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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 609/2003
of 3 April 2003
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 1947/2002 ⁽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 4 April 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 299, 1.11.2002, p. 17.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 3 April 2003 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	161,2
	204	101,0
	212	125,1
	999	129,1
0707 00 05	052	155,0
	096	48,8
	204	111,3
	999	105,0
0709 10 00	220	187,0
	999	187,0
0709 90 70	052	140,9
	204	135,2
	999	138,1
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	71,5
	204	44,9
	212	63,2
	220	42,3
	624	69,2
	999	58,2
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	060	69,0
	388	80,2
	400	103,8
	508	81,1
	512	83,7
	524	65,1
	528	76,9
	720	128,2
	728	102,5
	999	87,8
0808 20 50	388	66,7
	512	73,4
	528	64,1
	999	68,1

⁽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 610/2003**of 2 April 2003****laying down temporary provisions concerning the notification of licence applications provided for by Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 ⁽²⁾,Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001 of 8 October 2001 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1176/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7(3)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001 lays down that Member States are to notify licence applications to the Commission on Mondays and Thursdays each week.
- (2) Thursday, 17, Friday, 18 and Monday, 21 April 2003 are Commission holidays. The notification of licence applications submitted on Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 April 2003 should therefore be brought forward to Wednesday, 16 April 2003 while the notification of licence applications submitted from Wednesday, 16 to Monday, 21 April 2003 should be put back to Tuesday, 22 April 2003.
- (3) Thursday, 29 and Friday 30 May, 2003 are Commission holidays. The notification of licence applications submitted on Monday, 26 and Tuesday, 27 May 2003 should therefore be brought forward to Wednesday, 28 May 2003 while the notification of licence applications submitted from Wednesday, 28 to Saturday, 31 May 2003 should be put back to Monday, 2 June 2003.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The notification, referred to in Article 7(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001, of licence applications submitted on Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 April 2003 shall be made no later than 12.00 (Brussels time) on Wednesday, 16 April 2003 rather than on Thursday, 17 April 2003.

2. The notification, referred to in Article 7(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001, of licence applications submitted from Wednesday, 16 to Monday, 21 April 2003 shall be made no later than 12.00 (Brussels time) on Tuesday, 22 April 2003 rather than on Monday, 21 April 2003.

Article 2

1. The notification, referred to in Article 7(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001, of licence applications submitted on Monday, 26 and Tuesday, 27 May 2003 shall be made no later than 12.00 (Brussels time) on Wednesday, 28 May 2003 rather than on Thursday, 29 May 2003.

2. The notification, referred to in Article 7(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001, of licence applications submitted from Wednesday, 28 to Saturday, 31 May 2003 shall be made no later than 12.00 (Brussels time) on Monday, 2 June 2003.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 268, 9.10.2001, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 69.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 611/2003**of 3 April 2003****amending Regulation (EC) No 2378/2002 derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 on rules of application (cereal sector import duties) for Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92**

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 10(4) thereof,

(5) The Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit laid down by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Whereas:

Article 1

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2378/2002 ⁽³⁾ temporarily derogates from the general rules for imports of cereals, following the adoption of the Council Decisions of 19 December 2002 approving the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the United States of America ⁽⁴⁾, and the European Community and Canada ⁽⁵⁾, respectively, relating to the modification of concessions with respect to cereals provided for in schedule CXL annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). In order to solve practical difficulties in customs treatment of imports of high quality common wheat in cases where certificates of conformity are provided, it is necessary to amend the provisions of that Regulation concerning securities and import licences for high quality common wheat.

(2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2378/2002 enables operators to avoid forfeiture of the security whenever importers are able to produce a new import licence drawn under the low and medium quality wheat quota administered by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002 ⁽⁶⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 531/2003 ⁽⁷⁾.

(3) Given that such a possibility raises several practical difficulties at the level of customs and that it creates opportunities for undue use of the tariff-quota in question, it is appropriate to abolish the provision.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 2378/2002 should therefore be amended accordingly.

Regulation (EC) No 2378/2002 is amended as follows:

1. Article 5 is replaced by the following:

'Article 5

1. Notwithstanding the second indent of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96, import licence applications for high quality common wheat shall be valid only if the applicant gives a written commitment to lodge with the relevant competent body on the date of acceptance of the declaration of release for free circulation a specific security additional to those required under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 ^(*). This additional security shall be EUR 95 per tonne.

