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<sup>(1)</sup> Text with EEA relevance

## I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2686/2000**  
**of 8 December 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, 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 9 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Franz FISCHLER  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

## ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 8 December 2000 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code <sup>(1)</sup>	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	122,4
	204	70,6
	999	96,5
0707 00 05	628	146,6
	999	146,6
	0709 90 70	052
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	204	37,6
	628	109,0
	999	80,2
	052	57,1
0805 20 10	204	49,6
	388	34,7
	999	47,1
	052	77,1
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	204	81,6
	999	79,3
	052	67,1
	999	67,1
0805 30 10	052	71,6
	600	77,6
	999	74,6
	0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	400
0808 20 50	404	80,7
	999	79,0
	052	73,7
	064	57,1
	400	79,4
	999	70,1

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 2687/2000**  
**of 8 December 2000**  
**prohibiting fishing for mackerel by vessels flying the flag of Denmark**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2579/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down quotas for mackerel for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.
- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of mackerel in the waters of ICES division V b (Faroese waters) by vessels flying the flag of

Denmark or registered in Denmark have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. Denmark prohibited fishing for this stock from 24 November 2000. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Catches of mackerel in the waters of ICES division Vb (Faroese waters) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Denmark for 2000.

Fishing for mackerel in the waters of ICES division Vb (Faroese waters) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 24 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Franz FISCHLER  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 3.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2688/2000**  
**of 8 December 2000**  
**prohibiting fishing for mackerel by vessels flying the flag of Denmark**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2579/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down quotas for mackerel for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.

- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of mackerel in the waters of ICES division IIa (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. Denmark prohibited fishing for this stock from 24 November 2000. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Catches of mackerel in the waters of ICES division IIa (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Denmark for 2000.

Fishing for mackerel in the waters of ICES division IIa (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 24 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Franz FISCHLER  
*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 3.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2689/2000**  
**of 8 December 2000**  
**prohibiting fishing for mackerel by vessels flying the flag of Denmark**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2517/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down quotas for mackerel for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.
- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of mackerel in the waters of ICES Zones IIa (EC Waters), Skagerrak and Kattegat, IIIbcd (EC Waters)

and North Sea by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. Denmark has prohibited fishing for this stock from 24 November 2000. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Catches of mackerel in the waters of ICES Zone IIa (EC Waters), Skagerrak and Kattegat, IIIbcd (EC Waters) and North Sea by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Denmark for 2000.

Fishing for mackerel in the waters of ICES Zones IIa (EC Waters), Skagerrak and Kattegat, IIIbcd (EC Waters) and North Sea by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 24 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 290, 17.11.2000, p. 3.



**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2690/2000****of 8 December 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13 <sup>(3)</sup> thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 <sup>(5)</sup>, 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.

(3) 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 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 1 to 7 December 2000 at 199,00 EUR/t.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 7.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2691/2000****of 8 December 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 <sup>(5)</sup>, 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.

(3) 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 1 to 7 December 2000 at 197,00 EUR/t.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 13.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2692/2000****of 8 December 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13 <sup>(3)</sup> thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 <sup>(5)</sup>, 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.

(3) 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 1 to 7 December 2000 at 275,00 EUR/t.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 16.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2693/2000**  
**of 8 December 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2432/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> fixes the 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.

- (3) To avoid this situation, applications for system B licences for lemons exported after 8 December 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 2432/2000, export declarations for which are accepted after 8 December 2000 and before 17 January 2001 are hereby rejected.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Franz FISCHLER  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 30.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2694/2000**  
**of 8 December 2000**  
**determining the world market price for unginning 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 <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 <sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Articles 3, 4 and 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires a world market price for unginning 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 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1624/1999 <sup>(5)</sup>. If it cannot be determined in this way it is to be based on the last price determined.
- (2) 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.

- (3) Application of the above rules gives the world market price for unginning cotton indicated hereunder.
- (4) 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 unginning cotton plus at least 15 %. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1842/2000 <sup>(6)</sup> 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*

1. The world market price for unginning cotton as indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is set at 39,549 EUR/100 kg.
2. The advance payment of the aid referred to in Article 5(3a), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is fixed at:
  - 41,239 EUR/100 kg in Spain,
  - 22,211 EUR/100 kg in Greece,
  - 66,751 EUR/100 kg in other Member States.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2000.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 45.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 48.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 4.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 123, 4.5.1989, p. 23.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 39.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 220, 31.8.2000, p. 14.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Franz FISCHLER  
*Member of the Commission*

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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2695/2000  
of 8 December 2000**

**concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third  
European countries of wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice 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 organisation of the market in rice <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 <sup>(5)</sup>, allows the 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 award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed.

(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*

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 1 to 7 December 2000 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice to certain third European countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Franz FISCHLER  
*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 10.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2696/2000**  
**of 8 December 2000**  
**on the issue of import licences for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Whereas:

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. All applications for import licences from 1 to 5 December 2000 for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal as referred to in Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 shall be granted in full.
2. Applications for licences may be submitted, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 936/97, during the first five days of January 2001 for 6 222,812 t.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 137, 28.5.1997, p. 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 17, 22.1.1999, p. 22.



**COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2000/80/EC****of 4 December 2000****amending Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, so as to consolidate that Annex and include a further active substance (lambda-cyhalothrin)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 2000/68/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 of 11 December 1992 laying down the detailed rules for the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2266/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>, laid down the detailed rules for the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter referred to as 'the Directive'). Pursuant to that Regulation, Commission Regulation (EC) No 933/94 of 27 April 1994 laying down the active substances of plant protection products and designating the rapporteur Member States for the implementation of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2230/95 <sup>(6)</sup>, laid down the list of active substances of plant protection products to be assessed, with a view to their possible inclusion in Annex I to the Directive.
- (2) In accordance with Article 5(1) of the Directive, an active substance should be included in Annex I for a period not exceeding 10 years if it may be expected that neither the use of, nor residues from, plant protection products containing the active substance will have any harmful effects on human or animal health or on groundwater or any unacceptable influence on the environment.
- (3) For lambda-cyhalothrin the effects on human health and the environment have been assessed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 for a range of uses proposed by the notifiers. Sweden was designated as rapporteur Member State under Commission Regulation (EC) No 491/95 <sup>(7)</sup> amending Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 and Regulation (EC) No 933/94, in particular with regard to the integration of the designated public authorities and the producers in

Austria, Finland and Sweden in the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of the Directive. Sweden submitted the relevant assessment report and recommendation to the Commission on 12 June 1996, in accordance with Article 7(1)(c) of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92.

