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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1055/2002
of 18 June 2002
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 19 June 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2002.

For the Commission
J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 18 June 2002 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	47,2
	064	68,7
	999	58,0
0707 00 05	052	89,5
	220	143,3
	999	116,4
0709 90 70	052	87,3
	999	87,3
0805 50 10	388	61,0
	528	60,4
	999	60,7
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	82,5
	400	113,1
	404	109,0
	508	86,4
	512	85,8
	524	64,6
	528	72,0
	720	147,5
	804	110,5
	999	96,8
	0809 10 00	052
999		203,4
0809 20 95	052	354,1
	064	231,2
	094	300,3
	400	247,4
	999	283,3

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2020/2001 (OJ L 273, 16.10.2001, p. 6). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1056/2002
of 18 June 2002
amending Regulation (EEC) No 2921/90 on aid for the production of casein and caseinates from skimmed milk

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 509/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2921/90 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/2001 ⁽⁴⁾, sets the aid for skimmed milk processed into casein or caseinates. Given the market trend for these products and that for skimmed milk powder the aid should be increased.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2921/90 'EUR 3,20' is replaced by 'EUR 4,86'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 18 June 2002.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 79, 22.3.2002, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 279, 11.10.1990, p. 22.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 41.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1057/2002

of 18 June 2002

on the opening of additional quotas for imports into the Community in quota year 2003 of certain textile products originating in certain third countries participating in trade fairs organised in November 2002 in the European Community

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

as certified by the competent authorities of the Member State where it is held.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(7) In order to avoid circumvention, issue of import authorisations should only cover products shipped in the supplier country in which they originate no earlier than 1 January 2003.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 of 12 October 1993 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 797/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

(8) It is desirable for this Regulation to enter into force on the day after its publication in order to allow operators to benefit from it as soon as possible.

Whereas:

(9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in conformity with the opinion of the Textile Committee,

(1) Additional quotas to those indicated in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 may be opened when required under special circumstances. The Commission has received a request to open additional quotas in view of trade fairs to be held in 2002.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(2) Additional quotas have already been opened for trade fairs in previous years for certain third countries.

Article 1

(3) Access to the additional quotas should be limited to products which have been exhibited by the exporting countries at the relevant fair and for the quantities agreed to by sales contracts, as certified by the competent authorities of the Member State where the fair is taking place.

In addition to the quantitative limits on imports established by Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93, additional quotas for quota year 2003 shall be opened in respect of the trade fairs to be held in November 2002 in the European Community as set out in the Annex hereto.

(4) In order to avoid an over-utilisation of these additional quotas it appears appropriate to request the Member State on the territory of which the fair is taking place, on the one hand, to ensure that the total amounts covered by certified contracts do not exceed the limits set for these additional quotas and, on the other hand, to inform the Commission after closure of the fair of the total quantities covered by such certified contracts.

Article 2

(5) It seems appropriate to apply to imports into the Community of products for which the additional quotas are opened the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 which are applicable to imports of products subject to quantitative limits set out in Annex V to the said Regulation, with the exception of those relating to flexibilities.

1. Access to the additional quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be limited to such products which have been exhibited by the exporting countries at the fair and for the quantities agreed by a sales contract signed at the relevant fair as certified by the competent authorities of the Member States where the fair takes place.

(6) Requests for import authorisations should moreover be accompanied by the contract signed at the relevant fair,

2. The competent authorities of the Member State in the territory of which the fair is taking place shall ensure that the total amounts covered by certified contracts do not exceed the limits fixed in the Annex.

3. The Commission shall be informed by the relevant Member State no earlier than 1 January 2003 of the total quantities covered by contracts certified as having been concluded during the fair. This information shall be provided by supplier country and category.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.⁽²⁾ OJ L 128, 15.5.2002, p. 29.

Article 3

1. Without prejudice to paragraphs 2 and 3, imports into the Community of products for which additional quotas have been opened shall be subject to the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 which are applicable to imports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex V to the said Regulation, with the exception of those relating to flexibilities.

2. Import authorisations shall only be issued on the presentation of an export licence bearing in box 9 an indication of the fair and year to which it relates and accompanied by the original of the certified contract referred to in Article 2.