However, in cases where the import licence is to be accompanied by certificates of conformity issued by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) and by the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) as referred to in Article 6, no additional security is required. In this case, and notwithstanding Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95, the security for import licences shall be EUR 6 per tonne. The import licence application and the import licence shall contain in section 24 the mention of the type of certificate of conformity.

2. The second indent of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 does not apply to import licence applications for durum wheat, if these import licences are to be accompanied by certificates of conformity issued by Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) and the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) as referred to in Article 6. In this case, and notwithstanding Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95, the security for import licences shall be EUR 6 per tonne. The import licence application and the import licence shall contain in section 24 the mention of the type of certificate of conformity.

^(*) OJ L 117, 24.5.1995, p. 2.'

2. In the second paragraph of Article 6, the words 'and signatures' are deleted.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.⁽³⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 101.⁽⁴⁾ Not yet published in the Official Journal.⁽⁵⁾ Not yet published in the Official Journal.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 88.⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 79, 26.3.2003, p. 3.

3. Article 7 is replaced by the following:

'Article 7

Notwithstanding Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96, if the analysis results for high-quality common wheat and high-quality durum wheat show that the criteria referred to in Annex I are not met, the security for the import licence referred to in Article 10(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 or in Article 5(1), second subparagraph and

5(2) to this Regulation and the additional security referred to in Article 5(1), first subparagraph, to this Regulation shall be forfeited.'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 612/2003
of 3 April 2003
concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of barley issued
in Regulation (EC) No 901/2002

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1163/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1324/2002 ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley to all third countries except the United States of America, Canada, Estonia and Latvia was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 901/2002 ⁽⁶⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1230/2002 ⁽⁷⁾.

- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95, allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.
- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders notified from 28 March to 3 April 2003 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley issued in Regulation (EC) No 901/2002.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 46.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 194, 23.7.2002, p. 26.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 127, 9.5.2002, p. 11.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 180, 10.7.2002, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 613/2003
of 3 April 2003
concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of oats issued in
Regulation (EC) No 1582/2002

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1163/2002⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1324/2002⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1582/2002 of 5 September 2002 on a special intervention measure for cereals in Finland and Sweden⁽⁶⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2329/2002⁽⁷⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of oats produced in Finland and Sweden for export from Finland and Sweden to all third countries, with the exception of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia was opened pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1582/2002.

- (2) According to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1582/2002 the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to make no award.
- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95, a maximum refund should not be fixed.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders notified from 28 March to 3 April 2003 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund for the export of oats issued in Regulation (EC) No 1582/2002.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 46.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 194, 23.7.2002, p. 26.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 239, 6.9.2002, p. 3.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 349, 24.12.2002, p. 17.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 614/2003**of 3 April 2003****concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of common wheat issued in Regulation (EC) No 899/2002**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1163/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1324/2002 ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of common wheat to all third countries, with the exclusion of Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 899/2002 ⁽⁶⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1520/2002 ⁽⁷⁾.

(2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders notified from 28 March to 3 April 2003 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund for the export of common wheat issued in Regulation (EC) No 899/2002.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 29.6.2002, p. 46.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 194, 23.7.2002, p. 26.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 133, 16.5.2001, p. 3.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 228, 24.8.2002, p. 18.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 615/2003
of 3 April 2003**

**fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported in connection with the invitation to
tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 256/2003**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Whereas:

(1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain from third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 256/2003⁽³⁾.

(2) Pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2235/2000⁽⁵⁾, the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, may decide to fix maximum reduction in the import duty. In fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty.

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders notified from 28 March to 3 April 2003, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 256/2003, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be 37,99 EUR/t and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 92 000 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

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 36, 12.2.2003, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 256, 10.10.2000, p. 13.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 April 2003

amending Decision 94/278/EC drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of certain products subject to Council Directive 92/118/EEC, with respect to imports of frogs' legs from Egypt

(notified under document number C(2003) 1093)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/235/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(1) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 2001/7/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 94/278/EC of 18 March 1994 drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of certain products subject to Council Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽³⁾, sets out the list of the third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of frogs' legs intended for human consumption. This Decision was amended by Commission Decision 95/134/EC ⁽⁴⁾ to include Egypt in the above mentioned list.

(2) However, the last amendment to Decision 94/278/EC, which is Commission Decision 2002/574/EC ⁽⁵⁾, does not include Egypt in the list of the third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of frogs' legs intended for human consumption.

(3) Therefore it is necessary to amend Decision 94/278/EC to reintroduce Egypt and it is also appropriate to update and consolidate in the present Decision the list of the third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of frogs' legs intended for human consumption.

