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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2825/2000
of 19 December 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 3493/90 laying down general rules for the grant of premiums to
sheepmeat and goatmeat producers**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 of 3 November 1998 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90 of 14 May 1990 instituting specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community⁽²⁾ provides for a flat-rate payment to sheep and goat producers in less-favoured areas to compensate them for the unfavourable consequences of measures introduced to limit the granting of the ewe premium.
- (2) Regulation (EEC) No 3493/90⁽³⁾ provides for a definition of a producer in a less-favoured area. This definition has given rise to problems of interpretation and has also made checks difficult by obliging the physical presence of animals on the land to be verified. It is necessary to make the rules easier for farmers to understand the said definition and to simplify checks. Therefore the defini-

tion of a producer in a less-favoured area should be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3493/90 shall be replaced by:

‘2. “Producer in a less-favoured area” means any producer of sheepmeat or goatmeat whose holding is located in the areas defined pursuant to Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) and amending and repealing certain regulations^(*), or whose holding has at least 50 % of its area which is used for agriculture situated in such areas.

^(*) OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.’

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GLAVANY

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1669/2000 (OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 8).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 132, 23.5.1990, p. 17. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 193/98 (OJ L 20, 27.1.1998, p. 18).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 337, 4.12.1990, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 233/94 (OJ L 30, 3.2.1994, p. 9).

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2826/2000
of 19 December 2000
on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

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

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

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the sectoral provisions in force, the Community can carry out promotional work on the internal market for a number of agricultural products.
- (2) Given the outlook for the markets and the experience acquired, and in order to provide full information to consumers, a comprehensive and consistent information and promotion policy should be followed, on the internal market, for agricultural products and their method of production, and in a subsidiary way for food products, on the same lines as provided for in regard to third countries but with no encouragement to consumption of any product by reason of its specific origins.
- (3) Such a policy will usefully supplement and reinforce the schemes run by Member States by boosting product image in Community consumers' eyes, in particular as regards the quality, nutritional value and safety of food-stuffs and the methods of production.
- (4) Criteria should be set for selecting products and sectors concerned and the themes of the Community campaign.
- (5) To ensure the consistency and effectiveness of programmes, the general approach regarding the essential elements of these should be defined for each product or sector by means of guidelines.
- (6) Given the technical nature of the tasks to be performed, the Commission should be able to have recourse to a committee of communication experts or to technical assistants.
- (7) Financing rules must be set: as a general rule, so that proposing organisations and Member States assume their responsibilities, the Community should meet only part of the cost of actions. However, in exceptional cases it may be more suitable not to require any financial contribution from the relevant Member States. In the

case of information on some Community schemes regarding product origin, organic production, relevant logo and labelling as well as on the graphic symbols laid down in the said legislation, in particular for extremely remote regions, financing shared between the Community and Member States may be justified by the need to provide information to the public on these relatively recent schemes.

- (8) To ensure the greatest cost-effectiveness, the implementation of actions should be entrusted, through appropriate procedures, to bodies with the necessary structure and expertise.
- (9) In order to verify the proper implementation of the programmes and their impact, programme execution should be carefully monitored by Member States and the impact of actions assessed by an independent body.
- (10) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽⁴⁾.
- (11) Expenditure on the financing of actions and European technical assistance should be classed as intervention expenditure under Article 1(2)(e) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽⁵⁾.
- (12) The promotional measures contained in the sectoral regulatory provisions differ in their rules of execution and have been frequently amended. As a result they are difficult to apply. They should be standardised, simplified and incorporated in a single text. Accordingly, the sectoral provisions and rules regarding promotion should be repealed.
- (13) Measures should be laid down for transition between the sectoral provisions and rules and the new arrangements provided for in this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Community may finance, wholly or in part, actions of information and promotion in respect of agricultural products and their method of production and food products, carried out in its territory.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 365 E, 19.12.2000, p. 270.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 15 December 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ Opinion delivered on 15 December 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

2. The actions referred to in paragraph 1 must not be brand-oriented nor incite to consumption of a product on grounds of its specific origin. This provision does not exclude the possibility of indicating the origin of a product covered by actions referred to in Article 2 in the case of designations conferred under Community provisions.

Article 2

The actions referred to in Article 1 shall comprise:

- (a) public relations work, promotion and advertising, which in particular draws attention to intrinsic features and advantages of Community products, notably the quality and safety of food, specific production methods, nutritional and health value, labelling, high animal welfare standards and respect for the environment;
- (b) participation in events, fairs and exhibitions of national or European importance, in particular with stands aimed at upgrading the image of Community products;
- (c) actions of information notably on the Community systems covering protected designation of origin (PDO), protected geographical indication (PGI), guaranteed traditional specialities (GTSs), organic production, labelling, as well as on the graphic symbols laid down in legislation, in particular for extremely remote regions;
- (d) actions of information on the Community system covering quality wines produced in specified regions (quality wines psr), wines with geographical indication and spirit drinks with geographical indication or reserved traditional indication;
- (e) studies to assess the results of the promotion and information activities.

Article 3

The sectors and products which may be covered by the actions referred to in Article 1 shall be determined having regard to the following criteria:

- (a) the desirability of drawing attention to the quality, typical features, specific production method, nutritional and health value, safety, welfare or environment-friendliness of the products in question, by means of thematic or target-specific campaigns;
- (b) the implementation of a consumer information labelling system and of product traceability and control systems;
- (c) the need to tackle specific or short-term difficulties in individual sectors;
- (d) the desirability of providing information on the Community PDO/PGI, GTS and organic production schemes;

- (e) the desirability of providing information on the Community system covering quality wines psr, wines with geographical indication and spirit drinks with geographical indication or reserved traditional indication.

Article 4

1. Every two years the Commission shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13, draw up a list of the themes and products referred to in Article 3. If necessary this can be modified in the interval by the same procedure.

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

Article 5

1. For each sector or product selected the Commission shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13(2), adopt a strategy defining guidelines to which proposals for information and promotion programmes must conform.

2. When laying down the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission may consult the Standing Group on Promotion of Agricultural Products of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Product Health and Safety.

3. These guidelines shall give general indications, in particular concerning:

- (a) objectives and targets,
- (b) one or more themes to be the subject of the measures selected,
- (c) the types of action to be undertaken,
- (d) the duration of programmes,
- (e) the indicative distribution, by market and type of measure, of the amount available for the Community's contribution to programmes.

Article 6

1. For the actions referred to in Article 2(a),(b) and (d) and in accordance with the guidelines referred to in Article 5, the professional and/or interprofessional organisation(s) representing the sector(s) concerned, shall, in collaboration with an implementing body which it has/they have selected after inviting competitive offers by all appropriate means, draw up an information and promotion programme of a maximum duration of 36 months. A programme may cover one or more interested Member States, which shall draw up a specification laying down the criteria for evaluating the programmes. A programme may be from a European-level organisation or an organisation spanning one or more Member States. The latter programmes shall have priority.

2. The Member State(s) concerned shall examine the suitability of each programme and its conformity and that of the proposed implementing body with the provisions of this Regulation, the guidelines and the relevant specification. They shall also check that the programme offers value for money. The Member State(s) shall then draw up a provisional list of programmes and bodies selected within the limit of available funds and undertake to contribute to financing these programmes.

3. Member States shall send the Commission a provisional list of programmes and bodies selected and copies of the programmes.

If the Commission finds that a programme which has been submitted is not in line with Community rules or the guidelines it shall within a time limit to be determined notify the Member State(s) concerned of the ineligibility of all or part of that programme. Once this time limit has been exceeded, the programme shall be deemed eligible.

Member States shall take account of any observations made by the Commission within the time limit. On its expiry the Member State(s) shall draw up and immediately send the Commission a final list of selected programmes.

The Commission shall inform the Management Committee referred to in Article 13 of the programmes selected and the corresponding budgets at the earliest opportunity.

Article 7

1. In the absence of information programmes for one or more of the actions referred to in Article 2(c) presented by the organisations referred to in Article 6 each interested Member State shall draw up on the basis of guidelines established by the Commission its specification and select through a public call for tenders the implementing body for the programme it undertakes to part-finance.

2. It shall send the Commission the chosen programme accompanied by a reasoned opinion on its suitability, its conformity and that of the proposed body with the provisions of this Regulation and the guidelines, and its value for money.

