fibres, not put up for retail sale
22 (a)	Of which acrylic
23	Yarn of staple or waste artificial fibres, not put up for retail sale
39	Table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, other than knitted or crocheted, other than of terry towelling or a similar terry fabrics of cotton

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	GROUP II B
12	Pantyhose and tights, stockings, understockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than for babies, including stockings for varicose veins, other than products of category 70
13	Men's or boys' underpants and briefs, women's or girls' knickers and briefs, knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
14	Men's and boys' woven overcoats, raincoats and other coats, cloaks and capes, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres (other than parkss) (of category 21)
15	Women's or girls' woven overcoats, raincoats and other coats, cloaks and capes; jackets and blazers, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres (other than parkas of category 21)
16	Men's or boys' suits and ensembles, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suits; men's or boys' tracksuits with lining, with an outer shell of a single identical fabric, of cotton or of man-made fibres
17	Men's or boys' jackets or blazers, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
26	Women's or girls' dresses, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
28	Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
29	Women's or girls' suits and ensembles, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suits; women's or girls' tracksuits with lining, with an outer shell of an identical fabric, of cotton or of man-made fibres
31	Brassières, woven, knitted or crocheted
78	Garments, other than knitted or crocheted, excluding garments of categories 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 26, 27, 29, 68, 72, 76 and 77
83	Overcoats, jackets, blazers and other garments, including ski suits, knitted or crocheted, excluding garments of categories 4, 5, 7, 13, 24, 26, 27, 28, 68, 69, 72, 73, 74, 75
	GROUP III A
35	Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (continuous), other than those for tyres of category 114
35 (a)	Of which: other than unbleached or bleached
38 B	Net curtains, other than knitted or crocheted
50	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair
	GROUP III B
90	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of synthetic fibres, plaited or not
97	Nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope and made-up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope



Category	Description
	GROUP IV
115	Flax or ramie yarn
117	Woven fabrics of flax or of ramie
118	Table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen of flax or ramie, other than knitted or crocheted
121	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, of flax or ramie
	GROUP V
130 A	Silk yarn other than yarn spun from silk waste
130 B	Silk yarn other than of category 130 A; silkworm gut
136	Woven fabrics of silk or of silk waste
151 B	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, other than tufted or flocked
156	Blouses and pullovers knitted or crocheted of silk or silk waste for women and girls
157	Garments, knitted or crocheted, other than those of categories 1 to 123 and 156
159	Dresses, blouses and shirt-blouses, not knitted or crocheted, of silk or silk waste
	Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, not knitted or crocheted, of silk or silk waste
	Ties, bow ties and cravats of silk or silk waste
	OTHER
3005 90	Wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles (for example, dressings, adhesive plasters, poultices), impregnated or coated with pharmaceutical substances or put up in forms or packings for retail sales for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes: other than adhesive dressings and other articles having an adhesive layer'

ANNEX III

'ANNEX II

List of textile and clothing products integrated into the normal GATT 1994 rules

Category	Description
10	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted
18	Men's or boys' singlets and other vests, underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, other than knitted or crocheted
	Women's or girls' singlets and other vests, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pyjamas, negligées, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, other than knitted or crocheted
19	Handkerchiefs, other than knitted or crocheted
21	Parkas; anoraks, windcheaters, waister jackets and the like, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres; upper parts of track suits with lining, other than category 16 or 29, of cotton or of man-made fibres
24	Men's or boys' nightshirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted
	Women's or girls' nightdresses, pyjamas, negligées, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted
27	Women's or girls' skirts, including divided skirts
32	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or terry fabrics of cotton and narrow woven fabrics) and tufted textile surfaces, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres
33	Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn obtained from strip or the like of polyethylene or polypropylene, less than 3 m wide
	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, not knitted or crocheted, obtained from strip or the like
34	Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn obtained from strip or the like of polyethylene or polypropylene, 3 m or more wide
36	Woven fabrics of continuous artificial fibres, other than those for tyres of category 114
37	Woven fabrics of artificial staple fibres
38 A	Knitted or crocheted synthetic curtain fabric including net curtain fabric
40	Woven curtains (including drapes, interior blinds, curtain and bed valances and other furnishing articles), other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
41	Yarn of synthetic filament (continuous), not put up for retail sale, other than non-textured single yarn untwisted or with a twist of not more than 50 turns/m
42	Yarn of continuous man-made fibres, not put up for retail sale
	Yarn of artificial fibres; yarn of artificial filaments, not put up for retail sale, other than single yarn of viscose rayon untwisted or with a twist of not more than 250 turns/m and single non-textured yarn of cellulose acetate

Category	Description
43	Yarn of man-made filament, yarn of artificial staple fibres, cotton yarn, put up for retail sale
46	Carded or combed sheep's or lambs' wool or other fine animal hair
47	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool (woollen yarn) or of carded fine animal hair, not put up for retail sale
48	Yarn of combed sheep's or lambs' wool (worsted yarn) or of combed fine animal hair, not put up for retail sale
49	Yarn of sheep's or lambs' wool or of combed fine animal hair, put up for retail sale
53	Cotton gauze
54	Artificial staple fibres, including waste, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning
55	Synthetic staple fibres, including waste, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning
56	Yarn of synthetic staple fibres (including waste), put up for retail sale
58	Carpets, carpentines and rugs, knotted (made up or not)
59	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, other than the carpets of category 58
60	Tapestries, hand-made, of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needlework tapestries (e.g. petit point and cross stitch) made in panels and the like by hand
61	Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft, assembled by means of an adhesive, other than labels and similar articles of category 62
	Elastic fabrics and trimmings (not knitted or crocheted), made from textile materials assembled from rubber thread
62	Chenille yarn (including flock chenille yarn), gimped yarn (other than metallised yarn and gimped horsehair yarn)
	Tulle and other net fabrics but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, hand or mechanically-made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
	Labels, badges and the like of textile materials, not embroidered, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, woven
	Braids and ornamental trimmings in the piece; tassels, pompons and the like
	Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
63	Knitted or crocheted fabric of synthetic fibres containing by weight 5 % or more elastomeric yarn and knitted or crocheted fabrics containing by weight 5 % or more of rubber thread
	Raschel lace and long-pile fabric of synthetic fibres
65	Knitted or crocheted fabric, other than those of categories 38 A and 63, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
66	Travelling rugs and blankets, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres

Category	Description
67	Knitted or crocheted clothing accessories other than for babies; household linen of all kinds, knitted or crocheted; curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds, curtain or bed valances and other furnishing articles knitted or crocheted; knitted or crocheted blankets and travelling rugs, other knitted or crocheted articles including parts of garments or of clothing accessories
68	Babies' garments and clothing accessories, excluding babies' gloves, mittens and mitts of categories 10 and 87, and babies' stockings, socks and sockettes, other than knitted or crocheted, of category 88
69	Women's and girls' slips and petticoats, knitted or crocheted
70	Pantyhose and tights of synthetic fibres, measuring per single yarn less than 67 decitex (6,7 tex
	Women's full length hosiery of synthetic fibres
72	Swimwear, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
73	Track suits of knitted or crocheted fabric, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres
74	Women's or girls' knitted or crocheted suits and ensembles, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres excluding ski suits
75	Men's or boys' knitted or crocheted suits and ensembles, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres excluding ski suits
76	Men's or boys' industrial or occupational clothing, other than knitted or crocheted
77	Ski suits, other than knitted or crocheted
84	Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, o cotton or of man-made fibres
85	Ties, bow ties and cravats other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres
86	Corsets, corset-belts, suspender belts, braces, suspenders, garters and the like, and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted
87	Gloves, mittens and mitts, not knitted or crocheted
88	Stockings, socks and sockettes, not knitted or crocheted; other clothing accessories, parts of garments or of clothing accessories other than for babies, other than knitted or crocheted
91	Tents
93	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods of woven fabrics, other than made from polyethylene or polypropylene strip
94	Wadding of textile materials and articles thereof; textile fibres, not exceeding 5 mm in length (flock) textile dust and mill neps
95	Felt and articles thereof, whether or not impregnated or coated, other than floor coverings
96	Non-woven fabrics and articles of such fabrics, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated
98	Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, cables or rope, other than textile fabrics, articles made from such fabrics and articles of category 97

Category	Description
99	Textile fabric coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting canvas; buckram and similar stiffened textile fabrics of a kind used for hat foundations
	Linoleum, whether or not cut to shape; floor coverings consisting of a coating or covering applied on a textile backing, whether or not cut to shape
	Rubberised textile fabric, not knitted or crocheted, excluding those for tyres
	Textile fabrics otherwise impregnated or coated; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back- cloths, other than of category 100
100	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials
101	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, other than of synthetic fibres
109	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings and sunblinds
110	Woven pneumatic mattresses
111	Camping goods, woven, other than pneumatic mattresses and tents
112	Other made-up textile articles, woven, excluding those of categories 113 and 114
113	Floor cloths, dish cloths and dusters, other than knitted or crocheted
114	Woven fabrics and articles for technical uses
120	Curtains (including drapes), interior blinds, curtain and bed valances and other furnishing articles, not knitted or crocheted, of flax or ramie
122	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, used, of flax, other than knitted or crocheted
123	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics of flax or ramie, other than narrow woven fabrics
	Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, of flax or ramie, other than knitted or crocheted
124	Synthetic staple fibres
125 A	Synthetic filament yarn (continuous) not put up for retail sale, other than yarn of category 41
126	Artificial staple fibres
127 A	Yarn of artificial filaments (continuous) not put up for retail sale, other than yarn of category 42
129	Yarn of coarse animal hair or of horsehair
131	Yarn of other vegetable textile fibres
133	Yarn of true hemp
134	Metallised yarn
135	Woven fabrics of coarse animal hair or of horsehair
137	Woven pile fabric and chenille fabrics and narrow woven fabrics of silk, or of silk waste

Category	Description
138	Woven fabrics of paper yarn and other textile fibres other than of ramie
139	Woven fabrics of metal threads or of metallised yarn
140	Knitted or crocheted fabric of textile material other than wool or fine animal hair, cotton or man made fibres
141	Travelling rugs and blankets of textile material other than wool or fine animal hair, cotton or man-made fibres
142	Carpets and other textile floor coverings of sisal, of other fibres of the agave family or the Manila hemp
144	Felt of coarse animal hair
145	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables plaited or not abaca (Manila hemp) or of true hemp
146 A	Binder or baler twine for agricultural machines, of sisal or other fibres of the agave family
146 B	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of sisal or other fibres of the agave family, other than the products of category 146 A
148 A	Yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303
149	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of a width of more than 150 cm
150	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of a width of not more than 150 cm; sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, other than used
151 A	Floor covering of coconut fibres (coir)
152	Needle loom felt of jute or of other textile bast fibres not impregnated or coated, other than floor coverings
153	Used sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 5303
160	Handkerchiefs of silk or silk waste
161	Garments, not knitted or crocheted, other than those of categories 1 to 123 and category 159
5604 10	Rubber thread and cord, textile covered
6309 00	Worn clothing and other worn articles
6405 20	Other footwear with uppers of textile materials
6501 00	Hat forms, hat bodies and hoods of felt, neither blocked to shape nor with made brims; plateaux and manchons (including slit manchons), of felt
6502 00	Hat shapes, plaited or made by assembling strips of any material, neither blocked to shape, nor with made brims, nor lined, nor trimmed
6503 00	Felt hats and other felt headgear, made from the hat bodies, hoods or plateaux of heading No 6501, whether or not lined or trimmed
6504 00	Hats and other headgear, plaited or made by assembling strips of any material, whether or not lined or trimmed
6505 90	Hats and other headgear, knitted or crocheted, or made up from lace, felt or other textile fabric, in the piece (but not in strips), whether or not lined or trimmed
6601 10	Garden or similar umbrellas
6601 91	Umbrellas and sun umbrellas having a telescopic shaft