(4) To avoid unnecessary disruption in trade, it is appropriate for the present Decision to be applied three days after its publication in the Official Journal.

(5) 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

Part XII of the Annex to Decision 94/278/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 7 April 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 2, 5.1.2001, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 120, 11.5.1994, p. 44.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 89, 21.4.1995, p. 44.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 181, 11.7.2002, p. 23.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

*ANNEX**PART XII*

List of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of frogs' legs intended for human consumption

All third countries in the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC and the following countries:

(BA) Bosnia-Herzegovina

(EG) Egypt

(HU) Hungary

(MK (*)) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

(*) Provisional code which does not prejudice in any way the definitive nomenclature for this country, which will be agreed following the conclusion of negotiations currently taking place on this subject at the United Nations.'

COMMISSION DECISION
of 3 April 2003
amending Decision 92/486/EEC establishing the form of cooperation between the Animo host
centre and the Member States

(notified under document number C(2003) 1104)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/236/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning the veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 2002/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pending the setting up of a new computer system architecture, in particular the part to be used for the Animo network, as defined in Commission Decision 2003/24/EC of 30 December 2002 concerning the development of an integrated computerised veterinary system ⁽³⁾, the continuity of that network should be ensured.
- (2) Decision 92/486/EEC of 25 September 1992 establishing the form of cooperation between the Animo host centre and the Member States ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/615/EC ⁽⁵⁾, should be amended accordingly.
- (3) 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

The first subparagraph of Article 2a(7) of Decision 92/486/EEC is replaced by the following:

‘For the period from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004, the coordination authorities provided for in Article 1 shall ensure that the contracts referred to in that Article are extended for one year.’

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 April 2003.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 315, 19.11.2002, p. 14.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 8, 14.1.2003, p. 44.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 291, 7.10.1992, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 196, 25.7.2002, p. 60.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 April 2003

amending Decision 93/52/EEC as regards the recognition of certain Italian provinces as officially free of brucellosis*(notified under document number C(2003) 1083)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2003/237/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/68/EEC of 28 January 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 2002/261/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Annex A, Chapter 1, point II, thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) In the Italian Region of Sardinia (Provinces of Cagliari, Nuoro, Sassari, and Oristano) and in the Region of Tuscany (Province of Arezzo) brucellosis has been a notifiable disease for at least five years.
- (2) In the Provinces of Arezzo, Cagliari, Nuoro, Sassari, and Oristano at least 99,8 % of the ovine or caprine holdings are officially brucellosis-free holdings. These Provinces undertake, furthermore, to comply with Annex A, Chapter 1, point II(2), to Directive 91/68/EEC.
- (3) The Provinces of Arezzo, Cagliari, Nuoro, Sassari, and Oristano should consequently be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*).

- (4) Commission Decision 93/52/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2003/44/EC ⁽⁴⁾, should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (5) 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

Annex II to Decision 93/52/EEC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 April 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19.⁽²⁾ OJ L 91, 6.4.2002, p. 31.⁽³⁾ OJ L 13, 21.1.1993, p. 14.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 13, 18.1.2003, p. 37.

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In France:

Ain, Aisne, Allier, Ardèche, Ardennes, Aube, Aveyron, Cantal, Charente, Charente-Maritime, Cher, Corrèze, Côte-d'Or, Côtes-d'Armor, Creuse, Deux-Sèvres, Dordogne, Doubs, Essonne, Eure, Eure-et-Loir, Finistère, Gers, Gironde, Hauts-de-Seine, Haute-Loire, Haute-Vienne, Ille-et-Vilaine, Indre, Indre-et-Loire, Jura, Loir-et-Cher, Loire, Loire-Atlantique, Loiret, Lot-et-Garonne, Lot, Lozère, Maine-et-Loire, Manche, Marne, Mayenne, Morbihan, Nièvre, Nord, Oise, Orne, Pas-de-Calais, Puy-de-Dôme, Rhône, Haute-Saône, Saône-et-Loire, Sarthe, Seine-Maritime, Seine-Saint-Denis, Territoire de Belfort, Val-de-Marne, Val-d'Oise, Vendée, Vienne, Yonne, Yvelines, Ville de Paris, Vosges.

In Italy:

Arezzo, Bolzano, Cagliari, Nuoro, Sassari, and Oristano.

In Portugal:

Autonomous Region of Azores.

In Spain:

Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Las Palmas.'