3. Import authorisations shall only cover products shipped into the Community from the third country in which they originate no earlier than 30 days after the closure of the fair but not before 1 January 2003.

Article 4

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

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2002.

For the Commission

Pascal LAMY

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

ADDITIONAL QUOTAS FOR THE BERLIN TRADE FAIR TO BE HELD ON

14 to 15 November 2002

(The complete description of the goods is shown in Annex I of Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93 as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 797/2002)

Category	Unit	Third country ⁽¹⁾	Quantitative limit
1	tonnes	Pakistan	66
4	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	454
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	212
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	94
	1 000 pieces	Pakistan	225
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	25
	5	1 000 pieces	Belarus
1 000 pieces		India	252
1 000 pieces		Malaysia	42
1 000 pieces		Pakistan	215
1 000 pieces		Vietnam	20
6	1 000 pieces	India	118
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	131
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	92
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	20
7	1 000 pieces	India	407
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	98
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	25
8	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	323
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	518
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	82
	1 000 pieces	Pakistan	158
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	220
9	tonnes	Pakistan	233
12	1 000 pairs	Belarus	4
15	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	124
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	20
18	tonnes	Vietnam	5
20	tonnes	Belarus	2
	tonnes	India	294
	tonnes	Pakistan	149
21	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	30
26	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	383
27	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
29	1 000 pieces	India	268
78	tonnes	Vietnam	5
118	tonnes	Belarus	2

⁽¹⁾ Additional quotas are opened on condition that trade in textile products originating in the countries concerned will remain subject in 2002 to a specific conventional regime.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1058/2002**of 18 June 2002****authorising transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in the People's Republic of China**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 of 12 October 1993 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 797/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5 of the agreement between the Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textiles products ⁽³⁾, initialled on 9 December 1988 and approved by Council Decision 90/647/EEC, as last amended and extended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, initialled on 19 May 2000 and approved by Council Decision 2000/787/EC ⁽⁴⁾, provides that transfers may be made between quota years.
- (2) The People's Republic of China submitted a request for transfers between quota years on 5 November 2001 for additional flexibilities, and most specifically for a carry-over of quantities from the quantitative limits of year 2001 to year 2002.
- (3) The transfers requested by the People's Republic of China fall within the limits of the flexibility provisions referred to in Article 5 of the agreement between the Community

and the People's Republic of China on trade in textiles products, initialled on 9 December 1988 and as set out in Annex VIII of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93.

- (4) It is, therefore, appropriate to grant the request to the extent that quantities are available.
- (5) It is desirable for this Regulation to enter into force on the day after its publication in order to allow operators to benefit from it as soon as possible.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textile Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in the People's Republic of China fixed by the Agreement between the EC and the People's Republic of China are authorised for the quota year 2002 in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

It shall apply to the quota year 2002.

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2002.

For the Commission

Pascal LAMY

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.⁽²⁾ OJ L 128, 15.5.2002, p. 29.⁽³⁾ OJ L 352, 15.12.1990, p. 1.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 314, 14.12.2000, p. 13.

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720 China — Berlin Fair					Adjustment			
Group	Category	Unit	2002 Limit	Working level after previous adjustment	Quantity	%	Flexibility	New adjusted working level
IA	B2	kg	1 338 000	1 391 520	53 520	4,0	Carry over from 2001	1 445 040
IA	B2A	kg	159 000	165 360	6 360	4,0	Carry over from 2001	171 720
IA	B3	kg	196 000	203 840	7 840	4,0	Carry over from 2001	211 680
IA	B3A	kg	27 000	28 080	1 080	4,0	Carry over from 2001	29 160
IB	B4	pcs	2 061 000	2 205 270	82 440	4,0	Carry over from 2001	2 287 710
IB	B5	pcs	705 000	754 350	28 200	4,0	Carry over from 2001	782 550
IB	B6	pcs	1 689 000	1 807 230	67 560	4,0	Carry over from 2001	1 874 790
IB	B7	pcs	302 000	259 060	12 080	4,0	Carry over from 2001	271 140
IB	B8	pcs	992 000	801 126	39 680	4,0	Carry over from 2001	840 806
IIA	B9	kg	294 000	320 460	11 760	4,0	Carry over from 2001	332 220
IIA	B20/39	kg	372 000	405 480	14 880	4,0	Carry over from 2001	420 360

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1059/2002**of 18 June 2002****fixing the minimum selling prices for beef put up for sale under the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 958/2002**

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⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Tenders have been invited for certain quantities of beef fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 958/2002 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 ⁽⁵⁾, the minimum selling prices for meat put up for sale by tender should be fixed, taking into account tenders submitted.