Category	Description
6601 99	Other umbrellas
8708 21	Safety seat belts
8804 00	Parachutes (including dirigible parachutes and paragliders) and rotochutes; parts thereof and accessories thereto
9113 90	Other watch straps, watch bands and watch bracelets
9404 90	Other than mattress supports, mattresses or sleeping bags
9502 91	Garments and accessories therefor, footweat and headgear for dolls representing only human beings
ex 3921 12	
ex 3921 13	
ex 3921 90	
ex 4202 12	
ex 4202 22	
ex 4202 32	
ex 4202 92	
ex 6406 10	
ex 6406 99	
ex 7019 10	
ex 7019 20	
ex 9612 10'	

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2475/2000

of 7 November 2000

establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Slovenia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- The Europe Agreement establishing an association (1) between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part (1), provides for certain concessions for certain agricultural products originating in Slovenia.
- (2) In accordance with the directives adopted by the Council on 30 March 1999, the Commission and Slovenia concluded on 22 May 2000 negotiations on an Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement.
- The Additional Protocol, which provides for additional (3) agricultural concessions, will be based on Article 21(5) of the Europe Agreement, establishing that the Community and Slovenia are to examine in the Association Council, product by product and on an orderly and reciprocal basis, the possibility of granting each other further concessions.
- A swift implementation of the adjustments forms an essential part of the results of the negotiations for the conclusion of an Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement with Slovenia.
- It is therefore appropriate to provide for the adjustment, (5) as an autonomous and transitional measure, of the agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Slovenia.
- Slovenia will take all useful legislative provisions, on an autonomous and transitional basis, in order to enable a rapid and simultaneous implementation of the adaptation of the agricultural concessions of Slovenia provided for in the Europe Agreement.
- The measures necessary for the implementation of this (7) Regulation should be in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down

the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (2).

Commission Regulation (EC) 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) codified the management rules for tariff quotas designed to be used following the chronological order of dates of customs declarations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

- The arrangements for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in Slovenia as set out in Annex A(a) and Â(b) to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annex VI to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Slovenia, of the other
- On the entry into force of the Additional Protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement referred to in paragraph 1, the concessions provided for in that Protocol shall replace those referred to in Annex A(a) and A(b) to this Regulation.
- The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3(2).

Article 2

- Tariff quotas with an order number below 09.4000 shall be administered by the Commission in accordance with Articles 308a, 308b and 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/ 93.
- Quantities of goods which have been released for free circulation in the Community from 1 January 2000 until 30 June 2000 with the benefit of a preferential duty rate provided for in Annex VI of the Europe Agreement, in the framework of the tariff quotas with order numbers 09.1532, 09.1533, 09.1534, 09.1535, 09.1537, 09.1541, 09.1542, 09.1543, $09.1544, \ 09.4082, \ 09.4083, \ 09.4084, \ 09.4086, \ 09.4087,$ 09.4088, 09.4089 and 09.4090 shall be fully taken into account for charging against the tariff quotas with the same order numbers provided for in Annex A(b) to this Regulation.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23. (3) OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1662/1999 (OJ L 197, 29.7.1999,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 51, 26.2.1999, p. 3.

Article 3

- 1. The Commission shall be assisted by the committee instituted by Article 23 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market of cereals (¹) or, where appropriate, the committee instituted by the relevant provisions of the other Regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets.
- 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the procedure laid down in Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

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

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council
The President
L. FABIUS

 ${\it ANNEX~A(a)}$ Custom duties on imports applicable in the Community to products originating in Slovenia and listed below shall be abolished