3. For the purposes of the Commission's examination of programmes and their final approval by Member States, the second, third and fourth subparagraphs of Article 6(3) shall apply.

Article 8

1. For drawing up the guidelines referred to in Article 5, the Commission may call on the assistance of a committee of independent communication experts or on technical assistants.

2. The Commission shall use an open or restricted call for tenders to select:

- (a) the technical assistant(s) referred to in paragraph 1,
- (b) the body or bodies responsible for assessing the impact of actions implemented pursuant to Articles 6 and 7.

Article 9

1. The Community shall finance:

- (a) in full, the actions referred to in Article 2(e);
- (b) in part, the other information and promotion actions referred to in Article 2.

2. The Community's contribution to the actions referred to in paragraph 1(b) may not exceed 50 % of their actual cost.

Without prejudice to paragraph 4, Member States shall fund 20 % of the actual cost of the actions referred to in paragraph 2, the rest of the financing being borne by the proposing organisations. The payments made by Member States and/or trade or inter-trade organisations may come from para-fiscal charges.

3. However, where justified and provided that the programme is of manifest Community interest, it may be decided, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13(2), that the proposing organisation will be responsible for all the financing not supplied by the Community.

4. For the actions referred to in Article 7, Member States shall be responsible for the part of the financing not supplied by the Community.

Member States' payments may come from para-fiscal charges.

Article 10

1. The body or bodies entrusted with implementing the actions referred to in Article 6(1) and Article 7(1) must have expertise in the products and markets concerned and have the necessary resources for highly effective implementation, having due regard to the programmes' European dimension.

2. Member States will be responsible for surveillance and payments in the case of all actions other than those referred to in Article 9(1)(a).

Article 11

Community financing of the actions referred to in Article 1 shall be held to fall under Article 1(2)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999.

Article 12

Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13(2).

Article 13

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for Oils and Fats set up under Article 37 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC ⁽¹⁾ and by the management committees set up under the corresponding articles of the other regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets (hereinafter called 'the Committees').

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

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

3. The Committees shall adopt their rules of procedure.

Article 14

Every two years, for the first time before 31 December 2003, the Commission shall send the European Parliament and the Council a report on the application of this Regulation, dealing in particular with the programmes selected and the utilisation of appropriations, accompanied by any appropriate proposals.

Article 15

1. The following provisions shall be deleted:

- (a) Article 11 of Council Regulation 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾,
- (b) Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999 (OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 7).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 146, 4.7.1970, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999.

- (c) Article 20(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 of 16 December 1991 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments ⁽³⁾,
- (d) Articles 1 and 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1332/92 of 18 May 1992 introducing specific measures for table olives ⁽⁴⁾,
- (e) Article 31(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Azores and Madeira relating to certain agricultural products ⁽⁵⁾,
- (f) Article 26(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Canary Islands with regard to certain agricultural products ⁽⁶⁾,
- (g) the second indent of the second paragraph of Article 1 and the second subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 399/94 of 21 February 1994 concerning specific measures for dried grapes ⁽⁷⁾,
- (h) Article 54 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽⁸⁾,
- (i) Article 35(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽⁹⁾.

2. In Regulation (EC) No 399/94 the words 'and the promotion' and '(d) and (e)' shall be deleted from the first paragraph of Article 1 and Article 2(2) respectively.

3. Council Regulations (EEC) No 1195/90 of 7 May 1990 on measures to increase the consumption and utilisation of apples ⁽¹⁰⁾, (EEC) No 1201/90 of 7 May 1990 on measures to increase the consumption of citrus fruit ⁽¹¹⁾, (EEC) No 2067/92 of 30 June 1992 on measures to promote and market quality beef and veal ⁽¹²⁾, (EEC) No 2073/92 of 30 June 1992 on promoting consumption in the Community and expanding the markets for milk and milk products ⁽¹³⁾, (EC) No 2275/96 of 22 November 1996 introducing specific measures for live plants and floricultural products ⁽¹⁴⁾ and (EC) No 2071/98 of 28 September 1998 on publicity measures on the labelling of beef and veal ⁽¹⁵⁾ shall be repealed.

4. The provisions, terms and regulations specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall remain applicable to promotion and information programmes decided before the entry into force of the Regulation applying this Regulation.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 356, 24.12.1991, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2598/95 (OJ L 267, 9.11.1995, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 145, 27.5.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1267/95 (OJ L 123, 3.6.1995, p. 4).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 (OJ L 320, 11.12.1996, p. 1).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 54, 25.2.1994, p. 3.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000 (OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 1).

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 119, 11.5.1990, p. 53.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 119, 11.5.1990, p. 65.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 57.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 67.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ L 308, 29.11.1996, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999.

⁽¹⁵⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 2.

Article 16

The Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 13(2), the necessary measures to facilitate transition from the provisions referred to in Article 15 to those of this Regulation.

Article 17

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GLAVANY

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2827/2000
of 22 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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 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 ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	97,8
	204	73,7
	624	99,6
	999	90,4
0707 00 05	628	146,6
	999	146,6
0709 90 70	052	84,9
	204	48,3
	628	109,0
	999	80,7
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	55,9
	204	46,8
	388	32,2
	999	45,0
0805 20 10	052	77,5
	204	79,2
	999	78,3
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	71,6
	999	71,6
0805 30 10	052	67,5
	600	93,0
	999	80,3
	999	80,3
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	060	36,9
	400	76,8
	404	89,4
	720	108,3
	728	84,3
	999	79,1
0808 20 50	064	71,4
	400	80,2
	999	75,8
	999	75,8

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2828/2000**of 22 December 2000****determining the world market price for unginne cotton and the rate for the aid**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

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

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires a world market price for unginne cotton to be periodically determined from the world market price determined for ginned cotton, using the historical relationship between the two prices as specified in Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89 of 3 May 1989 laying down rules for implementing the system of aid for cotton ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1624/1999 ⁽⁵⁾. If it cannot be determined in this way it is to be based on the last price determined.
- (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. 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 unginne cotton indicated hereunder.
- (4) The second 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 is based on the revised production estimate for unginne cotton plus at least 7,5 %. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2714/2000 ⁽⁶⁾ fixes the revised production estimate for the 2000/2001 marketing year, and the relevant percentage increase. 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 unginne cotton as indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is set at 39,789 EUR/100 kg.
2. The advance payment of the aid referred to in Article 5(3a), second subparagraph, of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is fixed at:
 - 52,948 EUR/100 kg in Spain,
 - 28,499 EUR/100 kg in Greece,
 - 67,511 EUR/100 kg in other Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 48.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 123, 4.5.1989, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 39.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 313, 13.12.2000, p. 7.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2829/2000**of 22 December 2000****opening an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on sorghum imported into Spain from third countries**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the Community has undertaken to import a certain quantity of sorghum into Spain.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 of 26 July 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2235/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the rules governing the administration of those special arrangements. This Regulation lays down the special additional detailed rules necessary for implementing the invitation to tender, in particular those relating to the lodging and release of the security to be lodged by operators to ensure compliance with their obligations and, in particular the obligation to process or use the imported product on the Spanish market.
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 of 20 July 1998 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 ⁽⁵⁾, provides in particular for a reduction of 60 % in the duty applicable to grain sorghum up to a quota of 100 000 tonnes per calendar year and of 50 % in excess of that quota. If that benefit is combined with the reduction provided for under this Regulation, this is likely to disturb the Spanish market for cereals.

Such combined benefits should be ruled out for the sake of the satisfactory functioning of the invitation to tender.

- (4) In the light of current market needs in Spain an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imports of sorghum should be opened in the framework of these special arrangements for imports.
- (5) 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

1. An invitation to tender is hereby opened for the reduction in the import duty referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on sorghum to be imported into Spain.
2. Under this invitation to tender, the reduction in the import duty on grain sorghum provided for in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 shall not apply.
3. The invitation to tender shall be open until 22 February 2001. During that period, weekly invitations shall be issued with quantities and closing dates as shown in the notice of invitation to tender.
4. Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 shall apply save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

Article 2

Import licences issued under these invitations to tender shall be valid 50 days from the date they are issued, within the meaning of Article 10(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95.