- (4) That assessment report has been reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the Standing Committee on Plant Health. That review was finalised on 19 October 2000 in the format of the Commission review report for lambda-cyhalothrin. If the review report has to be updated to take account of technical and scientific developments, the conditions for the inclusion of lambda-cyhalothrin in Annex I to the Directive will also need to be amended in accordance with the Directive.
- (5) The dossier and the information from the review have also been submitted to the Scientific Committee on Plants for consultation. In its opinion of 28 January 2000 <sup>(8)</sup>, the Committee noted that an acute dietary risk assessment for consumers should be conducted and an acute reference dose should be defined. Further, with regard to the protection of the environment, the Committee emphasised that appropriate risk mitigation measures must be applied to avoid unacceptable effects on aquatic organisms and non-target arthropods including bees. Those recommendations were taken into consideration in the measures provided for in this Directive and in the relevant review report.
- (6) It has appeared from the various examinations made that plant protection products containing the active substance concerned may be expected to satisfy, in general, the requirements laid down in Article 5(1)(a) and (b) of the Directive, in particular with regard to the uses which were examined and detailed in the review report. It is therefore appropriate to include the active substance concerned in Annex I, in order to ensure that in all Member States the authorisations of plant protection products containing the active substance concerned can be granted in accordance with the provisions of the said Directive.
- (7) The Directive provides that after inclusion of an active substance in Annex I, Member States must, within a prescribed period, grant, vary or withdraw, as appropriate, the authorisations of the plant protection products containing the active substance. In particular, plant

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 41.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 366, 15.12.1992, p. 10.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 259, 13.10.2000, p. 27.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 107, 28.4.1994, p. 8.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 225, 22.9.1995, p. 1.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ L 49, 4.3.1995, p. 50.

<sup>(8)</sup> Scientific Committee on Plants, 28.1.2000.

protection products should not be authorised unless account is taken of the conditions associated with the inclusion of the active substance in Annex I and the uniform principles laid down in the Directive on the basis of a dossier satisfying the prescribed data requirements.

(8) A reasonable period must be provided for before an active substance is included in Annex I in order to permit Member States and the interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements which will result from the inclusion. Moreover, after inclusion, a reasonable period is necessary to permit Member States to implement the provisions of the Directive on plant protection products containing lambda-cyhalothrin. In particular, Member States must, within that period, review existing authorisations and, where appropriate, grant new authorisations in accordance with the provisions of the Directive. A longer period should be provided for the submission and assessment of the complete dossier of each plant protection product in accordance with the uniform principles laid down in the Directive. For plant protection products containing several active substances, the complete evaluation on the basis of the uniform principles can only be carried out when all the active substances concerned have been included in Annex I to the Directive.

(9) It is appropriate to provide that the finalised review report (except for confidential information) is kept available or made available by the Member States for consultation by any interested parties.

(10) The review report is required for the proper implementation by the Member States, of several sections of the uniform principles laid down in the Directive, where those principles refer to the evaluation of the data which were submitted for the purpose of the inclusion of the active substance in Annex I to the Directive.

(11) A number of substances have been included in Annex I to the Directive by a series of Commission Directives, namely Directive 97/73/EC<sup>(1)</sup>, 98/47/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, 1999/1/EC<sup>(3)</sup>, 1999/73/EC<sup>(4)</sup>, 1999/80/EC<sup>(5)</sup>, 2000/10/EC<sup>(6)</sup>, 2000/49/EC<sup>(7)</sup>, 2000/50/EC<sup>(8)</sup>. For the sake of clarity and rationality, the details concerning those substances should be set out in tabular form and those Directives should be repealed without prejudice to the obligations of the Member States concerning the time limits for transposition and application set out in Annex II.

(12) To ensure consistency and uniform application, it is appropriate to provide that the finalised review report on each substance should be taken into account in applying the uniform principles for the evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products under Annex VI to the Directive. Similarly, all review reports (except for confidential information) should be kept available or made available by the Member States for consultation by any interested parties.

(13) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health delivered on 19 October 2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Directive.

#### Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 July 2002 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

In particular they shall, in accordance with Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing lambda-cyhalothrin as an active substance by that date.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. With regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the deadline for amending or withdrawing authorisations for plant protection products containing lambda-cyhalothrin as the only active substance shall be 1 January 2006.

3. For plant protection products containing lambda-cyhalothrin together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, the period for amending or withdrawing authorisations shall expire four years after the entry into force of the Directive which includes the last of those substances in Annex I.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 353, 24.12.1997, p. 26.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 50.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 21, 28.1.1999, p. 21.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 206, 5.8.1999, p. 16.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 13.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 57, 2.3.2000, p. 28.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ L 197, 3.8.2000, p. 32.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ L 198, 4.8.2000, p. 39.

*Article 3*

The Directives listed in the third column of Annex II are hereby repealed without prejudice to the obligations of the Member States concerning the transposition deadline and the specific provisions set out in Annex II.

*Article 4*

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

The provisions in Article 2 concerning the active substance lambda-cyhalothrin together with the inclusion of this active

substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC apply from 1 January 2002.

*Article 5*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

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## ACTIVE SUBSTANCES AUTHORISED FOR USE IN PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

General provisions applying to all substances listed in this Annex:

For the implementation of the uniform principles of Annex VI in relation to each substance, the conclusions of the review report on it, and in particular the Appendices I and II thereof, as finalised in the Standing Committee on Plant Health on the date indicated under “specific provisions” for that substance shall be taken into account.

Member States shall keep available all review reports (except for confidential information within the meaning of Article 14 of the Directive) for consultation by any interested parties or shall make it available to them on specific request.