CN code (1)	CN code (¹)	CN code (¹)	CN code (1)	CN code (1)
0101 20 10	0603 90 00	0811 90 70	1212 10 99	1514 10 10
0104 20 10	0604 10 90	0811 90 85	1214 90 10	1514 10 90
0106 00 10	0604 91 21	0812 10 00		1514 90 10
0106 00 20	0604 91 29	0812 90 40	1302 12 00	1515 11 00
	0604 91 41	0812 90 60	1302 13 00	1515 19 10
0205 00 11	0604 91 49	0812 90 70	1302 19 05	1515 19 90
0205 00 19	0604 91 90	0812 90 95	1502 00 90	1515 21 10
0205 00 90	0604 99 90	0813 10 00	1503 00 19	1515 21 10
0206 80 91		0813 30 00	1503 00 19	
0206 90 91	0701 10 00	0813 40 10	1504 10 10	1515 29 10
0207 13 91	0703 10 11	0813 40 95	1504 10 10	1515 29 90
0207 14 91	0709 51 30	0813 50 15	1504 10 59	1515 30 90
0207 26 91	0709 51 50	0813 50 19	1504 20 10	1515 50 11
0207 27 91	0709 51 90	0813 50 39	1507 10 10	1515 50 19
0207 35 91	0709 90 40	0813 50 91		1515 50 91
0207 36 89	0711 30 00	0813 50 99	1507 10 90 1507 90 10	1515 50 99
0208 10 11	0712 30 00	0814 00 00		1515 90 29
0208 10 19	0713 50 00		1508 10 90	1515 90 39
0208 20 00	0713 90 10	0901 12 00	1508 90 10	1515 90 40
0208 90 10	0713 90 90	0902 10 00	1508 90 90	1515 90 51
0208 90 50	0714 20 10	0904 12 00	1511 10 90	1515 90 59
0208 90 60	0714 20 90	0904 20 10	1511 90 11	1515 90 60
0208 90 80	0714 90 90	0904 20 90	1511 90 19	1515 90 91
0210 90 10	0002.11.00	0905 00 00	1511 90 91	1515 90 99
0210 90 79	0802 11 90	0907 00 00	1511 90 99	1516 20 95
0407 00 90	0802 12 90	0910 20 90	1512 11 10	1516 20 96
0410 00 00	0802 21 00	0910 40 13	1512 11 91	1516 20 98
	0802 22 00	0910 40 19	1512 11 99	1518 00 31
0601 10 10	0802 31 00	0910 40 90	1512 19 10	1518 00 39
0601 10 20	0802 32 00	0910 91 90	1512 21 10	1518 00 91
0601 10 30	0802 40 00	0910 99 99	1512 21 90	1518 00 95
0601 10 40	0802 50 00	1006 10 10	1512 29 10	
0601 10 90	0802 90 50	1007 00 10	1512 29 90	1518 00 99
0601 20 30	0802 90 60		1513 11 10	1522 00 91
0601 20 90	0802 90 85	1208 10 00	1513 11 99	2001 00 20
0602 10 90	0804 20 10	1209 19 00	1513 19 19	2001 90 20
0602 20 90	0804 20 90	1209 23 80	1513 19 30	2005 90 75
0602 30 00	0806 20 11	1209 29 50	1513 19 91	2008 19 11
0602 40 10	0806 20 12	1209 29 80	1513 19 99	2008 19 13
0602 40 90	0806 20 91	1209 30 00	1513 21 11	2008 19 51
0602 90 10	0806 20 98	1209 91 10	1513 21 19	2008 19 59
0602 90 30	0807 11 00	1209 91 90	1513 21 30	2008 92 72
0602 90 45	0807 19 00	1209 99 91	1513 21 90	
0602 90 51	0808 20 90	1209 99 99	1513 29 11	2302 50 00
0602 90 59	0810 40 30	1210 10 00	1513 29 19	2306 90 19
0602 90 70	0810 40 50	1210 20 10	1513 29 30	2308 90 90
0602 90 91	0810 40 90	1210 20 90	1513 29 50	2309 90 51
0602 90 99	0810 50 00	1211 90 30	1513 29 91	2309 90 93
0603 10 80	0810 90 85	1212 10 10	1513 29 99	2309 90 95

⁽¹) As defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2204/1999 of 12 October 1999 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 278, 28.10.1999, p. 1).

ANNEX Ab

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Slovenia shall be subject to the concessions set out below

(MFN = Most Favoured Nation duty)

Order No	CN code	Description (¹)	Applicable duty (% of MFN)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for successive years (tonnes)	Specific provisions
	0101 19 90	Live horses, other than for slaughter	67	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
09.4082		Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen:	20	9 100	9 800	10 500	
	ex 0201 10 00	Carcases and half-carcases, other than high quality beef and veal					
	0201 20 20	Compensated quarters					
	0201 20 30	Forequarters, unseparated/separated					
	0201 20 50	Hindquarters, unseparated/separated					
	0201 30	Boneless					
09.4083	0207 11	Poultry not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled (Gallus domesticus)	20	1 560	1 680	1 800	
	0207 12	Poultry not cut in pieces, frozen (Gallus domesticus)					
09.4111	0207 13 10	Fresh or chilled boneless cuts of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus	free	250	500	500	(5)
09.4112	0207 14 10	Frozen boneless cuts of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus	free	250	500	500	(5)
09.4084	0207 13 20 0207 13 30 0207 13 40 0207 13 50 0207 13 60 0207 13 70 0207 14 20 0207 14 30 0207 14 40 0207 14 50 0207 14 60 0207 14 70	Poultry cuts with bone in and offal, fresh or chilled (Gallus domesticus) Poultry cuts with bone in and offal (other than liver), frozen (Gallus domesticus)	20	1 300	1 400	1 500	(3)
09.4113	0210 11 31	Domestic swine hams and cuts thereof, with bone in, dried or smoked	free	200	400	400	(5)
09.4114	0210 19 81	Dried or smoked boneless domestic swine meat	free	75	150	150	(5)
09.4086	0402 10 0402 21	Skimmed milk powder Whole milk powder	20	1 300	1 400	1 500	

Order No	CN code	Description (¹)	Applicable duty (% of MFN)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for successive years (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.4087	0403 10	Yogurts	20	650	700	750	
09.4088	0406 90	Cheese (Emmentaler, Edamer, Gouda, Sbrinz-type)	20	390	420	450	
09.4115	0407 00 19	Eggs and poultry in shell, for hatching	free	100	200	200	(5)
09.4116	0407 00 30	Eggs of poultry in shell, not for hatching	free	68	135	135	(⁵)
09.4117	0408 19 81	Egg yolks, liquid	free	225	450	450	(5)
09.4118	0408 19 89	Egg yolks, other than liquid (including frozen)	free	75	150	150	(5)
09.4119	0408 99 80	Birds' eggs, not in shell, other	free	75	150	150	(5)
	0409 00 00	Natural honey	93	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
09.1532	0701 90 10 0701 90 50	Potatoes, fresh or chilled, other than seed potatoes	20	195	210	225	
09.1731	0701 90 90	Potatoes, fresh or chilled, other than seed potatoes, other	free	2 500	5 000	5 000	(5)
09.1533	0704 90	Cabbages and cauliflowers, other	20	130	140	150	
09.1534	0705 11 00	Cabbage lettuce	20	130	140	150	
09.1535	0706 10 00	Carrots and turrnips	20	1 040	1 120	1 200	
	ex 0707 00 05 ex 0711 40 00	Cucumbers, fresh or chilled (from 16 May to 31 October) Cucumbers	80	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	(4)
09.1732	0808 10	Apples, fresh	free	5 000	10 000	10 000	(⁴) (⁵)
09.1537	ex 0808 20 50	Pears, from 1 August to 31 December	20	2 210	2 380	2 550	(4)
09.4089	ex 1601 00 91 ex 1601 00 99	Sausages and similar products, of meat, offal or blood; other than of poultry	20	130	140	150	
09.4120	ex 1601 00	Sausages and similar products, of meat, offal or blood; of poultry	free	500	1 000	1 000	(⁵)
09.4090	1602 32 19 1602 39 29	Prepared or preserved meat of poultry	20	1 560	1 680	1 800	
	ex 2001 10 00	Cucumbers	free	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	