*Article 3*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 256, 10.10.2000, p. 13.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 215, 1.8.1998, p. 12.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2830/2000**of 22 December 2000****opening an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on maize imported into Portugal from third countries**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the Community has undertaken to import a certain quantity of maize into Portugal.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 of 26 July 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2235/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the rules governing the administration of those special arrangements. This Regulation lays down the special additional detailed rules necessary for implementing the invitation to tender, in particular those relating to the lodging and release of the security to be lodged by operators to ensure compliance with their obligations and, in particular, the obligation to process or use the imported product on the Portuguese market.
- (3) In the light of current market needs in Portugal, an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imports of maize should be opened in the framework of these special arrangements for imports.
- (4) As a result of the temporary closure of the Danube to trade, transport costs for maize originating in countries through which that river flows and which no longer have access by sea to the Iberian peninsula have increased considerably. Accordingly, the rate of duty applying to such imports no longer reflects the real impact of the costs of transport. As a consequence, to

take these facts into account a further reduction should be made in the import duty for the purposes of invitations to tender opened by this Regulation.

- (5) 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

1. An invitation to tender is hereby opened for the reduction in the import duty referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on maize to be imported into Portugal.
2. The invitation to tender shall be open until 22 February 2001. During that period, weekly invitations shall be issued with quantities and closing dates as shown in the notice of invitation to tender.
3. Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 shall apply save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

Article 2

Import licences issued under these invitations to tender shall be valid 50 days from the date they are issued, within the meaning of Article 10(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95.

Article 3

The reduction in duty granted under the invitations to tender shall be increased by EUR 10 per tonne for imports originating in landlocked countries through which the Danube flows.

Article 4

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

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 256, 10.10.2000, p. 13.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2831/2000**of 22 December 2000****opening an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain from third countries**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, at last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the Community has undertaken to import a certain quantity of maize into Spain.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 of 26 July 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2235/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the rules governing the administration of those special arrangements. This Regulation lays down the special additional detailed rules necessary for implementing the invitation to tender, in particular those relating to the lodging and release of the security to be lodged by operators to ensure compliance with their obligations and, in particular, the obligation to process or use the imported product on the Spanish market.
- (3) In the light of current market needs in Spain, an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imports of maize should be opened in the framework of these special arrangements for imports.
- (4) As a result of the temporary closure of the Danube to trade, transport costs for maize originating in countries through which that river flows and which no longer have access by sea to the Iberian peninsula have increased considerably. Accordingly, the rate of duty applying to such imports no longer reflects the real impact of the cost of transport. As a consequence, to

take these facts into account a further reduction should be made in the import duty for the purposes of invitations to tender opened by this Regulation.

- (5) 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

1. An invitation to tender is hereby opened for the reduction in the import duty referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on maize to be imported into Spain.
2. The invitation to tender shall be open until 22 February 2001. During that period, weekly invitations shall be issued with quantities and closing dates as shown in the notice of invitation to tender.
3. Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 shall apply save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

Article 2

Import licences issued under these invitations to tender shall be valid 50 days from the date they are issued, within the meaning of Article 10(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95.

Article 3

The reduction in duty granted under the invitations to tender shall be increased by EUR 10 per tonne for imports originating in landlocked countries through which the Danube flows.

Article 4

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

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 256, 10.10.2000, p. 13.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2832/2000
of 22 December 2000**

opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for 2001 for products falling within CN codes 0714 10 10, 0714 10 91 and 0714 10 99 originating in Thailand

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 of 18 June 1996 on the implementation of the concessions set out in Schedule CXL drawn up in the wake of the conclusion of the GATT XXIV.6 negotiations ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) During the World Trade Organisation multilateral trade negotiations, the Community undertook to open a tariff quota restricted to 21 million tonnes of products falling within CN codes 0714 10 10, 0714 10 91 and 0714 10 99 originating in Thailand per four-year period, with customs duty reduced to 6 %. This quota must be opened and administered by the Commission.
- (2) It is necessary to keep an administration system which ensures that only products originating in Thailand may be imported under the quota. The issue of an import licence should therefore continue to be subject to the presentation of an export certificate issued by the Thai authorities, a specimen of which has been notified to the Commission.
- (3) Since imports to the Community market of the products concerned have traditionally been administered on the basis of a calendar year this system should be retained. It is therefore necessary to open a quota for 2001.
- (4) The importation of products covered by CN codes 0714 10 10, 0714 10 91 and 0714 10 99 is subject to the presentation of an import licence for which the common detailed rules of application are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 ⁽²⁾, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2110/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the special detailed rules for the application of the system of licences for cereals and rice.
- (5) In light of past experience and taking into account that the Community concession provides for an overall quantity for four years with an annual maximum of 5 500 000 tonnes, it is advisable to maintain measures which, under certain conditions, either facilitate the release for free circulation of quantities of products exceeding those given in the import licences, or allow

the difference between the figure given in the import licences and the smaller figure actually imported to be carried forward.

- (6) In order to ensure the correct application of the agreement, it is necessary to establish a system of strict and systematic controls that take account of the information given on the Thai export certificates and the Thai authorities' procedures for issuing export certificates.
- (7) 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

1. An import tariff quota for 5 500 000 tonnes of products falling within CN codes 0714 10 10, 0714 10 91 and 0714 10 99 originating in Thailand is hereby opened for the period 1 January to 31 December 2001. The customs duty applicable is hereby fixed at 6 % *ad valorem*. The serial number of the quota shall be 09.4008.
2. The above products shall benefit from the arrangements provided for in this Regulation if imported under import licences
 - (a) which are issued subject to the submission of a certificate for export to the European Community issued by the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Thailand, hereinafter referred to as an 'export certificate', which meets the requirements laid down in Title I;
 - (b) which meet the requirements laid down in Title II.

TITLE I

EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Article 2

1. There shall be one original and at least one copy of the export certificate, to be made out on a form of which a specimen is given in the Annex.

The size of the form shall be approximately 210 × 297 millimetres. The original shall be made out on white paper having a printed yellow guilloche pattern background so as to reveal any falsification by mechanical or chemical means.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 146, 20.6.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 117, 24.5.1995, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 250, 5.10.2000, p. 23.

2. The forms shall be printed and completed in English.
3. The original and the copies shall be completed in type-script or in handwriting. In the latter case, they must be completed in ink and in block capitals.
4. Each export certificate shall bear a pre-printed serial number; in the upper section it shall also bear a certificate number. The copies shall bear the same numbers as the original.

Article 3

1. Export certificates issued from 1 January to 31 December 2001 shall be valid for 120 from the date of issue. The date of issue of the certificate shall be counted as part of the period of validity of the certificate.

For the certificate to be valid, the boxes on it must be properly completed and it must be authenticated, as stipulated in the instructions indicated thereon. The shipped weight must be written out in full and also given in figures.

2. The export certificate shall be duly authenticated when it indicates the date of issue and bears the stamp of the issuing body and the signature of the person or persons authorised to sign it.

TITLE II

IMPORT LICENCES

Article 4

1. Applications for an import licence for products falling within CN codes 0714 10 10, 0714 10 91 and 0714 10 99 originating in Thailand shall be submitted to the competent authorities in the Member States accompanied by the original of the export certificate. The original of the said export certificate shall be retained by the body which issues the import licence. However, where the application for an import licence relates to only a part of the quantity indicated on the export certificate, the issuing body shall indicate on the original the quantity for which the original was used and, after affixing its stamp, shall return the original to the party concerned.

Only the quantity indicated under 'shipped weight' on the export certificate shall be taken into consideration for the issue of the import licence.

2. Where it is found that the quantities actually unloaded in a given consignment are greater than the total figuring on the import licence or licences issued for this consignment, the competent authorities who issued the import licence or licences concerned shall, at the request of the importer, communicate to the Commission by telex or fax, case by case and as soon as possible, the number or numbers of the Thai export certificates, the number or numbers of the import licences, the excess quantity concerned and the name of the cargo vessel.

The Commission shall contact the Thai authorities so that new export certificates may be drawn up. Until the new certificates have been drawn up, the excess quantities may not be released for free circulation under the conditions laid down in this Regulation as long as new import licences for the quantities in question cannot be presented. New import licences shall be issued under the conditions laid down in Article 7.

3. However, by way of derogation from paragraph 2, where it is found that the quantities actually unloaded in the case of a given delivery do not exceed by more than 2 % the quantities covered by the import licence or licences presented, the competent authorities of the Member State of release for free circulation shall, at the importer's request, authorise the release for free circulation of the surplus quantities in return for payment of a customs duty with a ceiling of 6 % *ad valorem* and the lodging by the importer of a security of an amount equal to the difference between the duty laid down in the common customs tariff and the duty paid.