Number	Common name, identification numbers	IUPAC name	Purity (!)	Entry into force	Expiration of inclusion	Specific provisions
1	Imazalil CAS No 73790-28-0, 35554-44-0 CIPAC No 335	(±)-1-(β-allyloxy-2,4-dichlorophenylethyl)imidazole or (±)-allyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-imidazol-1-ylethyl ether	975 g/kg	1.1.1999	31.12.2008	Only uses as fungicide may be authorised For the following uses the following particular conditions apply: — post harvest fruit, vegetable and potato treatments may only be authorised when an appropriate decontamination system is available or a risk assessment has demonstrated to the authorising Member State that the discharge of the treatment solution does not have an unacceptable risk to the environment and in particular to aquatic organisms, — post harvest treatment of potatoes may only be authorised when a risk assessment has demonstrated to the authorising Member State that the discharge of the processing waste from treated potatoes does not have an unacceptable risk to aquatic organisms, — outdoor foliar uses may only be authorised when a risk assessment has demonstrated to the authorising Member State that the use has no unacceptable effects on human and animal health and the environment Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 11.7.1997.
2	Azoxystrobin CAS No 131860-33-8 CIPAC No 571	Methyl (E)-2-[2[6-(2-cyanophenoxy)pyrimidin-4-yloxy] phenyl]-3-methoxyacrylate	930 g/kg (Z isomer max. 25 g/kg)	1.7.1998	1.7.2008	Only uses as fungicide may be authorised In the decision-making according to the uniform principles, particular attention should be given to the impact on aquatic organisms. Authorisation conditions should include appropriate risk mitigation measures Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 22.4.1998

Number	Common name, identification numbers	IUPAC name	Purity (%)	Entry into force	Expiration of inclusion	Specific provisions
3	Kresoxim-methyl CAS No 143390-89-0 CIPAC No 568	Methyl (E)-2-methoxyimino-2-[2-(o-tolylloxymethyl) phenyl] acetate	910 g/kg	1.2.1999	31.1.2009	Only used as fungicide may be authorised In their decision-making according to the uniform principles, Member States shall pay particular attention to the protection of groundwater under vulnerable conditions Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 16.10.1998
4	Spiroxamine CAS No 1181134-30-8 CIPAC No 572	(8-tert-Butyl-1,4-dioxaspiro [4.5] decan-2-ylmethyl)-ethyl-propylamine	940 g/kg (diastereomers A and B combined)	1.9.1999	1.9.2009	Only uses as a fungicide may be authorised In their decision-making according to the uniform principles, Member States: — must pay particular attention to operator safety and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include appropriate protective measures, and — must pay particular attention to the impact on aquatic organisms and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 12.5.1999
5	Azimsulfuron CAS No 120162-55-2 CIPAC No 584	1-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-3-[1-methyl-4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)-pyrazol-5-ylsulfonyl]-urea.	980 g/kg	1.10.1999	1.10.2009	Only uses as herbicide may be authorised Aerial application may not be authorised In their decision making according to the uniform principles, Member States must pay particular attention to the impact on aquatic organisms and terrestrial non-target plants and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures (e. g. in rice cultivation minimum holding periods for water prior to discharge) Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 2.7.1999
6	Fluroxypyr CAS No 69377-81-7 CIPAC No 431	4-amino-3,5-dichloro-6-fluoro-2-pyridyloxyacetic acid	950 g/kg	1.12.2000	30.11.2010	Only uses as herbicide may be authorised In their decision-making according to the uniform principles, Member States: — shall take into account the additional information requested in point 7 of the review report, — must pay particular attention to the protection of groundwater, — must pay particular attention to the impact on aquatic organisms and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures Member States shall inform the Commission if the requested additional trials and information as outlined in point 7 of the review report were not submitted by 1.12.2000 Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 30.11.1999

Number	Common name, identification numbers	IUPAC name	Purity (%)	Entry into force	Expiration of inclusion	Specific provisions
7	Metsulfuron-methyl CAS No 74223-64-6 EEC No 441	Methyl-2-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-ylcarbamoylsulfamoyl)benzoate	960 g/kg	1.7.2001	30.6.2011	Only uses as herbicide may be authorised In their decision making according to the uniform principles, Member States: — must pay particular attention to the protection of groundwater, — must pay particular attention to the impact on aquatic organisms and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 16.6.2000
8	Prohexadione-calcium CAS No 127277-53-6 CIPAC No 567	Calcium 3,5-dioxo-4-propionylcyclohexanecarboxylate	890 g/kg	1.10.2000	1.10.2010	Only uses as plant growth regulator may be authorised Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 16.6.2000
9	Triasulfuron CAS No 82097-50-5 CIPAC No 480	1-[2-(2-chloroethoxy)phenylsulfonyl]-3-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)urea	940 g/kg	1.8.2001	31.7.2011	Only uses as herbicide may be authorised In their decision making according to the uniform principles, Member States: — must pay particular attention to the protection of groundwater, — must pay particular attention to the impact on aquatic organisms and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 13.7.2000
10	Esfenvalerate CAS No 66230-04-4 CIPAC No 481	(S)- $\alpha$ -Cyano-3-phenoxybenzyl-(S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylbutyrate	830 g/kg	1.8.2001	31.7.2011	Only uses as insecticide may be authorised In their decision making according to the uniform principles, Member States: — must pay particular attention to the potential impact on aquatic organisms and non-target arthropods and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 13.7.2000
11	Bentazone CAS No 25057-89-0 CIPAC No 366	3-isopropyl-(1H)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazin-4-(3H)-one-2,2-dioxide	960 g/kg	1.8.2001	31.7.2011	Only uses as herbicide may be authorised In their decision-making according to the uniform principles, Member States must pay particular attention to the protection of groundwater Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 13.7.2000

Number	Common name, identification numbers	IUPAC name	Purity (1)	Entry into force	Expiration of inclusion	Specific provisions
12	Lambda-cyhalothrin CAS No 91465-08-6 CIPAC No 463	A 1:1 mixture of: (S)- $\alpha$ -cyano-3-phenoxybenzyl (Z)-(1R,3R)-3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane-carboxylate, and (R)- $\alpha$ -cyano-3-phenoxybenzyl (Z)-(1S,3S)-3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoropropenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane-carboxylate	810 g/kg	1.1.2002	31.12.2011	Only uses as insecticide may be authorised In their decision-making according to the uniform principles, Member States: — must pay particular attention to operator safety, — must pay particular attention to the potential impact on aquatic organisms and non-target arthropods including bees and must ensure that the conditions of authorisation include, where appropriate, risk mitigation measures, — must pay particular attention to the residues in food and especially the acute effects thereof Date of Standing Committee on Plant Health at which the review report was finalised: 19.10.2000

(1) Further details on identity and specification of active substances are provided in their review reports.'

**DEADLINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES IN MEMBER STATES FOR ACTIVE SUBSTANCES  
AUTHORISED FOR USE IN PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS**

Number	Common name	Inclusion Directive	Transposition deadline	Specific provisions
1	Imazalil	Directive 97/73/EC	30.6.1999	<p>Member States shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing imazalil by the transposition deadline</p> <p>However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, transposition deadline is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— for plant protection products containing only imazalil, and not intended for outdoor foliar uses, to 1.1.2003,</li> <li>— for plant protection products containing imazalil and other active substances not yet included in Annex I, and not intended for outdoor foliar uses, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I</li> </ul>
2	Azoxystrobin	Directive 98/47/EC	1.1.1999	For plant protection products containing azoxystrobin together with another active substance included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC the transposition deadline is extended to the extent that a longer implementation period is provided for by the provisions laid down in the Directive concerning the inclusion of this other active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC
3	Kresoxim-methyl	Directive 1999/1/EC	31.7.1999	For plant protection products containing kresoxim-methyl together with another active substance included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, the transposition deadline is extended to the extent that a longer implementation period is provided for by the provisions laid down in the Directive concerning the inclusion of this other active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC
4	Spiroxamine	Directive 1999/73/EC	1.1.2000	For plant protection products containing spiroxamine together with another active substance included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, the transposition deadline is extended to the extent that a longer implementation period is provided for by the provisions laid down in the Directive concerning the inclusion of this other active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC
5	Azimsulfuron	Directive 1999/80/EC	1.4.2000	<p>With regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the transposition deadline is extended for existing provisional authorisations of plant protection products containing azimsulfuron to 1.4.2001</p> <p>For plant protection products containing azimsulfuron together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, the transposition deadline is extended to the extent that a longer implementation period is provided for by the provisions laid down in the Directive concerning the inclusion of this other active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC</p>



Number	Common name	Inclusion Directive	Transposition deadline	Specific provisions
6	Fluroxypyr	Directive 2000/10/EC	1.6.2000	<p>Member States shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing fluroxypyr as an active substance within the transposition deadline</p> <p>However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the transposition deadline is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— for plant protection products containing only fluroxypyr to 1.12.2004,</li> <li>— for plant protection products containing fluroxypyr together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I</li> </ul>
7	Metsulfuron-methyl	Directive 2000/49/EC	31.12.2001	<p>Member States shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing metsulfuron-methyl as an active substance within the transposition deadline</p> <p>However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the period laid down in the first paragraph is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— for plant protection products containing metsulfuron-methyl as the only active substance to 1.7.2005,</li> <li>— for plant protection products containing metsulfuron-methyl together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I</li> </ul>
8	Prohexadione-calcium	Directive 2000/50/EC	1.1.2001	<p>With regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Council Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the transposition deadline is extended for existing provisional authorisations of plant protection products containing prohexadione-calcium to 1.1.2002</p> <p>For plant protection products containing prohexadione-calcium together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, the transposition deadline is extended to the extent that a longer implementation period is provided for by the provisions laid down in the Directive concerning the inclusion of this other active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC</p>
9	Triasulfuron	Directive 2000/66/EC	31.1.2002	<p>Member States shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing triasulfuron as an active substance with the transposition deadline</p> <p>However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the transposition deadline is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— for plant protection products containing triasulfuron as the only active substance to 1.8.2005,</li> <li>— for plant protection products containing triasulfuron together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I</li> </ul>

Number	Common name	Inclusion Directive	Transposition deadline	Specific provisions
10	Esfenvalerate	Directive 2000/67/EC	31.1.2002	<p>Member States shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing esfenvalerate as an active substance within the transposition deadline</p> <p>However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the transposition deadline is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— for plant protection products containing esfenvalerate as the only active substance to 1.8.2005,</li> <li>— for plant protection products containing esfenvalerate together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I</li> </ul>
11	Bentazone	Directive 2000/68/EC	31.1.2002	<p>Member States shall, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC, where necessary, amend or withdraw existing authorisations for plant protection products containing bentazone as an active substance within the transposition deadline</p> <p>However, with regard to evaluation and decision-making pursuant to the uniform principles provided for in Annex VI to Directive 91/414/EEC, on the basis of a dossier satisfying the requirements of Annex III thereto, the transposition deadline is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— for plant protection products containing bentazone as the only active substance to 1.8.2005,</li> <li>— for plant protection products containing bentazone together with another active substance which is in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, to four years from the entry into force of such Directive as shall include the last of those substances in Annex I</li> </ul>

## II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 1 December 2000

on the application of the Schengen acquis in Denmark, Finland and Sweden, and in Iceland and Norway

(2000/777/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Protocol annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, integrating the Schengen acquis into the framework of the European Union, and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application, and development of the Schengen acquis<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the 'Agreement of 18 May 1999'), which was signed on 18 May 1999 and entered into force on 26 June 2000, and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Point 1 of the Final Act to the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement signed on 19 June 1990 and of the respective Final Acts to the Agreements on the accession, to that Convention, of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, which were signed on 19 December 1996, contains a Joint Declaration on the entry into force of the instruments in question.
- (2) The date on which the Schengen acquis will apply to Denmark, Finland and Sweden, and to Iceland and Norway (hereinafter referred to as 'the Nordic States') should be fixed.
- (3) In order to be compatible with the Nordic passport union, that date will have to apply to all the Nordic States.
- (4) Preparation of this Decision comprised the following stages. Firstly, a full questionnaire was forwarded to the Nordic States, whose replies were recorded. Then, verification and evaluation visits were made to all the Nordic

States in accordance with the procedures applicable within the Council, in the areas of police cooperation and data protection. On 29 May 2000 the Council concluded that the conditions in these areas had been fulfilled. As regards the application of the Schengen acquis relating to visas and consular cooperation, the visits demonstrated that, except for some points which the Nordic States will undertake to deal with, the requirements relating to legislation, manpower levels, training, infrastructure and material resources had been satisfied.