Order No	CN code	Description (¹)	Applicable duty (% of MFN) (²)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for successive years (tonnes)	Specific provisions
09.1733	2002	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid	free	1 350	2 700	2 700	(⁵)
09.1541	ex 2004 90 30	Sauerkraut, frozen	free	65	70	75	
	ex 2004 90 98 ex 2005 90 70	Ajvar, frozen Ajvar, not frozen	free	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
09.1542	ex 2008 60 39 2008 60 51 2008 60 61 2008 60 71 2008 60 91	Prepared cherries containing added spirit: Sweet cherries for chocolate products Sour cherries	free	650	700	750	
	2009 70 30 2009 70 93 2009 70 99	Apple juice	50	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
09.1543	2009 80 71	Cherry juice	20	195	210	225	
09.1544	2009 90 11 2009 90 19 2009 90 31 2009 90 39	Mixture of juices	20	260	280	300	

⁽¹) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined nomenclature, the wording of the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

⁽²⁾ In cases where a MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

⁽³⁾ Carcase weight.

⁽⁴⁾ The reduction applies only to the ad valorem part of the duty.

⁽⁵⁾ For year 2000 the concession applies from 1 July 2000 on.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2476/2000

of 10 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 11 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2000.

ANNEX
to the Commission Regulation of 10 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	123,1
	204	79,1
	999	101,1
0707 00 05	052	114,9
	628	146,0
	999	130,4
0709 90 70	052	88,6
	999	88,6
0805 20 10	204	53,9
	999	53,9
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70,		
0805 20 90	052	65,3
	999	65,3
0805 30 10	052	67,9
	528	53,8
	600	60,8
	999	60,8
0806 10 10	052	100,8
	064	94,8
	400	272,1
	504	236,7
	508	410,1
	632	37,2
	999	192,0
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	039	82,1
	052	87,5
	388	42,9
	400	69,4
	404	92,0
	720	40,0
	999	69,0
0808 20 50	052	94,7
	064	58,8
	999	76,8

⁽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 2477/2000

of 10 November 2000

on the rate of interest to be used for calculating the costs of financing intervention measures comprising buying in, storage and disposal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 of 2 August 1978 laying down general rules for the financing of interventions by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1259/96 (2), and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 411/88 of 12 February 1988 on the method and the rate of interest to be used for calculating the costs of financing intervention measures comprising buying-in, storage and disposal (3), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2623/ 1999 (4), lays down that the uniform interest rate used for calculating the costs of financing intervention measures is to correspond to the three months' and 12 months' forward Euribor rates with a weighting of one third and two thirds respectively.
- The Commission fixes this rate before the beginning of (2) each EAGGF Guarantee Section accounting year on the basis of the rates recorded in the six months preceding fixing.
- Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 411/88 lays down that if the rate of interest costs borne by a Member State is lower for at least six months than the uniform interest rate fixed for the Community a specific interest rate is to be fixed for that Member State. The Member States notified these costs to the Commission before the end of the accounting year. Where no costs are notified by a

Member State, the rate to be applied is determined on the basis of the reference interest rates set out in the Annex to the said Regulation.

- The interest rates for the 2001 accounting year must be set in line with those provisions.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the EAGGF Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For expenditure incurred during the 2001 EAGGF Guarantee Section accounting year:

- 1. the interest rate referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 411/88 shall be 4,6 %;
- 2. the specific interest rate referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 411/88 shall be
 - 3,8 % for Sweden
 - 4 % for Ireland
 - 4,1 % for France, Austria and Finland
 - 4,5 % for Italy.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 216, 5.8.1978, p. 1. OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 10. OJ L 40, 13.2.1988, p. 25. OJ L 318, 11.12.1999, p. 14.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2478/2000

of 10 November 2000

fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000

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 organization of the market in rice (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 (2), and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 (3).
- Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/ (2) 75 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 (5), allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

- The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- The measures provided for in this Regulation are in (4) accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 3 to 9 November 2000 at 174,00 EUR/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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3. OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 7. OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25. OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2479/2000

of 10 November 2000

fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000

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 organization of the market in rice (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 (2), and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 (3).
- Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/ (2) 75 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 (5), allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

- The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- The measures provided for in this Regulation are in (4) accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported to certain European third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 3 to 9 November at 179,00 EUR/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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3. OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 10. OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25. OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2480/2000

of 10 November 2000

fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain, medium grain and long grain A rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000

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 1667/2000 (2), and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000 (3).
- Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/ (2) 75 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 (5), allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

- The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice 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

The maximum export refund on wholly milled grain, medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 3 to 9 November 2000 at 169,00 EUR/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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3. OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 13. OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25. OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2481/2000

of 10 November 2000

fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000

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 1667/2000 (2), and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 (3).
- Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/ (2) 75 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 (5), allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

- The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice 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

The maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 30 67 to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 3 to 9 November 2000 at 245,00 EUR/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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3. OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 16. OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25. OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2482/2000

of 10 November 2000

concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export of husked long grain rice to the island of Réunion referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000

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 1667/2000 (2), and in particular Article 10(1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 laying down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion (3), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1453/ 1999 (4), and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000 (5) opens (1) an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion.
- Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 allows the (2) Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95

- and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no
- On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89, a maximum subsidy should not be fixed.
- 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

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 6 to 9 November 2000 in response to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000 for the subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98.