When the Commission receives the information referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, it shall contact the Thai authorities so that new export certificates may be drawn up.

The security shall be released upon presentation to the competent authorities of the Member State of release for free circulation of an additional import licence for the quantities concerned. Application for that licence does not entail an obligation to lodge the security for a licence referred to in Article 15(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 or Article 5 of this Regulation. The licence shall be issued under the conditions laid down in Article 7 and upon presentation of one or more new export certificates issued by the Thai authorities. The additional import licence shall contain in box 20 one of the following entries:

- Certificado complementario, apartado 3 del artículo 4 del Reglamento (CE) n° 2832/2000
- Supplerende licens, forordning (EF) nr. 2832/2000, artikel 4 stk. 3
- Zusätzliche Lizenz — Artikel 4 Absatz 3 der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 2832/2000
- Συμπληρωματικό πιστοποιητικό — Άρθρο 4 παράγραφος 3 του κανονισμού (ΕΚ) αριθ. 2832/2000
- Licence for additional quantity, Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2832/2000
- Certificat complémentaire, règlement (CE) n° 2832/2000 article 4 paragraphe 3
- Titolo complementare, regolamento (CE) n. 2832/2000 articolo 4, paragrafo 3
- Aanvullend certificaat — artikel 4, lid 3, van Verordening (EG) nr. 2832/2000
- Certificado complementar, n.º 3 do artigo 4.º do Regulamento (CE) n.º 2832/2000
- Lisätodistus, asetus (EY) N:o 2832/2000, 4 artiklan 3 kohta
- Kompletterande licens, artikel 4.3 i förordning (EG) nr 2832/2000.

Except in cases of *force majeure*, the security shall be forfeit for quantities for which an additional import licence is not presented within a period of four months from the date of acceptance of the declaration of release for free circulation referred to in the first subparagraph. It shall be forfeit in particular for quantities for which the additional import licence has not been issued pursuant to Article 7(1).

After the competent authority has entered the quantity on the additional import licence and authenticated the entry, and the security provided for in the first subparagraph is released, the licence shall be sent to the issuing body as soon as possible.

4. Applications for licences may be submitted in all Member States and licences issued shall be valid throughout the Community.

The fourth indent of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 shall not apply to imports carried out under this Regulation.

Article 5

By way of derogation from Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95, the security relating to the import licences provided for in this Title shall be EUR 5 per tonne.

Article 6

1. Applications for an import licence and the licence itself shall be marked 'Thailand' in box 8.

2. The licence shall bear the following indications in one of the language versions given below:

(a) in box 24:

- Derechos de aduana limitados al 6 % *ad valorem* [Reglamento (CE) n° 2832/2000]
- Toldsatsen begrænses til 6 % af værdien (Forordning (EF) nr. 2832/2000)
- Beschränkung des Zolls auf 6 % des Zollwerts (Verordnung (EG) Nr. 2832/2000)
- Τελωνειακός δασμός κατ' ανώτατο όριο 6 % κατ' αξία [κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 2832/2000]
- Customs duties limited to 6 % *ad valorem* (Regulation (EC) No 2832/2000)
- Droits de douane limités à 6 % *ad valorem* [règlement (CE) n° 2832/2000]
- Dazi doganali limitati al 6 % *ad valorem* [regolamento (CE) n. 2832/2000]
- Douanerechten beperkt tot 6 % *ad valorem* [Verordening (EG) nr. 2832/2000]
- Direitos aduaneiros limitados a 6 % *ad valorem* [Reglamento (CE) n.º 2832/2000]
- Arvotulli rajoitettu 6 prosenttiin (asetus (EY) N:o 2832/2000)

— Tullsatsen begränsad till 6 % av värdet (Förordning (EG) nr 2832/2000);

(b) in box 20:

- Nombre del barco (indicar el nombre del barco que figura en el certificado de exportación tailandés)
- Skibets navn (skibsnavn, der er anført i det thailandske eksportcertifikat)
- Name des Schiffes (Angabe des in der thailändischen Ausfuhrbescheinigung eingetragenen Schiffsnamens)
- Ονομασία του πλοίου (σημειώστε την ονομασία του πλοίου που αναγράφεται στο ταϊλανδικό πιστοποιητικό εξαγωγής)
- Name of the cargo vessel (state the name of the vessel given on the Thai export certificate)
- Nom du bateau (indiquer le nom du bateau figurant sur le certificat d'exportation thaïlandais)
- Nome della nave (indicare il nome della nave che figura sul titolo di esportazione thailandese)
- Naam van het schip (zoals aangegeven in het Thaise uitvoercertificaat)
- Nome do navio (indicar o nome do navio que consta do certificado de exportação tailandês)
- Laivan nimi (nimi, joka on thaimaalaisessa vientitodistuksessa)
- Fartygets navn (namnet på det fartyg som anges i den thailändska exportlicensen)

- Número y fecha del certificado de exportación tailandés
- Det thailandske eksportcertifikats nummer og dato
- Nummer und Datum der thailändischen Ausfuhrbescheinigung
- Αριθμός και ημερομηνία του ταϊλανδικού πιστοποιητικού εξαγωγής
- Serial number and date of the Thai export certificate
- Numéro et date du certificat d'exportation thaïlandais
- Numero e data del titolo di esportazione thailandese
- Nummer en datum van het Thaise uitvoercertificaat
- Número e data do certificado de exportação tailandês
- Thaimaalaisen vientitodistuksen numero ja päivämäärä
- Den thailändska exportlicensens nummer och datum.

3. A licence shall be accepted in support of a declaration of release for free circulation only if, notably in the light of a copy of the bill of lading presented by the party concerned, it is shown that the products for which release for free circulation is requested have been transported to the Community by the vessel referred to in the import licence.

4. Subject to application of Article 4(3) and notwithstanding Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000, the quantity released for free circulation may not exceed that shown in boxes 17 and 18 of the import licence. The figure 0 shall be entered to that effect in box 19 of the said licence

Article 7

1. The import licence shall be issued on the fifth working day following the day on which the application is lodged, except where the Commission informs the competent authorities of the Member State by telex or fax that the conditions laid down in this Regulation have not been fulfilled.

Where the conditions governing the issue of the licence have not been complied with, the Commission may, where necessary, and following consultation with the Thai authorities, adopt appropriate measures.

2. At the request of the party concerned, and following communication of the Commission's agreement by telex or fax, the import licence may be issued within a shorter period.

Article 8

By way of derogation from Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95, the last day of the period of validity of the import licence shall correspond to the last day of the period of validity of the export certificate plus 30 days.

Article 9

1. The Member States shall communicate to the Commission each day by telex or fax the following information

concerning each application for a licence:

- the quantity for which each import licence is requested, with the indication, where appropriate, 'additional import licence',
- the name of the applicant for the import licence,
- the number of the export certificate submitted, as indicated in the upper section of the certificate,
- the date of issue of the export certificate,
- the total quantity for which the export certificate was issued,
- the name of the exporter indicated on the export certificate.

2. At the end of the first half of 2002, at the latest, the authorities responsible for issuing import licences shall communicate to the Commission by telex or fax a complete list of quantities not taken up as endorsed on the back of the import licences, the name of the cargo vessel and the numbers of the export certificates in question.