- (5) However, as regards the Schengen Information System (SIS), extension of which under the SIS 1 + project should be completed with test exercises demonstrating its ability to operate in 18 countries, visits to evaluate its functioning should be carried out before controls at the future internal borders are lifted.
- (6) Evaluation visits in the context of controls and surveillance at the external borders have been carried out. They revealed that a positive record of progress achieved could be drawn up. Some gaps do, however, remain. It is therefore necessary to conduct further evaluation visits.
- (7) The Nordic States have forwarded to the Council a list of their competent authorities referred to in Articles 101(4) and 108(1) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, signed on 19 June 1990. The Nordic States have satisfied the obligations of Article 114 of the said implementing Convention.
- (8) To check that the SIS is functioning correctly in the Nordic States, the national section of the Schengen Information System (N.SIS) of the Nordic States should become fully operational (i.e. final users should be able to access real data in all 15 countries) as from 1 January 2001, before the abolition of internal border controls.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

- (9) The Council should ensure that an arrangement on criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in any of the Member States or in Iceland or Norway, as mentioned in Article 7 of the Agreement of 18 May 1999, is set up in due course.
- (10) Unless the Council establishes, on conclusion of the evaluation visits to be carried out after 1 January 2001, that the SIS does not function correctly in one or more of the Nordic States, or that the ports and airports in those countries do not fulfil all the necessary requirements, the entire Schengen acquis will have to be applied with regard to these States as from 25 March 2001.
- (11) The procedure referred to in Article 15(4) of the Agreement of 18 May 1999 has been observed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

As from 25 March 2001, and subject to Article 3(2):

- (a) all the provisions of the Schengen acquis referred to in Annexes A, B, C and D to Council Decision 1999/436/EC of 20 May 1999 determining, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Community and the Treaty on European Union, the legal basis for each of the provisions or decisions which constitute the Schengen acquis<sup>(1)</sup>, and any act adopted by the Council establishing an instrument which has entered into force and constitutes a further development of one or more of these provisions, shall apply to Denmark, Finland and Sweden, in their relations between each other and with Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria and Portugal;
- (b) all the provisions referred to in Annexes A and B to the Agreement of 18 May 1999 concluded by the Council of the European Union, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application, and development of the Schengen acquis, and any act adopted by the Council establishing an instrument which has entered into force and constitutes a further development of one or more of these provisions, shall apply to Iceland and Norway, in their relations between each other and with Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland and Sweden.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 17.

*Article 2*

1. The provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to the SIS shall apply, according to the procedure referred to in Article 1, as from 1 January 2001. To this end, the SIS will be loaded with real data by the Nordic States which, like the Member States in respect of which the Schengen acquis has already been implemented, will be able to use such data, subject to the provisions of paragraph 3. This application shall not hinder cooperation within the Nordic passport union.
2. The provisions referred to in the first paragraph shall be set out in the Annex.
3. Until the date mentioned in Article 1, the Nordic States:
  - (a) shall not be obliged to refuse entry to their territory or to expel nationals of third States for whom an SIS alert has been issued by another Member State for the purposes of refusing entry and who come direct from a Member State in respect of which the Schengen acquis provisions already apply;
  - (b) may admit to their territory nationals of third States for whom an SIS alert has been issued by another Member State for the purposes of refusing entry, where a Nordic State has decided to grant a visa or another residence permit to such nationals;
  - (c) shall refrain from entering the data covered by Article 96 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement.

*Article 3*

1. During January and February 2001, evaluation visits shall be carried out in all the Nordic States in accordance with the procedures applicable within the Council for this purpose, in order to check whether the SIS functions and is applied there correctly.

During this same period, additional evaluation visits shall be carried out at the Danish and Norwegian ports and at the airports of all the Nordic States to ascertain whether these ports and airports fulfil the necessary requirements.

The reports on these visits shall be submitted to the Council by 1 March 2001.

2. On the basis of these reports, the Council, acting by a qualified majority of its members representing the Governments of the Member States referred to in Article 1 of the Protocol integrating the Schengen acquis into the framework of the European Union, and with the vote of at least 10 of these members, may decide to defer the date mentioned in Article 1. In that case, a new date shall be set by the Council, acting by unanimity of its members representing the Governments of the Member States referred to in Article 1 of the said Protocol.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Done at Brussels, 1 December 2000.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
C. PAUL

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## ANNEX

The provisions referred to in Article 2 are as follows:

- Articles 62, 64, 65 and 92 to 119 of the 1990 Convention implementing the 1985 Schengen Agreement, as supplemented by the Accession Agreements of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Austria, Denmark, Finland and Sweden,
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 14 December 1993 on the Financial Regulation on the costs of installing and operating the Schengen Information System (C.SIS) (SCH/Com-ex(93) 16),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 25 April 1997 on awarding the contract for the SIS II Preliminary Study (SCH/Com-ex(97) 2 rev. 2),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 7 October 1997 on contributions from Norway and Iceland to the costs of installing and operating of the C.SIS (SCH/Com-ex(97) 18),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 7 October 1997 on the development of the SIS (SCH/Com-ex(97) 24),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 15 December 1997 amending the Financial Regulation on C.SIS (SCH/Com-ex(97) 35),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 21 April 1998 on C.SIS with 15/18 connections (SCH/Com-ex(98) 11),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 28 April 1999 on the Help Desk budget for 1999 (SCH/Com-ex(99) 3),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 28 April 1999 on C.SIS installation expenditure (SCH/Com-ex(99) 4),
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 28 April 1999 on adopting the SIRENE Manual (SCH/Com-ex(99) 5),
  - Declaration of the Executive Committee of 18 April 1996 defining the concept of alien (SCH/Com-ex(96) decl. 5),
  - Declaration of the Executive Committee of 28 April 1999 on the structure of SIS (SCH/Com-ex(99) decl. 2 rev),
- as well as:
- Decision of the Executive Committee of 23 June 1998 concerning the confidential nature of certain documents (SCH/Com-ex(98) 17), insofar as such documents relate to provisions referred to above,
  - Decision of the Executive Committee of 23 June 1998 on a catch-all clause to cover the whole technical Schengen acquis (SCH/Com-ex(98) 29 rev),
  - Declaration of the Executive Committee of 9 February 1998 on the abduction of minors (SCH/Com-ex(97) decl. 13 rev 2),
  - Council Decision 1999/323/EC of 3 May 1999 on the establishment of a Financial Regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the 'Helpdesk Server' of the Management Unit and of the Sirene Network Phase II,
  - Council Decision 2000/265/EC of 27 March 2000 on the establishment of a Financial Regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment, 'Sisnet', as amended by Council Decision 2000/664/EC of 23 October 2000.
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**Statement by the Council, meeting on 30 November and 1 December 2000 in Brussels**

The provisions of Article 3(2) of the draft Council Decision on the application of the Schengen acquis in Denmark, Finland and Sweden, and in Iceland and Norway, do not imply any derogation from the rule whereby the application of the Schengen acquis in new Member States takes place under the conditions and on the dates set by the Council acting by unanimity of its members.

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**Swedish declaration**

Sweden confirms its obligation to apply the entire Schengen acquis. The Swedish Government has therefore commissioned a Committee of Inquiry to review existing legislation concerning carrier liability in order to comply with the provision of Article 26.2 of the Schengen Convention.

The Government undertakes to present a proposal to the Parliament based on the findings of the Committee and sets as an objective the adoption of new legislation before July 2002.

The Government will also regularly inform the Council about its undertakings in this regard.

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**COUNCIL DECISION**  
**of 20 November 2000**

**on the conclusion of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

(2000/778/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133, in conjunction with Article 300(2), second subparagraph thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) A Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>(1)</sup> was signed by way of an Exchange of Letters on 29 April 1997, and entered into force on 1 January 1998.
- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's stabilisation and association process <sup>(2)</sup> does not apply to imports into the Community of products originating in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the exception of wine imports.
- (3) By Council Regulation (EC) No 2563/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 the equivalent of improved autonomous trade preferences under Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 has been granted to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the exception of concessions for wine.
- (4) The trade provisions and related Annexes to the Cooperation Agreement therefore need to be suspended in order to apply to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia the improved autonomous trade preferences under Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

The suspension shall apply from the date of application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2563/2000 amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000.

The text of the Exchange of Letters is attached hereto.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council is authorised to designate the persons empowered to sign the Exchange of Letters in order to bind the Community.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2000.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
H. VÉDRINE

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 348, 18.12.1997, p. 2.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 240, 23.9.2000, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 295, 23.11.2000, p. 1.



**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS****between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement***A. Letter from the Community*

Brussels, 20 November 2000

Sir,

In view of the improved autonomous trade preferences approved by Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's stabilisation and association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1763/1999 and No 6/2000, it has been agreed between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to suspend the provisions of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions, including all related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed by way of Exchange of Letters on 29 April 1997.

Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2563/2000 will therefore regulate, as from the date of application of the latter Regulation, the trade regime between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Title II on trade and trade-related provisions, including all related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, shall cease to apply to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at the same date.

The suspension of Title II and all trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement shall cease whenever Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 will cease to apply to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that your Government is in agreement with the above.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*On behalf of the Council of the European Union*

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*B. Letter from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

Skopje, 22 November 2000

Sirs,

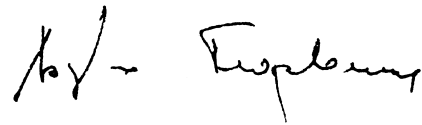
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, herewith attached, concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions, including all related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Macedonia and the European Community, signed by way of Exchange of Letters on 29 April 1997.

The Republic of Macedonia has the honour to confirm its agreement with the content of this letter.

The Exchange of Letters should be considered as the confirmation of the Agreement.

However, I declare that the Republic of Macedonia does not accept the denomination used for my country in the abovementioned documents having in view that the constitutional name of my country is the Republic of Macedonia.

*For the Government of the Republic of Macedonia*



*C. Letter from the European Community*

Brussels, 5 December 2000

Sir,


I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22 November 2000.

The European Community notes that the Exchange of Letters between the President of the Council of the European Union and the Prime Minister of the Government of your country, which suspends the provisions of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions, including the related Annexes, of the Cooperation Agreement signed on 29 April 1997 by way of Exchange of Letters between the European Community and your country, has been completed.

This cannot be construed as acceptance or recognition by the European Union, in any shape or form, of any name other than 'Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia'.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*On behalf of the Council of the European Union*

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# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 November 2000

**authorising the Kingdom of the Netherlands to have a temporary exemption to allow the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) until 31 December 2002 in delivery mechanisms for hermetically-sealed devices designed for implantation in the human body for delivery of measured doses of medication in accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer**

*(notified under document number C(2000) 3550)*

**(Only the Dutch text is authentic)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2000/779/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of 29 June 2000 on substances that deplete the ozone layer <sup>(1)</sup> and in particular Articles 4(1), 11(1)(f) and 18 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 prohibits the use and the placing on the market of chlorofluorocarbons.
- (2) Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 states that, following a request of a Member State and in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 18(2), the Commission may authorise the use of chlorofluorocarbons until 31 December 2004 in delivery mechanisms for hermetically-sealed devices designed for implantation in the human body for delivery of measured doses of medication.
- (3) Medtronic is a producer of the Isomed infusion system, an implantable drug-delivery system that is used for the treatment of cancer pain, non-malignant pain, spasticity and cancer chemotherapy. The Isomed device utilises a minute quantity of CFC-114 to create the pressure to deliver the medication. To date there is no alternative to the CFC but Medtronic is seeking an alternative. As the pump is implanted in the body there is no escapee of CFC into the environment during the use of this device.
- (4) The Commission has examined the technical and economic aspects of the Isomed infusion system produced by Medtronic and accepts that currently there

is no technical and economically feasible alternative substance or technology and that the temporary use of CFCs in these drug pumps for medical uses remains essential.