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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3. OJ L 261, 7.9.1989, p. 8. OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 19. OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 19.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2483/2000

of 10 November 2000

fixing, for October 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), as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 (2),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro (3),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1713/93 of 30 July 1993 establishing special detailed rules for applying the agricultural conversion rate in the sugar sector (4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1642/1999 (5), and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Whereas:

Article 1(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1713/93 provides (1)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.

Application of these provisions will lead to the fixing, (2)for October 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 October 2000 shall be as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 November 2000. It shall apply with effect from 1 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1. OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59. OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1. OJ L 159, 1.7.1993, p. 94.

OJ L 195, 28.7.1999, p. 3.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 10 November 2000 fixing, for October 2000, the exchange rate for the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs in the sugar sector

Specific exchange rate				
EUR 1 =	7,44774 339,441 8,52398 0,589719	Danish kroner Greek drachma Swedish kroner Pound sterling		

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2484/2000

of 10 November 2000

on the issuing of A1 export licences for 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 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 (2), and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1877/2000 (3) sets the quantities for which A1 export licences, other than those requested in the context of food aid, may be issued.
- Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 sets the condi-(2) tions under which special measures may be taken by the Commission with a view to avoiding an overrun of the quantities for which A1 licences may be issued.
- The Commission has received information which indicates that those quantities, reduced or increased by the quantities referred to in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, would be exceeded if A1 licences were issued without restriction for shelled hazelnuts in

response to applications submitted since 7 November 2000; therefore, one percentage should be fixed for the issuing of licences for quantities applied for on 7 November 2000 and applications for A1 licences submitted later in that application period should be rejected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A1 export licences for shelled hazelnuts for which applications were submitted on 7 November 2000 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1877/2000 shall be issued for 36,3 % of the quantities applied for.

Applications for A1 export licences submitted after 7 November 2000 and before 9 November 2000 for this product shall be rejected.

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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12. OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16. OJ L 225, 5.9.2000, p. 10.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2485/2000

of 10 November 2000

on the issue of system B export licences in the fruit and vegetables sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 (2), and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1877/2000 (3) fixes the (1) indicative quantities for system B export licences other than those sought in the context of food aid.
- (2) In the light of the information available to the Commission today, there is a risk that the indicative quantities laid down for the current export period for lemons will shortly be exceeded. This overrun will prejudice the

- proper working of the export refund scheme in the fruit and vegetables sector.
- To avoid this situation, applications for system B (3) licences for lemons exported after 10 November 2000 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B export licences for lemons submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1877/2000, export declarations for which are accepted after 10 November 2000 and before 16 November 2000, are hereby rejected.

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, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12. OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16. OJ L 225, 5.9.2000, p. 10.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2486/2000

of 10 November 2000

amending representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the sugar sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector (1), as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 (2),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed implementing rules for the import of products in the sugar sector other than molasses (3), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 (4), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 1(2), and Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The amounts of the representative prices and additional duties applicable to the import of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1411/2000 (5), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2447/2000 (6).

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2000.

OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1. OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59. OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16. OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5.

OJ L 161, 1.7.2000, p. 22.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 161, 1./.2000, p. 22. (6) OJ L 281, 7.11.2000, p. 14.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 10 November 2000 amending representative prices and the amounts of additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99

(EUR)

Amount of representative prices per 100 kg net of product concerned	Amount of additional duty per 100 kg net of product concerned
26,84	3,23
26,84	8,11
26,84	3,10
26,84	7,68
28,11	11,18
28,11	6,66
28,11	6,66
0,28	0,37
	prices per 100 kg net of product concerned 26,84 26,84 26,84 26,84 28,11 28,11 28,11

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

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

⁽³⁾ By 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2487/2000

of 10 November 2000

determining the world market price for unginned cotton and the rate for the aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

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

Whereas:

- Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires a (1) world market price for unginned cotton to be periodically determined from the world market price determined for ginned cotton, using the historical relationship between the two prices as specified in Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1201/ 89 of 3 May 1989 laying down rules for implementing the system of aid for cotton (4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1624/1999 (5). If it cannot be determined in this way it is to be based on the last price determined.
- Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires the world market price for ginned cotton to be determined for a product of specific characteristics using the most favourable offers and quotations on the world market of those considered representative of the real market trend. To this end an average is to be calculated of offers and quotations on one or more European exchanges for a cif product to a North European port from the supplier countries considered most representative as regards international trade. These rules for determination of the world market price for ginned cotton provide for adjust-

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

- Application of the above rules gives the world market (3) price for unginned cotton indicated hereunder.
- The first subparagraph of Article 5(3a) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 stipulates that the advance payment rate for the aid is to be the guide price less the world market price and less a further amount calculated by the formula applicable when the guaranteed maximum quantity based on the production estimated for unginned cotton plus at least 15 %. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1842/2000 (6) fixes the production estimated for the 2000/2001 marketing year. The application of this method results in the fixing of the advance payment rate for each Member State at the levels set out below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

- The world market price for unginned cotton as indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is set at 40,167 EUR/100 kg.
- The advance payment of the aid referred to in Article 5(3a), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is fixed at:
- 40,621 EUR/100 kg in Spain,
- 21,593 EUR/100 kg in Greece,
- 66,133 EUR/100 kg in other Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 November 2000.

OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 45. OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 48.

OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 4. OJ L 123, 4.5.1989, p. 23. OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 39.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 220, 31.8.2000, p. 14.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2000.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 October 2000

amending Decision 97/467/EC drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of rabbit meat and farmed game meat

(notified under document number C(2000) 3093)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/691/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products and live bivalve molluscs (1), as last amended by Decision 98/603/EC (2), and in particular Article 21(1) and Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- Commission Decision 97/467/EC (3), as last amended by (1) Decision 2000/496/EC (4), drew up provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of rabbit meat and farmed game meats. The list of establishments drawn up by the aforementioned Decision does not include establishments producing ratite meat.
- (2) The list of third countries from which Member States are authorised to import ratite meat, the animal health conditions and veterinary certification required for import of this meat in the Community have recently been established.
- Member States in accordance with the provisions of (3) Decision 97/467/EC may until 1 October 2000 authorise establishments for import of ratite meat.

- The date of 1 October 2000 shall be replaced by 30 April 2001 to allow for a list of third country establishments to be drawn up and the competent authorities of third countries to provide the Commission with the necessary health guarantees, and with a view to maintaining existing trade.
- The measures provided for by this Decision are in (5) accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1(2a) of Decision 97/467/EC the date '1 October 2000' is replaced by '30 April 2001'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 October 2000.

For the Commission David BYRNE Member of the Commission

OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17. OJ L 289, 28.10.1998, p. 36. OJ L 199, 26.7.1997, p. 57. OJ L 200, 8.8.2000, p. 39.

of 25 October 2000

on financial aid from the Community for the operation of certain Community reference laboratories in the field of public veterinary health (biological hazards)

(notified under document number C(2000) 3094)

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

(2000/692/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 (2), and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- Community financial aid should be granted to the (1) Community reference laboratories designated by the Community to assist them in carrying out the functions and duties laid down in the following Directives and Decisions:
 - Council Directive 92/46/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the health rules for the production and placing on the market of raw milk, heat-treated milk and milk-based products (3), as last amended by Directive 92/23/EC (4),
 - Council Directive 92/117/EEC of 17 December 1992 concerning measures for protection against certain zoonoses and specified zoonotic agents in animals and products of animal origin in order to prevent outbreaks of food-borne infections and intoxications (5), as last amended by Directive 1999/72/ EC (6),
 - Council Decision 93/383/EEC of 14 June 1993 on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins (7), as last amended by Decision 1999/ 312/EC (8),
 - Council Decision 1999/313/EC of 29 April 1999 on reference laboratories for monitoring bacteriological and viral contamination of bivalve molluscs (9).
- Community assistance must be conditional on those (2) functions and duties being carried out by the laboratory concerned.
- OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.
 OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.
 OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 1.
 OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.
 OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 38.
 OJ L 120, 10.8.1999, p. 12.
 OJ L 166, 8.7.1993, p. 31.
 OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p. 37.
 OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p. 40.

- For budgetary reasons Community assistance is granted (3) for a period of one year.
- For financial control purposes Articles 8 and 9 of Regu-(4) lation (EC) No 1258/1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy should apply.
- (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

- The Community hereby grants financial assistance to France for the functions and duties to be carried out by the Laboratoire de l'Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments, formerly the Laboratoire central d'hygiène alimentaire, Maisons-Alfort, France, for the analysis and testing of milk and milk products referred to in Chapter II of Annex D to Directive 92/46/EEC.
- The Community's financial assistance is hereby set at a maximum of EUR 95 000 for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000.
- Depending on the results of an appraisal currently under way, the amount in paragraph 2 may be revised.

Article 2

- The Community hereby grants financial assistance to Germany for the functions and duties to be carried out by the Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (formerly the Institut für Veterinärmedizin), Berlin, Germany, for the epidemiology of zoonoses referred to in Chapter II of Annex IV to Directive 92/117/EEC.
- The Community's financial assistance is hereby set at a maximum of EUR 130 000 for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000.

Article 3

- 1. The Community hereby grants financial assistance to the Netherlands for the functions and duties to be carried out by the Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne, Bilthoven, Netherlands, in respect of salmonella referred to in Chapter II of Annex IV to Directive 92/117/EEC.
- 2. The Community's financial assistance is hereby set at a maximum of EUR 125 000 for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000.

Article 4

- 1. The Community hereby grants financial assistance to Spain for the functions and duties to be carried out by the Laboratorio de biotoxinas marinas del Área de Sanidad, Vigo, Spain, for the monitoring of marine biotoxins referred to in Article 5 of Decision 93/383/EEC.
- 2. The Community's financial assistance is hereby set at a maximum of EUR 135 000 for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000.

Article 5

1. The Community hereby grants financial assistance to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties to be carried out by the laboratory of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Weymouth, United Kingdom, for the monitoring of bacteriological and viral contamination of bivalve molluscs referred to in Article 4 of Decision 1999/313/EC.

2. The Community's financial assistance is hereby set at a maximum of EUR 93 000 for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000.

Article 6

The Community's financial assistance shall be paid as follows:

- (a) an advance of 70 % of the amount of the assistance may be paid on application by the recipient Member State;
- (b) the balance shall be paid on presentation by the recipient Member State of supporting documents and a technical report, which must be supplied no later than three months after the end of the period for which the financial assistance has been granted.