TITLE III

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 10

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Pascal LAMY

Member of the Commission



ORIGINAL

SERIAL No

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

EXPORT CERTIFICATE SUBJECT TO REGULATION (EC) No 2832/2000

SPECIAL FORM FOR PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN CN CODES 0714 10 10, 0714 10 91, 0714 10 99

EXPORT CERTIFICATE No	
EXPORT PERMIT No	

1. EXPORTER (NAME, ADDRESS AND COUNTRY)		2. FIRST CONSIGNEE (NAME, ADDRESS AND COUNTRY)	
NAME		NAME	
ADDRESS		ADDRESS	
COUNTRY		COUNTRY	
3. SHIPPED PER		4. COUNTRY/COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION IN EU	
5. TYPE OF MANIOC PRODUCTS	6. WEIGHT (TONNES)		7. PACKING
<input type="checkbox"/> CN CODE 0714 10 10 <input type="checkbox"/> CN CODE 0714 10 91 <input type="checkbox"/> CN CODE 0714 10 99	SHIPPED WEIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> IN BULK <input type="checkbox"/> BAGS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHERS
	ESTIMATED NET WEIGHT		

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVEMENTIONED PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED IN AND ARE EXPORTED FROM THAILAND

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE

DATE

.....
NAME AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED OFFICIAL AND STAMP

THIS CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE

FOR USE BY EU AUTHORITIES:

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2833/2000**of 22 December 2000****establishing rules for the management and distribution of textile quotas established for the year 2001 under Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 of 7 March 1994 relating to the common rules for the import of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 7/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 17(3), 17(6) and 21(2) and (3) thereof, in conjunction with Article 25(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Council, through Regulation (EC) No 517/94, established quantitative restrictions on imports of certain textile products originating in certain third countries and envisaged, in Article 17(2), that these quotas would be allocated in chronological order of receipt of notifications from the Member States according to the principle of first come, first served.
- (2) Article 17(3) of Regulation (EC) No 517/94 stipulates that it is possible, in certain circumstances, to make use of allocation methods which differ from the method based exclusively on the chronological order of receipt of notifications from Member States, as well as to envisage the division of the quotas into tranches or to set aside part of a specific quantitative limit exclusively for applications which are backed up by proof of the results of previous imports.
- (3) It is advisable, in order not to affect unduly the continuity of trade flows, to adopt rules for management and distribution of the quotas established for 2001 under Regulation (EC) No 517/94 before the quota year begins.
- (4) The measures contained in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2629/1999 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 394/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, establishing rules for the management and distribution of textiles quotas established for the year 2000 pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 proved to be satisfactory.

- (5) In order to satisfy the greatest possible number of operators it therefore seems appropriate to make the 'first come, first served' allocation method based on the chronological order of receipt of the notifications from Member States more flexible by placing a ceiling on the quantities which can be allocated to each operator by that method.
- (6) The Commission has received requests to increase the maximum quantities per operator applied for imports of textile products originating in North Korea. These requests are justified in order to enable shipments to be made under adequate economic conditions.
- (7) Efforts should nevertheless be made to guarantee a degree of continuity in trade. This consideration and the desirability of efficient quota administration make it appropriate for operators to be allowed to make their initial import authorisation application for 2001 equivalent to the quantity (for each textile category and each third country) which they imported in 2000.
- (8) For optimum use of the quantities it is appropriate to envisage that each operator, after 50 % utilisation of a licence, can introduce a new request for a licence, not exceeding a predetermined quantity, provided quantities are available in the quotas.
- (9) It is appropriate for the sake of sound administration to make import authorisations valid for nine months from the date of issue and to stipulate that the Member States can issue licences only after being notified of the Commission's decision and only if an operator can prove the existence of a contract and certify (except where specifically provided otherwise) that he has not already been allocated a Community import authorisation under this Regulation for the categories and countries concerned. The competent national authorities are however authorised, in response to importers' applications, to extend by three months and up to 31 March 2002, licences of which at least 50 % has been used by the application date.
- (10) Kosovo, as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999, is subject to international civil administration by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) which has established a separate customs administration. It is, therefore, appropriate to identify the country concerned as the 'Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 67, 10.3.1994, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 2, 5.1.2000, p. 51.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 321, 14.12.1999, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 49, 22.2.2000, p. 33.

(11) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion expressed by the Committee established by Regulation (EC) No 517/94,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation specifies certain rules concerning the management of quantitative quotas established by Regulation (EC) No 517/94 and applicable for 2001.

Article 2

The quotas referred to in Article 1 and shown in Annexes III B and IV to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 shall be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis according to the chronological order of receipt by the Commission of Member States' notifications of applications from individual operators, for amounts not exceeding the maximum quantities per operator stipulated in the Annex hereto.

These maximum quantities shall not, however, apply to operators able to prove to the competent national authorities when making their first application for 2001 that they imported, for given categories, given third countries and under import licences granted to them for 2000, more than the maximum quantities specified for each category. In the case of such operators, the competent authorities may authorise imports of no more than the quantities imported in 2000 for given third countries and given categories, provided that enough quota is available.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Pascal LAMY

Member of the Commission

Article 3

Any importer who has used 50 % or more of the amount allocated to him through a licence under this Regulation may make a further application for a licence, for the same category and country of origin, for amounts not exceeding the maximum quantities laid down in the Annex hereto, provided that enough of the quota is available.

Article 4

The requests for import authorisations can be submitted to the Commission as of 4 January 2001 at 10 a.m., Brussels time. Import authorisations shall be valid for nine months from the date of issue, but in no case later than 31 December 2001. At the importer's request, the competent national authorities may, however, grant a three-month extension for licences which are at least 50 % used up at the time of the request. The extension must in no case last beyond 31 March 2002.

The competent authorities of the Member States shall issue authorisations only after being notified of the Commission's decision and only if an operator can prove the existence of a contract and, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3, certify in writing that he has not already been allocated a Community import authorisation under this Regulation for the categories and countries concerned.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

ANNEX

MAXIMUM AMOUNTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2

Country concerned	Category	Unit	Maximum amount
North Korea	1	kilograms	10 000
	2	kilograms	10 000
	3	kilograms	10 000
	4	pieces	10 000
	5	pieces	10 000
	6	pieces	10 000
	7	pieces	10 000
	8	pieces	10 000
	9	kilograms	10 000
	12	pares	10 000
	13	pieces	10 000
	14	pieces	10 000
	15	pieces	10 000
	16	pieces	10 000
	17	pieces	10 000
	18	kilograms	10 000
	19	pieces	10 000
	20	kilograms	10 000
	21	pieces	10 000
	24	pieces	10 000
	26	pieces	10 000
	27	pieces	10 000
	28	pieces	10 000
29	pieces	10 000	
31	pieces	10 000	
36	kilograms	10 000	
37	kilograms	10 000	
39	kilograms	10 000	

Country concerned	Category	Unit	Maximum amount
North Korea (cont'd)	59	kilograms	10 000
	61	kilograms	10 000
	68	kilograms	10 000
	69	pieces	10 000
	70	pieces	10 000
	73	pieces	10 000
	74	pieces	10 000
	75	pieces	10 000
	76	kilograms	10 000
	77	kilograms	5 000
	78	kilograms	5 000
	83	kilograms	10 000
	87	kilograms	10 000
	109	kilograms	10 000
	117	kilograms	10 000
	118	kilograms	10 000
	142	kilograms	10 000
	151A	kilograms	10 000
	151B	kilograms	10 000
161	kilograms	10 000	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	kilograms	20 000
	2	kilograms	20 000
	2a	kilograms	10 000
	3	kilograms	10 000
	5	pieces	10 000
	6	pieces	10 000
	7	pieces	10 000
	8	pieces	10 000
	9	kilograms	10 000
	15	pieces	10 000
	16	pieces	10 000
	67	kilograms	10 000

Country concerned	Category	Unit	Maximum amount
Croatia	1	kilograms	20 000
	2	kilograms	20 000
	2a	kilograms	10 000
	3	kilograms	10 000
	5	pieces	10 000
	6	pieces	10 000
	7	pieces	10 000
	8	pieces	10 000
	9	kilograms	10 000
	15	pieces	10 000
	16	pieces	10 000
	67	kilograms	10 000
	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo	1	kilograms
2		kilograms	20 000
2a		kilograms	10 000
3		kilograms	10 000
5		pieces	10 000
6		pieces	10 000
7		pieces	10 000
8		pieces	10 000
9		kilograms	10 000
15		pieces	10 000
16		pieces	10 000
67		kilograms	10 000

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2834/2000
of 22 December 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals
products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Azores and Madeira ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the Azores and Madeira has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2404/2000 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community and on the world market, the aid for supply to the Azores and

Madeira should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.

- (2) 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 Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 185, 4.7.1992, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 27.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid	
	Destination	
	Azores	Madeira
Common wheat (1001 90 99)	17,00	17,00
Barley (1003 00 90)	17,00	17,00
Maize (1005 90 00)	29,00	29,00
Durum wheat (1001 10 00)	17,00	17,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2835/2000
of 22 December 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals
products from the Community to the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the Canary Islands has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2393/2000 ⁽⁴⁾; as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community and on the

world market, the aid for supply to the Canary Islands should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.