- (3) 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

The minimum selling prices for beef for the invitation to tender held in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 958/2002 for which the time limit for the submission of tenders was 11 June 2002 are as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2002.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 148, 6.6.2002, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 251, 5.10.1979, p. 12.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 14.10.1995, p. 39.

ANEXO — BILAG — ANHANG — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE — ANEXO —
LIITE — BILAGA

Estado miembro	Productos	Precio mínimo Expresado en euros por tonelada
Medlemsstat	Produkter	Mindstepriser i EUR/t
Mitgliedstaat	Erzeugnisse	Mindestpreise Ausgedrückt in EUR/Tonne
Κράτος μέλος	Προϊόντα	Ελάχιστες πωλήσεις εκφραζόμενες σε ευρώ ανά τόνο
Member State	Products	Minimum prices Expressed in EUR per tonne
État membre	Produits	Prix minimaux exprimés en euros par tonne
Stato membro	Prodotti	Prezzi minimi Espressi in euro per tonnellata
Lidstaat	Producten	Minimumprijzen Uitgedrukt in euro per ton
Estado-Membro	Produtos	Preço mínimo Expresso em euros por tonelada
Jäsenvaltio	Tuotteet	Vähimmäishinnat euroina tonnia kohden ilmaistuna
Medlemsstat	Produkter	Minimipriser i euro per ton

Carne con hueso — Kød, ikke udbenet — Fleisch mit Knochen — Κρέατα με κόκαλα — Bone-in beef — Viande avec os —
Carni non disossate — Vlees met been — Carne com osso — Luullinen naudanliha — Kött med ben

Italia	— Quarti posteriori	1 552
Deutschland	— Hinterviertel	1 430
España	— Cuartos traseros	1 563
Österreich	— Hinterviertel	1 470
Nederland	— Achtervoeten	1 410

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 13 June 2002

adopting an action programme for administrative cooperation in the fields of external borders, visas, asylum and immigration (ARGO programme)

(2002/463/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 66 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,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Administrative cooperation between the Member States in the areas covered by Articles 62 and 63 of the Treaty is part of the Community's objective of progressively establishing an area of freedom, security and justice.
- (2) Joint Action 98/244/JHA of 19 March 1998 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on the European Union, introducing a programme of training, exchanges and cooperation in the field of asylum, immigration and crossing of external borders (Odyssey programme) ⁽³⁾ has come to an end now that the budget allocation has been exhausted in 2001.
- (3) Responsibility for controls at the EU's external borders will become all the more important now that a significant enlargement of the Union is scheduled to take place during the period in which the administrative cooperation in the fields of external borders, visas, asylum and immigration (ARGO) will be operational. Accordingly, ARGO should be seen simply as a modest forerunner of more extensive activities in this field.
- (4) In accordance with the conclusions of the European Council in Tampere on 15 and 16 October 1999, the

Commission has defined in its communication to the Council and the European Parliament on the biannual update of the scoreboard to review progress on the creation of an area of freedom, security and justice in the European Union (first half of 2001) an ambitious legislative programme that should lead to a new body of Community rules in the area of justice and home affairs that will have to be implemented by the Member States.