Article 7

Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 25 October 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

of 25 October 2000

on withdrawing the references of standard EN 703 'Agricultural machinery — Silage cutters — Safety' from the list of references of standards in the framework of implementing Directive 98/37/EC

(notified under document number C(2000) 3104)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/693/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Directive 98/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to machinery (1), as amended by Directive 98/79/EC (2), and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee set up by Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations (3),

Whereas:

- Article 2 of Directive 98/37/EC, as amended, provides that machinery may be placed on the market and put into service only if it does not endanger the health or safety of persons and, where appropriate, domestic animals or property, when properly installed and maintained and used for its intended purpose.
- Machinery which conforms to harmonised standards, the references of which have been published in the Official Journal of the European Communities, is presumed to satisfy the essential health and safety requirements referred to in Article 3 of Directive 98/37/EC, as amended.
- (3) Member States are required to publish the references of the national standards which transpose the harmonised standards.
- The references of harmonised standard EN 703:1995 'Agricultural Machinery — Silage cutters — Safety' were published in the Official Journal of the European Communities C 229 of 8 August 1996 in the framework of implementing Directive 98/37/EC, as amended.
- At present, this standard still gives a presumption of (5) conformity.

- Italy has noted that many fatal accidents have occurred in its territory following the use of silage cutters manufactured in accordance with standard EN 703. Consequently, Italy has taken the view that this standard did not satisfy the essential health and safety requirements of the Directive and that its references should be withdrawn from publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities in order to no longer give a presumption of conformity with the Directive.
- Technical Committee CEN/TC 144 examined this problem and started work on revising this standard. In view of the significant difficulties it encountered in this revision, it has concluded that it will be several years before the revised standard can be ratified.
- Given the anticipated delay, it is proposed that the refer-(8) ences of this standard be withdrawn immediately in order to avoid it being used as a harmonised standard in the future,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The references of standard EN 703 'Agricultural machinery — Silage cutters — Safety' are withdrawn from publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities. Consequently, the use of this standard no longer gives a presumption of conformity with the essential health and safety requirements of Directive 98/37/EC, as amended.

Article 2

This Decision is adressed to the Members States.

Done at Brussels, 25 October 2000.

For the Commission Erkki LIIKANEN Member of the Commission

OJ L 207, 23.7.1998, p. 1. OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1. OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37.

of 27 October 2000

amending for the third time Decisions 1999/466/EC and 1999/467/EC establishing respectively the officially brucellosis-free and tuberculosis-free status of bovine herds of certain Member States or regions of Member States

(notified under document number C(2000) 3133)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/694/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intraCommunity trade in bovine animals and swine (1), as last amended by Directive 2000/20/EC (2), and in particular Annex AI(4) and AII(7) thereto,

Whereas:

- Commission Decision 1999/466/EC of 15 July 1999 (1) establishing the officially brucellosis-free status of bovine herds of certain Member States or regions of Member States and repealing Decision 97/175/EC (3), as last amended by Decision 2000/442/EC (4) granted this status to certain Member States and regions thereof until 31 October 2000.
- Commission Decision 1999/467/EC of 15 July 1999 (2) establishing the officially tuberculosis-free status of bovine herds of certain Member States or regions of Member States and repealing Decision 97/76/EC (5), as last amended by Decision 2000/442/EC, granted this status to certain Member States and regions thereof until 31 October 2000.
- The temporary limitations of the officially-free status with regard to bovine brucellosis foreseen in the above Decisions was introduced due to incoherence of dates in different pieces of legislation relating to the system of identification of bovine animals.
- In accordance with Annexes AI(4)(b) and AII(7)(b) of Directive 64/432/EEC, as amended by Directive 2000/ 20/EC identification of cattle in accordance with Community legislation is required as prerequisite for

- granting the officially free status for bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis respectively.
- Since bovine animals on holdings in the regions Bolzano (5) and Trento in Italy and Great Britain in the United Kingdom are identified in accordance with Community legislation in force, it is appropriate to adapt Decisions 1999/466/EC and 1999/467/EC to the legal situation in force as from the date of publication of Directive 2000/ 20/EC.
- Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- The words 'until 31 October 2000' are deleted in the title of Annex II to Decision 1999/466/EC.
- The words 'until 31 October 2000' are deleted in the title of Annex II to Decision 1999/467/EC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 October 2000.

For the Commission David BYRNE Member of the Commission

^{121, 39.7.1977,} p. 1977/44

OJ L 163, 4.7.2000, p. 35. OJ L 181, 16.7.1999, p. 34. OJ L 176, 15.7.2000, p. 51. OJ L 181, 16.7.1999, p. 36.

of 31 October 2000

amending Decision 2000/551/EC on certain protection measures with regard to equidae coming from certain parts of the United States of America affected by West Nile fever

(notified under document number C(2000) 3161)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/695/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/ 425/EEC and 90/675/EEC (1), as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC (2), and in particular Article 18(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In certain States of the United States of America 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/ 551/EC of 15 September 2000 on certain protection measures with regard to equidae coming from certain parts of the United States of America affected by West Nile fever (3).
- In order to adapt the measures to the current epidemiological situation and the test requirements to the technique used in the exporting country, it is necessary to amend Commission Decision 2000/551/EC on certain protection measures with regard to equidae coming from the United States of America.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II to Decision 2000/551/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Member States shall amend the measures they apply with regard to the United States of America 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 adressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 October 2000.

For the Commission David BYRNE Member of the Commission

OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56. OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1. OJ L 234, 16.9.2000, p. 46.

ANNEX

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Supp	lementary	certificate
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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 no case of West Nile fever has been 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),
- (2) it comes from a holding situated within an area of 30 km radious 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 Member State of the European Community, and during that period the body temperature taken daily remained within the normal physiological range and has been subjected to a 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 entered from a Member State of the European Community for a period of less than 21 days (¹),

or

— 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 reuslt 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'