- (2) 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 Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 185, 4.7.1992, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 10.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the Canary Islands

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)		Amount of aid
Common wheat	(1001 90 99)	17,00
Barley	(1003 00 90)	17,00
Maize	(1005 90 00)	29,00
Durum wheat	(1001 10 00)	17,00
Oats	(1004 00 00)	36,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2836/2000
of 22 December 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products
from the Community to the French overseas departments

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 of 16 December 1991 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the French overseas departments (FOD) has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2618/2000 ⁽⁴⁾; as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community

and on the world market, the aid for supply to the FOD should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.

- (2) 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 Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 24.12.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 43, 19.2.1992, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 302, 1.12.2000, p. 8.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the French overseas departments

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid			
	Destination			
	Guadeloupe	Martinique	French Guiana	Réunion
Common wheat (1001 90 99)	21,00	21,00	21,00	25,00
Barley (1003 00 90)	21,00	21,00	21,00	25,00
Maize (1005 90 00)	32,00	32,00	32,00	35,00
Durum wheat (1001 10 00)	21,00	21,00	21,00	25,00
Oats (1004 00 00)	39,00	39,00	—	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2837/2000
of 22 December 2000
establishing the quantity of certain poultrymeat and eggs sector products available for the first
quarter of 2001 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1866/95

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1866/95 of 26 July 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application in the poultrymeat and eggs sector of the arrangements provided for in the free trade agreements between the Community, of the one part and Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2807/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure distribution of the quantities available, the quantities carried forward from the period 1 October to 31 December 2000 should be added to the quantities available for the period 1 January to 31 March 2001.

- (2) In order to take into account the new provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2807/2000, it is advisable to determine the quantities available for the new groups as well as those for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities available for the period 1 January to 31 March 2001 and from 1 January to 30 June 2001 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1866/95 are set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 29.7.1995, p. 26.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 326, 22.12.2000, p. 10.

ANNEX

to Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 establishing the quantity of certain poultrymeat and eggs sector products available for the first quarter of 2001 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1866/95

(t)

Group No	Total quantity available for the period 1 January to 31 March 2001
50	468,75
55	75,00
70	468,75
75	93,75
78	75,00

(t)

Group No	Total quantity available for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001
60	500,00
65	100,00

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2838/2000
of 22 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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, 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 2281/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(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 15 to 21 December 2000 at 204,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2839/2000
of 22 December 2000

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

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 ⁽³⁾ thereof,

Whereas:

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

(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 medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported to certain European third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 15 to 21 December 2000 at 190,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2840/2000
of 22 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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, 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 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(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 15 to 21 December 2000 at 209,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2841/2000**of 22 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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, 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 2284/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(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 15 to 21 December 2000 at 285,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2842/2000
of 22 December 2000**

fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 13(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2681/74 of 21 October 1974 on Community financing of expenditure incurred in respect of the supply of agricultural products as food aid ⁽⁵⁾ lays down that the portion of the expenditure corresponding to the export refunds on the products in question fixed under Community rules is to be charged to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.
- (2) In order to make it easier to draw up and manage the budget for Community food aid actions and to enable the Member States to know the extent of Community participation in the financing of national food aid

actions, the level of the refunds granted for these actions should be determined.

- (3) The general and implementing rules provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on export refunds are applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the abovementioned operations.
- (4) The specific criteria to be used for calculating the export refund on rice are set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For Community and national food aid operations under international agreements or other supplementary programmes, and other Community free supply measures, the refunds applicable to cereals and rice sector products shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 288, 25.10.1974, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

(EUR/t)

Product code	Refund
1001 10 00 9400	0,00
1001 90 99 9000	5,00
1002 00 00 9000	38,00
1003 00 90 9000	0,00
1004 00 00 9400	33,00
1005 90 00 9000	26,00
1006 30 92 9100	210,00
1006 30 92 9900	210,00
1006 30 94 9100	210,00
1006 30 94 9900	210,00
1006 30 96 9100	210,00
1006 30 96 9900	210,00
1006 30 98 9100	210,00
1006 30 98 9900	210,00
1006 30 65 9900	210,00
1006 40 00 9000	—
1007 00 90 9000	26,00
1101 00 15 9100	11,00
1101 00 15 9130	11,00
1102 20 10 9200	32,96
1102 20 10 9400	28,25
1102 30 00 9000	—
1102 90 10 9100	0,00
1103 11 10 9200	0,00
1103 11 90 9200	0,00
1103 13 10 9100	42,37
1103 14 00 9000	—
1104 12 90 9100	59,12
1104 21 50 9100	0,00

NB: The product codes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), amended.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2843/2000
of 22 December 2000
setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

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

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 296, 17.11.1994, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 19.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Canary Islands

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid
Milled rice (1006 30)	207,00
Broken rice (1006 40)	46,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2844/2000**of 22 December 2000****setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Azores and Madeira ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

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

products to the Azores and Madeira and establishing the forecast supply balance for these products ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1683/94 ⁽⁶⁾, lays down detailed rules which complement or derogate from the provisions of the aforementioned Regulation.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
 Franz FISCHLER
 Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 1.7.1992, p. 6.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 238, 23.9.1993, p. 24.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 198, 17.7.1992, p. 37.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 178, 12.7.1994, p. 53.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid	
	Destination	
	Azores	Madeira
Milled rice (1006 30)	207,00	207,00

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2845/2000
of 22 December 2000**

fixing the export refunds on rice and broken rice and suspending the issue of export licences

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 13(3) and (15) thereof,

Whereas:

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

(2) Article 13(4) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95, provides that when refunds are being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of rice and broken rice on the Community market on the one hand and prices for rice and broken rice on the world market on the other. The same Article provides that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on the rice market and, furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports and the need to avoid disturbances of the Community market with limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

(3) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1361/76 ⁽³⁾ lays down the maximum percentage of broken rice allowed in rice for which an export refund is fixed and specifies the percentage by which that refund is to be reduced where the proportion of broken rice in the rice exported exceeds that maximum.

(4) Export possibilities exist for a quantity of 15 979 tonnes of rice to certain destinations. The procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2110/2000 ⁽⁵⁾ should be used. Account should be taken of this when the refunds are fixed.

(5) Article 13(5) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 defines the specific criteria to be taken into account when the export refund on rice and broken rice is being calculated.

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

(7) A separate refund should be fixed for packaged long grain rice to accommodate current demand for the product on certain markets.

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

(9) It follows from applying these rules and criteria to the present situation on the market in rice and in particular to quotations or prices for rice and broken rice within the Community and on the world market, that the refund should be fixed as set out in the Annex hereto.

(10) For the purposes of administering the volume restrictions resulting from Community commitments in the context of the WTO, the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund should be restricted.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 with the exception of those listed in paragraph 1(c) of that Article, exported in the natural state, shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

With the exception of the quantity of 15 979 tonnes provided for in the Annex, the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund is suspended.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 154, 15.6.1976, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 117, 24.5.1995, p. 2.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 250, 5.10.2000, p. 23.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 December 2000 fixing the export refunds on rice and broken rice and suspending the issue of export licences

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refunds (°)	Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refunds (°)
1006 20 11 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00	1006 30 65 9100	R01	EUR/t	194,00
1006 20 13 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		R02	EUR/t	199,00
1006 20 15 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		R03	EUR/t	204,00
1006 20 17 9000	—	EUR/t	—		064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 20 92 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		A97	EUR/t	199,00
1006 20 94 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00	1006 30 65 9900	021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00
1006 20 96 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		R01	EUR/t	194,00
1006 20 98 9000	—	EUR/t	—		064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 30 21 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00	1006 30 67 9100	A97	EUR/t	199,00
1006 30 23 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00
1006 30 25 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 30 27 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1006 30 67 9900	064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 30 42 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00	1006 30 92 9100	R01	EUR/t	194,00
1006 30 44 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		R02	EUR/t	199,00
1006 30 46 9000	R01	EUR/t	155,00		R03	EUR/t	204,00
1006 30 48 9000	—	EUR/t	—		064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 30 61 9100	R01	EUR/t	194,00		A97	EUR/t	199,00
	R02	EUR/t	199,00	1006 30 92 9900	021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00
	R03	EUR/t	204,00		R01	EUR/t	194,00
	064	EUR/t	157,00		A97	EUR/t	199,00
	A97	EUR/t	199,00	1006 30 94 9100	064	EUR/t	157,00
	021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00		R01	EUR/t	194,00
1006 30 61 9900	R01	EUR/t	194,00		R02	EUR/t	199,00
	A97	EUR/t	199,00		R03	EUR/t	204,00
	064	EUR/t	157,00	1006 30 94 9900	064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 30 63 9100	R01	EUR/t	194,00		A97	EUR/t	199,00
	R02	EUR/t	199,00		021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00
	R03	EUR/t	204,00	1006 30 96 9100	R01	EUR/t	194,00
	064	EUR/t	157,00		R02	EUR/t	199,00
	A97	EUR/t	199,00		R03	EUR/t	204,00
	021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00		064	EUR/t	157,00
1006 30 63 9900	R01	EUR/t	194,00	1006 30 96 9900	A97	EUR/t	199,00
	064	EUR/t	157,00		021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00
	A97	EUR/t	199,00	1006 30 98 9100	R01	EUR/t	194,00
					A97	EUR/t	199,00
				1006 30 98 9900	064	EUR/t	157,00
				1006 40 00 9000	021 and 023	EUR/t	199,00
					—	EUR/t	—
					—	EUR/t	—