- (5) The competent authority in the Netherlands has given its agreement for a temporary exemption up to 31 December 2002 for the use of CFCs for the production and export of medical drug pumps by Medtronic BV.
- (6) The Committee established by Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 examined this request at its meeting of 5 October 2000 and agreed to an exemption up to 31 December 2002 with a maximum use of 75 ODP kg of CFCs and the possibility of this exemption being renewed for a further two years up to 31 December 2004 following a review of the technical and economic availability of alternative substances or technologies by the Commission.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### Article 1

In accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 Medtronic BV (NL) is allowed to use chlorofluorocarbons in delivery mechanisms for hermetically-sealed devices designed for implantation in the human body for delivery of measured doses of medication until 31 December 2002 and for a maximum quantity of 75 ODP kg.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 244, 29.9.2000, p. 1.

*Article 2*

The Commission will review this exemption in 2002 to examine whether its extension to 31 December 2004 can be authorised in the light of the development of technical and economic alternative substances or technologies.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 24 November 2000.

*For the Commission*  
Margot WALLSTRÖM  
*Member of the Commission*

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## COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 November 2000

**amending Decision 93/467/EEC authorising Member States to provide for derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC, in respect of oak (*Quercus* L.) logs with bark attached, originating in Canada or the United States of America**

(notified under document number C(2000) 3582)

(2000/780/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 15(1) thereof,

Having regard to the request made by Germany,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Directive 2000/29/EC, oak (*Quercus* L.) logs with bark attached, originating in North American countries, may, in principle, not be introduced into the Community because of the risk of introducing *Ceratocystis fagacearum* (Bretz) Hunt., the cause of oak wilt.
- (2) Commission Decision 93/467/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 98/661/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, permits derogations for oak (*Quercus* L.) logs with bark attached originating in Canada and the United States of America provided that special conditions are satisfied.
- (3) Decision 93/467/EEC as amended stipulated that the authorisation shall expire on 31 December 2000.
- (4) On the basis of the information available at present, the conditions for the derogation in the aforementioned Decision should be maintained.
- (5) The circumstances justifying the authorisation still obtain.

(6) The authorisation should therefore be extended for a further limited period.

(7) The Commission will ensure that Canada and the United States of America make all technical information available which is necessary to continue to monitor the functioning of the protective measures required under the aforementioned technical conditions.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 93/467/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 3, the date '31 December 2000' is replaced by '31 December 2002'.
2. In Annex I, part 7, '98/661/EC' is replaced by '2000/780/EC'.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 217, 27.8.1993, p. 49.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 329, 24.11.1998, p. 18.

**COMMISSION DECISION****of 28 November 2000****amending Decision 2000/293/EC on financial aid from the Community for the operation of certain Community reference laboratories in the field of animal health and live animals in relation to rabies***(notified under document number C(2000) 3583)***(Only the English text is authentic)**

(2000/781/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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 94/370/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Community financial aid shall be granted to the Community reference laboratories in the veterinary field designated by the Community to assist them in carrying out their functions and duties.
- (2) Commission Decision 2000/293/EC of 6 April 2000, on financial aid from the Community for the operation of certain Community reference laboratories in the field of animal health and live animals <sup>(3)</sup> provides financial assistance to Community reference laboratories having functions and duties in relation to the control of African horse sickness, avian influenza, classical swine fever, Newcastle disease, swine vesicular disease, fish diseases, diseases affecting bivalve molluscs and the assessment of breeding of bovine species.
- (3) Council Decision 2000/258/EC of 20 March 2000 designating a specific institute responsible for establishing the criteria necessary for standardising the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines <sup>(4)</sup> contains functions and duties to be carried out by the Laboratory of the Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments de Nancy (AFSSA, Nancy), France.
- (4) Community financial assistance shall be granted to the AFSSA Laboratory at Nancy.

- (5) For budgetary reasons, Community assistance should be granted for a period of six months.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 2000/293/EC is amended as follows:

The following Article is inserted after Article 8:

*'Article 8a*

1. The Community grants financial assistance to France for the functions and duties to be carried out by the laboratory of the AFSSA at Nancy, France, referred to in Annex II to Council Decision 2000/258/EC.
2. The Community's financial assistance shall amount to a maximum of EUR 40 000 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000.'

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 168, 2.7.1994, p. 31.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 95, 15.4.2000, p. 40.<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 79, 30.3.2000, p. 40.

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 December 2000

**amending Decision 2000/609/EC laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed ratite meat and amending Decision 94/85/EC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of fresh poultrymeat**

(notified under document number C(2000) 3700)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/782/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 1999/89/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 11(1), and 12, thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(1), to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2000/609/EC <sup>(5)</sup> laid down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed ratite meat.
- (2) The date of entry into force of Decision 2000/609/EC is 1 October 2000.
- (3) Some third countries need more time to implement the requirements laid down in the certification of Decision 2000/609/EC.

(4) The six months surveillance period required in point 2.6 of the model B certificate laid down in Decision 2000/609/EC shall be delayed for six months in order to give time to the countries concerned to fully implement the surveillance requirements.

(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*

In point 2.6 of the certificate model B in Annex II to Decision 2000/609/EC the following footnote is included at the end of the sentence:

'The six months period shall not come into effect until 1 May 2001.'

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 35.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 17.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 258, 12.10.2000, p. 49.