- (5) Uniformity between the practices of the Member States when applying Community law can be obtained by strengthening cooperation and collaboration among their national agencies, and between them and the Commission.
- (6) Individual action by each administration is incapable of achieving such results. A Community framework is therefore necessary for improving mutual understanding between the competent national agencies and the way they implement the relevant Community legislation, and for defining the priority areas of administrative cooperation required.
- (7) A high level of training of equivalent quality throughout the Community is needed to guarantee the success of this action programme, taking advantage of the experience gained with the Odyssey programme.
- (8) The implementation of a Community action programme constitutes one of the most effective ways of achieving these objectives and will provide a basis to the Commission for assessing whether establishing a common training institution would be a suitable way of improving the training in Community law given to the staff of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 25 E, 29.1.2002, p. 526.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 9 April 2002 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 99, 31.3.1998, p. 2.

- (9) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision 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 ⁽¹⁾.
- (10) Action under this programme is to be complementary to and coordinated with other cooperation and training activities financed by the Community budget.
- (11) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, Denmark is not participating in the adoption of this Decision, and is therefore not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (12) In accordance with Article 3 of the Protocol on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, the United Kingdom gave notice, by letter of 29 January 2002, of its wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Decision.
- (13) In accordance with Article 1 of the Protocol on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland annexed to the European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, Ireland is not participating in the adoption of this Decision. As a result, and without prejudice to Article 4 of the said Protocol, the provisions of this Decision do not apply to Ireland.
- (14) A financial reference amount within the meaning of point 34 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽²⁾ is included in this Decision for the entire duration of the programme, without thereby affecting the powers of the budgetary authority as they are defined in the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Article 1

Subject-matter and duration

This Decision establishes a Community action programme to be called the 'ARGO programme' to support and complement the actions undertaken by the Community and the Member States in the implementation of Community legislation founded on Articles 62, 63 and 66 of the Treaty.

The ARGO programme shall cover the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

Article 2

Definition

For the purposes of this Decision 'national agencies' means the administrative and judicial authorities of the Member States or other bodies delegated by those authorities to implement Community legislation founded on Articles 62 and 63 of the Treaty and on Article 66 of the Treaty in so far as it concerns cooperation between national agencies in the areas covered by the said Articles 62 and 63.

Article 3

General objectives

The ARGO programme shall contribute to the following objectives:

- (a) to promote cooperation between national agencies in implementing Community rules with special attention to the pooling of resources and coordinated and homogeneous practices;
- (b) to promote uniform application of Community law in order to harmonise decisions taken by the national agencies of Member States, thereby avoiding malfunctioning likely to prejudice the progressive establishment of an area of freedom, security and justice;
- (c) to improve the overall efficiency of national agencies in the carrying out of their tasks when implementing Community rules;
- (d) to ensure that proper account is taken of the Community dimension in the organisation of national agencies contributing to the implementation of Community rules;
- (e) to encourage transparency of actions taken by national agencies by strengthening their relations with the relevant national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

CHAPTER II

ACTIVITIES COVERED BY ARGO

Article 4

Activities in the area of external borders

In order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 3, the ARGO programme shall support the activities of the Member States in the area of external borders intended:

- (a) to ensure that Member States carry out border controls in compliance with the common principles and implementing rules laid down by Community legislation;
- (b) to provide an equivalent level of effective protection and surveillance at external borders;
- (c) to reinforce the effectiveness of controls at border crossing points and surveillance between crossing points.

*Article 5***Activities in the area of visas**

In order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 3, the ARGO programme shall support the activities of the Member States in the area of visas intended:

- (a) to ensure that Member States issue visas in compliance with the common principles and implementing rules laid down by Community legislation;
- (b) to promote an equivalent level of control and security when issuing visas;
- (c) to promote harmonisation in the examination of visa applications and in particular supporting documents regarding purpose of journey, means of subsistence and accommodation;
- (d) to promote harmonisation of exceptions applied by Member States to certain categories of applicants for visas to facilitate controls at the external borders and freedom of movement between Member States;
- (e) generally to enhance consular cooperation between Member States.

*Article 6***Activities in the area of asylum**

In order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 3, the ARGO programme shall support the activities of the Member States in the area of asylum intended:

- (a) to promote the establishment and operation of the common European asylum system by supporting measures and standards leading to a common asylum procedure and a uniform status for those granted asylum valid throughout the Community;
- (b) to facilitate the determination of the State responsible for examining an asylum application;
- (c) to support the approximation of rules on the recognition and content of refugee status, complemented with measures on subsidiary forms of protection offering an appropriate status to any person in need of such protection;
- (d) to reinforce the efficiency and fairness of asylum procedure and to increase convergence in decisions dealing with asylum applications;
- (e) to develop resettlement and entry facilities, and legal means for admission into Member States on humanitarian grounds.