(°) The procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 applies to licences applied for under that Regulation for the following quantities, depending on destination:

Destination R01: 3 000 t
Destinations R02, R03: 3 009 t
Destinations 021 and 023: 500 t
Destination 064: 9 170 t
Destination A97: 300 t.

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

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

The other destinations are defined as follows:

R01 Switzerland, Liechtenstein, communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia.

R02 Marocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Malta, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Syria, Ex-Spanish Sahara, Cyprus, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Eritrea, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Norway, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Russia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Yugoslavia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan.

R03 Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong SAR, A40, A11 except Suriname, Guyana, Madagascar.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2846/2000

of 22 December 2000

fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in under the 258th partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 17(8) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 of 15 March 2000 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 as regards the buying-in of beef ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000 ⁽³⁾, lays down buying standards. Pursuant to the above Regulation, an invitation to tender was opened pursuant to Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying-in of beef by invitation to tender ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2760/2000 ⁽⁵⁾.

(2) Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 lays down that a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received. In accordance with Article 36 of that Regulation, only tenders quoting prices not exceeding the maximum buying-in price and not exceeding the average national or regional market price, plus the amount referred to in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000 are to be accepted.

(3) Once tenders submitted in respect of the 258th partial invitation to tender have been considered and taking account, pursuant to Article 47(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999, and taking account of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughterings and prices, the maximum buying-in price and the quantities which may be bought in should be fixed.

(4) The quantities offered (for categories A and C) at present exceed the quantities which may be bought in. Accordingly, a reducing coefficient or, where appropriate, depending on the differences in prices and the quantities tendered for, several reducing coefficients should accord-

ingly be applied to those quantities in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000.

(5) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000 also opens buying-in of carcasses and half-carcasses of store cattle and lays down special rules in addition to those laid down for the buying-in of other products.

(6) In view of the way the situation is developing, this Regulation should enter into force immediately.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the 258th partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89:

(a) for category A:

- the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 236,99/100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses of quality R3,
- the maximum quantity of carcasses and half-carcasses accepted shall be 12 371 t,
- the quantities offered at a price of EUR 227 or more shall be multiplied by a coefficient of 75 % in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000.

(b) for category C:

- the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 236/100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses of quality R3,
- the maximum quantity of carcasses and half-carcasses accepted shall be 70 t,

(c) for carcasses and half-carcasses of store cattle as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000:

- the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 351/100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses,
- the maximum quantity of carcasses and half-carcasses shall be 80 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 68, 16.3.2000, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 316, 15.12.2000, p. 45.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 159, 10.6.1989, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 318, 16.12.2000, p. 27.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2847/2000
of 22 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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2432/2000 ⁽³⁾ 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 tomatoes 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 tomatoes exported after 22 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 tomatoes submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2432/2000, export declarations for which are accepted after 22 December 2000 and before 17 January 2001 are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 30.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 19 December 2000

**on the granting of exceptional national aid by the authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany
for the distillation of certain wine sector products**

(2000/808/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the request made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on 1 December 2000,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 29 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾ allows Community support for the distillation of wines in order to support the wine market and, as a consequence, facilitate the continuation of supplies of wine distillate.
- (2) In the *Land* of Rhineland Palatinate, three successive wine-growing years with production below 6 million hectolitres per annum, i.e. below the annual average of 7,1 million hectolitres over a 10-year period, followed by three successive wine-growing years with harvests of between 7 million and over 8 million hectolitres per annum, have caused a significant drop in wine prices since the autumn of 1998.
- (3) The German authorities are planning to grant exceptional aid for the distillation of a maximum quantity of 350 000 hectolitres of wine in that region, in order to provide additional support for the measures applied by the Community pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, and notified the Commission of this planned aid on 21 September 2000.

(4) The Commission has not at this stage given an opinion on the nature and compatibility of the aid.

(5) Given the current situation on the wine market, with abnormally low prices and no prospect of rapid and sustainable recovery, the granting of aid of EUR 7,66 (DEM 15) per hectolitre, in addition to the aid of EUR 17,89 (DEM 35) per hectolitre already provided for, (as a result of application of the measure referred to in Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999), is intended to offset this imbalance. The additional aid and the aid already provided for may be modulated according to the alcohol content of the wine but may in no circumstances exceed EUR 25,56 (DEM 50) in total.

(6) Exceptional circumstances therefore exist, making it possible to consider such aid, by way of derogation and to the extent strictly necessary to remedy the imbalance which has arisen, to be compatible with the common market on the terms specified in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Exceptional additional aid by the German authorities for the distillation of a maximum quantity of 350 000 hectolitres of wine in the *Land* of Rhineland Palatinate, amounting to a maximum of EUR 4,38 million (DEM 8,57 million), including administrative expenditure, shall be considered to be compatible with the common market.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000 (OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 1).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GLAVANY

COUNCIL DECISION
of 19 December 2000
on the granting of exceptional national aid by the Government of the Italian Republic for the
distillation of certain wine sector products

(2000/809/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the request made by the Government of the Italian Republic on 6 December 2000,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 30 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾ allows a crisis distillation measure if there is an exceptional case of wine market disturbance caused by serious surpluses and/or problems of quality.
- (2) An imbalance on the wine market as a result of surplus wine stocks prompted the Italian Government to request the introduction of crisis distillation, pursuant to Article 30 of the aforementioned Regulation, for 120 000 hectolitres of wine obtained by fermentation of products suitable for the production of 'Asti' and 'Moscato d'Asti'; the Management Committee for Wine gave a favourable opinion on 28 November 2000.
- (3) The introduction of such crisis distillation involves the payment of Community aid of EUR 1,914/% vol/hl (ITL 3 706,02), which the Italian Government thinks altogether insufficient either to avoid loss of income for producers, given the low level of prices, or to prevent greater market disturbance, taking into account the very high production costs resulting *inter alia* from the keeping of stocks which have to be refrigerated and from the cost of measures for the restructuring of production.
- (4) To deal with these difficulties, the Italian Government is requesting authorisation to grant exceptional additional aid equivalent to EUR 12,390/% vol/hl (ITL 23 990,38) for application to the total quantity of

wine to be covered by crisis distillation; the overall expenditure is estimated at around EUR 15,5 million (approx. ITL 30 billion).

- (5) The aid in question, for a limited quantity of a high-quality product such as 'Asti' and 'Moscato d'Asti', is justified on account of the current crisis on the wine market, which could worsen further without a sufficient level of intervention.
- (6) Exceptional circumstances therefore exist, making it possible to consider such aid, by way of derogation and to the extent strictly necessary to remedy the imbalance which has arisen, to be compatible with the common market on the terms specified in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Exceptional additional aid by the Italian Government for the distillation of 120 000 hectolitres of wine obtained by fermentation of products suitable for the production of 'Asti' and 'Moscato d'Asti', amounting to EUR 12,390/% vol/hl (ITL 23 990,38), shall be considered to be compatible with the common market.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GLAVANY

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000 (OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 1).