**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**of 6 December 2000**  
**on marking and use of pigmeat in application of Article 9 of Council Directive 80/217/EEC**  
**concerning the United Kingdom**

(notified under document number C(2000) 3683)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/783/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 80/217/EEC of 22 January 1980 introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 9 (6)(g) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Since August 2000 outbreaks of classical swine fever in the United Kingdom have been declared by the Veterinary Authorities of the United Kingdom.
- (2) In accordance with Article 9(1) of Directive 80/217/EEC protection and surveillance zones were immediately established around outbreak sites in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex.
- (3) The provisions for the use of a health mark on fresh meat are given in Council Directive 64/433/EEC on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat <sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 95/23/EC <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (4) At the request of the United Kingdom, by Decisions 2000/543/EC <sup>(4)</sup> and 2000/650/EC <sup>(5)</sup>, as amended by Decision 2000/720/EC <sup>(6)</sup> the Commission adopted specific solutions concerning marking and use of pigmeat coming from pigs kept on holdings situated in certain surveillance zones established in Norfolk and Suffolk and slaughtered, subject to a specific authorisation issued by the competent authority. These Decisions expired on 30 September 2000 and 15 November 2000, respectively.
- (5) The United Kingdom has submitted a further request for the adoption of a specific solution concerning marking and use of pigmeat coming from pigs kept on holdings situated in the surveillance zones established in Norfolk and Suffolk, including the one established following the outbreak of classical swine fever confirmed on 4 November 2000.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Without prejudice to the provisions of Directive 80/217/EEC, in particular, Article 9(6), the United Kingdom is authorised to apply the mark described in Article 3(1)(A)(e) of Directive 64/433/EEC to pigmeat obtained from pigs originating from holdings situated in the surveillance zones established in Norfolk and Suffolk following the outbreaks confirmed as at 4 November 2000 in accordance with the provisions of Article 9(1) of Directive 80/217/EEC on condition that the pigs in question:

- (a) originate from a surveillance zone:
  - where no outbreaks of classical swine fever have been detected in the previous 21 days and where at least 21 days have elapsed since the completion of the preliminary cleaning and disinfection of the infected holdings,
  - established around a protection zone where serological tests for classical swine fever have been carried out in all pig holdings after the detection of classical swine fever, with negative results;
- (b) originate from a holding:
  - which has been subject to protection measures established in accordance with the provisions of Article 9(6)(f) and (g) of Directive 80/217/EEC,
  - to which, following the epidemiological inquiry, no contact has been established with an infected holding,
  - which has been subject to regular inspections by a veterinarian after the establishment of the zone. The inspection has included all pigs kept on the holding;
- (c) have been included in a programme for monitoring body temperature and clinical examination. The programme has been carried out as given in Annex 1(3);
- (d) have been slaughtered within 12 hours of arrival at the slaughterhouse.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 47, 21.1.1980, p. 11.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012/64.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 7.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 231, 13.9.2000, p. 14.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 272, 25.10.2000, p. 42.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 291, 18.11.2000, p. 32.

*Article 2*

The United Kingdom shall ensure that a certificate as given in Annex II is issued in respect of meat referred to in Article 1.

*Article 3*

Pigmeat which complies with the conditions of Article 1 and enters into intra-Community trade must be accompanied by the certificate referred to in Article 2.

*Article 4*

The United Kingdom shall ensure that abattoirs designated to receive the pigs referred to in Article 1 do not, on the same day, accept pigs for slaughter other than the pigs in question.

*Article 5*

The United Kingdom shall provide Member States and the Commission with:

- (a) the name and location of slaughterhouses designated to receive pigs for slaughter referred to in Article 1;

(b) a report which contains information on:

- the number of pigs slaughtered at the designated slaughterhouses,
- the identification system and movement controls applied to slaughter pigs, as required in accordance with Article 9(6)(f)(i) of Directive 80/217/EEC,
- instructions issued concerning the application of the programme for monitoring body temperature referred to in Annex I.

*Article 6*

This Decision is applicable until 20 December 2000.

*Article 7*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX I

**MONITORING OF BODY TEMPERATURE**

The programme for monitoring body temperature and clinical examination referred to in Article 1(c) shall include the following.

1. Within the 24-hour period before loading a consignment of pigs intended for slaughter, the competent veterinary authority shall ensure that the body temperature of a number of pigs of the said consignment is monitored by an official veterinarian inserting a thermometer into the rectum. The number of pigs to be monitored for temperature shall be as given below:

No of pigs in consignment	No of pigs to be monitored
0-25	all
26-30	26
31-40	31
41-50	35
51-100	45
101-200	51
200 +	60

At the time of examination, the following information shall be recorded for each pig on a table issued by the competent veterinary authorities: number of eartag, time of examination and temperature.

In cases where the examination shows a temperature of 40 °C or above, the official veterinarian shall immediately be informed. A disease investigation shall be initiated and take into account the provisions of Article 4 of Directive 80/217/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever.

2. Shortly (0 to 3 hours) before loading of the consignment examined as described under point (1), a clinical examination shall be carried out by an official veterinarian designated by the competent veterinary authorities.
3. At the time of loading of the consignment of pigs examined as described under points (1) and (2), the official veterinarian shall issue a health document, which shall accompany the consignment to the designated slaughterhouse.
4. At the slaughterhouse of designation the results of the temperature monitoring shall be made available to the veterinarian who performs the *ante-mortem* examination.

ANNEX II

CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat referred to in Article 1 of Commission Decision 2000/783/EC

No <sup>(1)</sup>: .....

Place of loading: .....

Ministry: .....

Department: .....

I. Identification of meat

Meat of pigs

Nature of cuts: .....

Number of cuts or packages: .....

Net weight: .....

II. Origin of meat

Address and veterinary approval No of the approved slaughterhouse: .....

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from : .....  
(place of loading)

to: .....  
(place of destination)

by the following means of transport <sup>(2)</sup>: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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IV. Health attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that the meat described above was obtained under the conditions governing production and control laid down in Directive 64/433/EEC and is in conformity with the provisions of Decision 2000/783/EC on marking and use of pigmeat in application of Article 9 of Directive 80/217/EEC.

Done at .....

.....  
(name and signature of the official veterinarian)

<sup>(1)</sup> Serial No issued by the official veterinarian.

<sup>(2)</sup> In the case of rail trucks and lorries, state the registration number and in the case of boats name and, where necessary, the number of the container.