*Article 7***Activities in the area of immigration**

In order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 3, the ARGO programme shall support the activities of the Member States in the area of immigration intended:

- (a) to ensure that Member States issue residence and work permits in compliance with the common principles and implementing rules laid down by Community legislation;

- (b) to promote the knowledge of the rules of residence and work permits for third-country nationals;
- (c) to encourage verification of the effects and the perception of Community immigration policy in migrants' countries of origin;
- (d) to ensure effective, efficient and homogeneous application of the relevant common rules and policies in relation to irregular migratory flows and illegal immigration while safeguarding a sufficient level of access to international protection;
- (e) to enhance cooperation in the field of the return of nationals of third countries and stateless persons without residence permits and refused asylum applicants, including transit through other Member States and third countries;
- (f) to strengthen the fight against illegal immigration networks and prevention of illegal flows of immigrants.

*Article 8***Types of actions**

With a view to pursuing the objectives set out in Article 3 and the activities laid down in Articles 4, 5, 6 or 7, the ARGO programme may support the following types of actions:

- (a) training actions including, in particular, the elaboration of harmonised curricula and common core-training programmes to be organised by national agencies and complementary actions aimed at making national agencies receptive to the best working methods and techniques developed in other Member States;
- (b) staff exchange ensuring that seconded staff participate effectively in the work of the host national agencies;
- (c) actions promoting, on the one hand, the use of computerised handling of files and procedures, including use of the most up-to-date techniques for electronic data exchange and, on the other hand, the collection, analysis, distribution and exploitation of information making the fullest use of information technology, in particular, the establishment of information points and websites;
- (d) evaluation of the impact of common rules and procedures based on Articles 62 and 63 of the Treaty;
- (e) actions intended to promote the development of best practices with a view to improving working methods and equipment, simplifying procedures and shortening deadlines;
- (f) operational activities which might include the setting up of common operative centres and of teams composed of staff drawn from two or more Member States;
- (g) studies, research, conferences and seminars involving staff of the Member States and the Commission and, where appropriate, staff of the relevant national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations;

- (h) mechanisms for consulting and associating the relevant national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations;
- (i) Member States' activities in third countries, in particular fact-finding missions in countries of origin and transit;
- (j) the fight against document fraud.

Article 9

Specific actions

Other modalities of cooperation between national agencies in the policy areas covered by Articles 62 and 63 of the Treaty, in particular urgent joint operations and actions with a limited scope and duration arising from situations which require an immediate reaction, may be included in the framework of the ARGO programme. The annual work programme referred to in Article 12 shall set out a framework for the financing of these specific actions including objectives and evaluation criteria.

CHAPTER III

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

Article 10

Eligibility

1. To be eligible for co-financing under the ARGO programme, actions referred to in Article 8 and proposed by a national agency of one Member State must:
 - (a) involve:
 - at least two other Member States, or
 - another Member State and a candidate country, where the aim is to prepare for its accession, or
 - another Member State and a third country, where this would be beneficial for the purpose of the action proposed;
 - (b) pursue one of the general objectives referred to in Article 3;
 - (c) implement one of the activities in the respective policy area referred to in Articles 4, 5, 6 or 7.
2. Actions referred to in Article 8 may associate participants of the national agencies of any Member State not bound by this decision.
3. Actions proposed by the Commission will promote and facilitate administrative cooperation pursuing the general objectives referred to in Article 3 and support activities in the respective policy areas referred to in Articles 4, 5, 6 or 7.

Article 11

Financing

1. The financial reference amount for implementing the ARGO programme shall be EUR 25 million.
2. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.

3. Actions referred to in Article 10(1) on the one hand and actions referred to in Article 10(3) on the other shall receive an equitable share of the annual amount.

4. The co-financing of an action referred to in Article 10(1) by the ARGO programme shall be exclusive of any other financing by another programme financed by the budget of the European Communities.