**COUNCIL DECISION
of 19 December 2000**

**on the granting of exceptional national aid by the Government of the French Republic for the
distillation of certain wine sector products**

(2000/810/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the request made by the Government of the French Republic on 8 December 2000,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 29 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾ allows Community support for the distillation of wines in order to support the wine market and, as a consequence, facilitate the continuation of supplies of wine distillate.
- (2) Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 allows a crisis distillation measure if there is an exceptional case of wine market disturbance caused by serious surpluses and/or problems of quality.
- (3) In the course of the 2000/2001 wine-growing year, it has become clear that the timetable for beginning distillation operations is unsuited to certain vineyards. The distribution of contract applications shows that the measure is not equally accessible to all wine-growing regions, particularly in France, where the price of EUR 2,488/% vol/hl is out of line with the production costs of wine-growers, in particular those who have made efforts to improve quality. Furthermore, operators are tending to adopt an opportunist approach in a situation of increased competition on the alcohol market. The last two sizeable harvests following upon three low harvests, coupled with an unforeseeable reduction in consumption and a drop in exports, have led to a considerable increase of 40 % of stocks in some regions.
- (4) The operation and practice of distillation by jobbing distillers, which seems to be spreading, and the crisis distillation introduced on a case-by-case basis at the request of Member States with the adoption of prices that differ according to the requests, in the French Government's view, require detailed examination in order to assess their effects on the market.
- (5) To deal with the situation, the French Government is planning to grant exceptional aid to producers who supply wine for one of the forms of distillation referred to in Articles 29 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/

1999 and who do not exceed a crop yield ceiling fixed at 90 hectolitres per hectare, so that the national addition to wine prices will bring the price up to EUR 3,7/% vol/hl for a quota of 1 000 000 hectolitres requested pursuant to Article 29. In this case, the overall amount of national aid will be EUR 12,2 million. Should it not prove possible to implement this measure fully from the quota available pursuant to Article 29, it would be implemented pursuant to Article 30 and the maximum cost of the national measure would then be EUR 17,86 million.

- (6) Exceptional circumstances therefore exist, making it possible to consider such aid, by way of derogation and to the extent strictly necessary to remedy the imbalance which has arisen, to be compatible with the common market on the terms specified in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Exceptional aid by the French Government for the distillation of 1 000 000 hectolitres of wine on French territory:

— totalling EUR 12,2 million, for the amount necessary to bring the price of wine up to EUR 3,7/% vol/hl,

or, should it not prove possible to implement this measure fully from the quota available pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999:

— totalling EUR 17,86 million, for the amount necessary to bring the price of wine up to EUR 3,7/% vol/hl, for implementation pursuant to Article 30 of the aforementioned Regulation,

shall be considered to be compatible with the common market.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GLAVANY

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1622/2000 (OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 1).

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

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION
of 22 December 2000
on the European Union Monitoring Mission

(2000/811/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular, Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Following the Declaration by the European Community and its Member States at Brioni on 5 July 1991, the Monitor Mission to Yugoslavia then known as the European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) and hereinafter called the Mission was established by a Memorandum of Understanding signed at Belgrade on 13 July 1991.
- (2) The operation of the Mission is currently governed by Memoranda of Understanding and Exchanges of Letters with the Host Parties of the Western Balkans.
- (3) In its conclusions of 21 June 1999, the Council emphasised the necessity to review the activities of the Mission in the light of changed circumstances in the region. On 20 March 2000, the Council underlined its wish for a restructured, flexible and streamlined ECMM, meeting well defined operational requirements, answerable to the Council through the Secretary-General/High Representative.
- (4) In its Conclusions of 13 June 2000, the Council welcomed the progress already made in the restructuring of the ECMM. Since then, the reorganisation of the activities and structures of the Mission has continued. The functions and organisation of the Mission should continue to be regularly examined and adapted to the changing political and geographical priorities of the European Union in the Western Balkan region.
- (5) The current expenditure of the Mission, at present borne by the Member States, should be charged to the general budget of the European Union.
- (6) It is appropriate also that the role of the Mission as an instrument of the European Union's common foreign and security policy be reflected in its name,

Article 1

1. The primary objective of the Mission, henceforth to be called the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) is to contribute, in a flexible manner, through information gathering and analysis in line with directions from the Secretary-General/High Representative and the Council, to the effective formulation of European Union policy towards the Western Balkans.
2. To that end, the EUMM shall in particular:
 - (a) monitor political and security developments in the area of responsibility;
 - (b) give particular attention to border monitoring, inter-ethnic issues and refugee return;
 - (c) provide analytical reports on the basis of tasking received;
 - (d) contribute to the early warning of the Council and to confidence building, in the context of the policy of stabilisation conducted by the Union in the region.
3. The Council may also initiate specific tasking in coordination with the Secretary-General/High Representative and in consultation with the Commission.
4. In the fulfilment of its tasks, the EUMM shall coordinate its activities closely with the European Union Heads of Mission and relevant international organisations in the Western Balkans with a view to contributing to a more effective policy of the European Union in the Western Balkans.

Article 2

1. The Secretary General/High Representative, acting in close coordination with the Presidency, shall define the tasks of the EUMM in accordance with the policy, as adopted by the Council, regarding the Western Balkans.
2. The EUMM shall report to the Council on the accomplishment of its tasks through the Secretary-General/High Representative.
3. The Secretary-General/High Representative shall ensure that the Mission functions flexibly and in a streamlined manner. In that context, he shall regularly reexamine the functions and the geographical territory covered by the EUMM so as to continue to adapt the internal organisation of the Mission to the priorities of the European Union in the Western Balkans. He shall report thereon to the Council regularly. The Commission shall be fully associated.

Article 3

The EUMM shall be structured as follows:

- (a) headquarters composed of a Head of Mission, a Deputy Head of Mission, a Legal Adviser, an analysis section, a finance and administrative cell, a data base management unit and a communications and logistics cell;
- (b) mission offices to maintain essential local contacts, coordinate closely with European Union Heads of Mission and relevant international organisations, provide operational feedback to EUMM headquarters and support to mobile teams' rapid redeployment;
- (c) mobile teams with rapid deployment capability, tasked to report in accordance with the mandate set out in Article 1(3).

Article 4

1. The Head of Mission shall be appointed by the Council on the basis of proposals to be submitted by the Secretary-General/High Representative; and shall ensure the day-to-day management of EUMM operations.

The Deputy Head of Mission shall be seconded by the Member State holding the Presidency.

2. The number and competences of the EUMM staff shall be consistent with the objectives and structure set out in Articles 1 and 3.

3. The international staff shall be seconded by Member States for a minimum period of one year. Each Member State shall bear the costs related to the personnel seconded by it, including salaries, allowances, accommodation costs and travelling expenses to and from the Western Balkans.

4. Non-European Union Member States participating in the OSCE, currently providing staff to ECMM, may continue their participation. They shall be asked to bear the cost of sending the staff nominated by them, and to contribute to the current expenditure of the EUMM in an appropriate proportion taking into account the size of their participation and their gross national product.

5. The State or Community institution having appointed a staff member shall be responsible for answering any claims linked to the appointment, from or concerning the staff member. The State or Community institution in question shall

be responsible for bringing any action against the staff member linked to this appointment.

6. Levels of local staff shall be consistent with the structure set out in Article 3.

Article 5

1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this Joint Action shall be EUR 4 820 404 for the years 2000 and 2001.

2. The amount specified in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to finance the infrastructure and current expenditure of the EUMM, including expenditure relating to local staff.

The expenditure financed by the amount stipulated in paragraph 1 shall be managed in accordance with the European Community rules and procedures applicable to the budget.

3. The Head of Mission shall report fully to, and be supervised by, the Commission on the activities undertaken in the framework of his contract.

Article 6

The detailed rules governing the EUMM operations in the area of its responsibility shall be laid down in arrangements to be concluded in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24 of the Treaty.

Article 7

This Joint Action shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

It shall apply until 31 December 2001.

Article 8

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Council
The President
C. PIERRET

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2316/1999 of 22 October 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 280 of 30 October 1999)

On page 55, in Annex III, in the final paragraph:

for: '4 000 cm³,

read: '1 000 cm³;

on page 58, in Annex VI 'Base areas', in the column headed 'of which maize' for the regions of Hessen, Baden-Württemberg and Bayern in Germany:

for: Hessen ... 122,1
Baden-Württemberg ... 418,2
Bayern ... ';

read: Hessen ...
Baden-Württemberg ... 122,1
Bayern ... 418,2'.