5. Financing decisions concerning actions referred to in Article 10(1) shall be subject to grant agreements between the Commission and the national agencies proposing the actions. The financing decisions and contracts arising therefrom shall be subject to financial control by the Commission and to audits by the Court of Auditors.

6. The proportion of financial support from the budget of the European Communities for actions referred to in Article 10(1) shall generally not exceed 60 % of the cost of the action. However, in exceptional circumstances this proportion may be raised up to 80 %.

Article 12

Implementation

1. The Commission shall be responsible for the management and implementation of the ARGO programme, in partnership with the Member States.
2. The Commission shall manage the ARGO programme in accordance with the Financial Regulation.
3. To implement the ARGO programme, the Commission shall, within the scope of the general objectives set out in Article 3:
 - (a) prepare an annual work programme comprising specific objectives, thematic priorities, a description of the actions referred to in Article 10(3) which the Commission intends to undertake and, if necessary, a list of other actions;
 - (b) evaluate and select the actions proposed by national agencies.
4. The annual work programme and the specific actions provided for in Article 9 as well as actions proposed by the Commission shall be adopted according to the procedure referred to in Article 13(2). The list of selected actions shall be adopted according to the procedure referred to in Article 13(3).
5. The Commission shall evaluate and select actions proposed by the national agencies on the basis of the following criteria:
 - (a) conformity with the annual work programme, the general objectives set out in Article 3 and the activities in the respective policy area set out in Articles 4, 5, 6 or 7;
 - (b) the European dimension of the proposed action and/or scope for participation by the candidate countries;
 - (c) compatibility with the work undertaken or planned within the framework of the Community's political priorities in the areas covered by Articles 62 and 63;

- (d) complementarity to other past, present or future administrative cooperation actions;
- (e) the ability of national agencies to implement the proposed action;
- (f) the inherent quality of the proposed action in terms of its conception, organisation, presentation and expected results;
- (g) amount of the support requested under the ARGO programme and proportionality with the expected results;
- (h) impact of the expected results on the general objectives set out in Article 3 and on the activities in the respective policy area set out in Articles 4, 5, 6 or 7.

CHAPTER IV

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 13

Committee

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee, hereinafter referred to as 'the ARGO Committee'.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.
The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.
3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.
4. The ARGO Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.
5. The Commission may invite representatives from the candidate countries to information meetings after the ARGO Committee's meetings.

Article 14

Monitoring and evaluation

1. The Commission and the Member States shall monitor and evaluate the implementation of the ARGO programme on a continuous basis.
2. Each year the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the ARGO programme.

The report shall analyse all the progress achieved and shall be accompanied where necessary by any proposals for ensuring homogeneous application in the Member States of Community legislation based on Articles 62 and 63 of the Treaty. The Commission shall submit the first report by 31 December 2003 at the latest and the final report by 31 December 2007 at the latest.

Article 15

Applicability

This Decision shall apply from the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 16

Addressees

This Decision is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community.

Done at Luxembourg, 13 June 2002.

For the Council
The President
M. RAJOY BREY

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 June 2002

amending Decision 97/222/EC laying down the list of third countries from which the Member States authorise the importation of meat products, as regards Argentina, Chile and Uruguay

(notified under document number C(2002) 2100)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/464/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21a (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 97/222/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/184/EC ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the list of third countries from which the Member States authorise the importation of meat products.
- (2) The epidemiological situation of foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina has been clarified in respect of the provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego and Commission Decision 93/402/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/338/EC ⁽⁶⁾, authorises the importation of bone-in ovine, caprine and bovine fresh meat from animals originating from these provinces.
- (3) The list of third countries from which the Member States authorise the importation of meat products laid down in Commission Decision 97/222/EC must be updated with a view to introduce the relevant territories regionalised in Argentina, and in addition for Argentina, Chile and Uruguay to take into account the health situation in or-

der to be consistent with the EC rules for import of fresh meat as relevant for the different treatment categories of meat products. Decision 97/222/EC should be amended accordingly.

- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Annex Part I to Decision 97/222/EC is replaced by Annex I to this Decision.
2. Annex Part II to Decision 97/222/EC is replaced by Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 June 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 89, 4.4.1997, p. 39.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 2.3.2002, p. 61.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 116, 3.5.2002, p. 60.

ANNEX I

PART I

Description of regionalised territories as laid down for the countries listed in parts II — III

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR-1	01/2002	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 93/402/EC ⁽¹⁾ (as last amended)
	AR-3	01/2002	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 93/402/EC (as last amended)
Bulgaria	BG		Whole country
	BG-1	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC ⁽²⁾ (at last amended)
	BG-2	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC (at last amended)
	BG-3	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC (at last amended)
Brazil	BR		Whole country
	BR-1	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 94/984/EC ⁽³⁾ (at last amended)
Czech Republic	CZ		Whole country
	CZ-1	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC (at last amended)
	CZ-2	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC (at last amended)
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU		Whole country
	YU-1	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC (at last amended)
	YU-2	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC (at last amended)
Malaysia	MY		Whole country
	MY-1	95/1	Peninsular (Western) Malaysia only

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.⁽²⁾ OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.⁽³⁾ OJ L 378, 31.12.1994, p. 11.

ANNEX II

PART II

Third countries or parts thereof from where meat products are authorised for importation into the European Community

Code ISO	Country of origin or part thereof	1. Domestic bovine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine)	Domestic ovine/caprine	1. Domestic porcine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine)	Domestic soliped	1. Domestic poultry 2. Farmed feathered game	Domestic rabbit and farmed leporidae	Wild cloven hoofed game (excluding swine)	Wild swine	Wild soliped	Wild leporidae (rabbits and hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
AR	Argentina AR-1 ⁽¹⁾	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
	Argentina AR-3 ⁽¹⁾	A ⁽⁴⁾	A ⁽⁴⁾	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
AU	Australia	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
BG	Bulgaria BG	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-1	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-2	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-3	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
BH	Bahrain	B	B	B	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
BR	Brazil	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
	Brazil BR-1	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
BW	Botswana	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
BY	Belarus	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
CA	Canada	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
CH	Switzerland	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
CL	Chile	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	—	A	A	—
CN	People's Republic of China	B	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	—	A	B	—
CO	Colombia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—

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CY	Cyprus	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
CZ	Czech Republic CZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Czech Republic CZ-1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
	Czech Republic CZ-2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
EE	Estonia	C	C	C	A	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
ET	Ethiopia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
GL	Greenland	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	A	A
HK	Hong Kong	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
HR	Croatia	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
HU	Hungary	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
IL	Israel	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
IN	India	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
IS	Iceland	B	B	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KE	Kenya	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KR	Korea	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
LT	Lithuania	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	A
LV	Latvia	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
MA	Morocco	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MG	Madagascar	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

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MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	A	A	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MT	Malta	—	—	—	—	A	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
MU	Mauritius	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MX	Mexico	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
MY	Malaysia MY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Malaysia MY-1	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
NA	Namibia (!)	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	A	A	D	—
NZ	New Zealand	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
PL	Poland	A	A	A (?) D (?)	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
PY	Paraguay	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
RO	Romania	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	A
RU	Russia	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
SG	Singapore	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
SI	Slovenia	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
SK	Slovak Republic	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
SZ	Swaziland	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
TH	Thailand	B	B	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TN	Tunisia	C	C	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

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TR	Turkey	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
UA	Ukraine	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
US	United States of America	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
UY	Uruguay	C	C	B	A	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
YU	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia YU	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia YU 1	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	—	—
	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia YU 2	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
ZA	South Africa ⁽¹⁾	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	A	A	D	—
ZW	Zimbabwe ⁽¹⁾	C	C	B	A	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

⁽¹⁾ See Part III for minimum treatment requirements for pasteurised meat products and biltong.

⁽²⁾ For meat products prepared from fresh meat of domestic porcines in accordance with Decision 98/371/EC as amended by Decision 2001/849/EC in case of meat of Polish origin.

⁽³⁾ For meat products prepared from fresh meat of farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine).

⁽⁴⁾ For meat products prepared from fresh meat obtained from animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002.