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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 321/2006
of 23 February 2006
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⁾, 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 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

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<i>(EUR/100 kg)</i>		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	82,3
	204	43,2
	212	112,1
	624	111,0
	999	87,2
0707 00 05	052	137,9
	204	90,1
	628	131,0
	999	119,7
0709 10 00	220	60,4
	999	60,4
0709 90 70	052	140,9
	204	50,7
	999	95,8
0805 10 20	052	49,5
	204	51,2
	212	42,9
	220	49,6
	624	62,1
	999	51,1
0805 20 10	204	101,2
	999	101,2
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	62,9
	204	126,6
	220	48,0
	464	141,8
	624	75,6
	662	54,4
	999	84,9
0805 50 10	052	41,4
	220	39,9
	999	40,7
0808 10 80	400	137,9
	404	100,9
	528	107,3
	720	80,3
	999	106,6
0808 20 50	052	105,2
	388	85,1
	400	94,8
	512	69,6
	528	63,5
	720	46,6
	999	77,5

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 750/2005 (OJ L 126, 19.5.2005, p. 12). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 322/2006

of 23 February 2006

amending Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 by reason of the provisions on the hygiene of foodstuffs and for food of animal origin provided for by Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and by Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) As from 1 January 2006 Council Directive 92/46/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the health rules for the production and placing on the market of raw milk, heat-treated milk and milk-based products ⁽²⁾ and Council Directive 89/437/EEC of 20 June 1989 on hygiene and health problems affecting the production and the placing on the market of egg products ⁽³⁾ are repealed by Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ and replaced by Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs ⁽⁵⁾ and by Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin ⁽⁶⁾.

(2) For reasons of clarity it is appropriate to adapt accordingly the references made to Directive 92/46/EEC and Directive 89/437/EEC in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 of 30 June 2005 implementing

Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 as regards the system of granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds ⁽⁷⁾.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee on horizontal questions concerning trade in processed agricultural products not listed in Annex I to the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 52 of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. For a refund to be granted on goods falling within CN codes 0403 10 51 to 0403 10 99, 0403 90 71 to 0403 90 99, 0405 20 10, 0405 20 30, 2105 00 99, 3502 11 90 and 3502 19 90 the goods shall meet the relevant requirements of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ^(*) and Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ^(**), in particular the requirement of having been prepared in an approved establishment and of complying with the health marking requirements specified in Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

^(*) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1. Corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 3.

^(**) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55. Corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22.'

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2006.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 172, 5.7.2005, p. 24.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2580/2000 (OJ L 298, 25.11.2000, p. 5).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 212, 22.7.1989, p. 87.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 33. Corrected by OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 12.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1. Corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 3.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55. Corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 (OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 83).

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission
Günter VERHEUGEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 323/2006**of 23 February 2006****derogating from Regulation (EC) No 174/1999 as regards the term of validity of export licences with advance fixing of the refund in the milk and milk products sector**

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⁾, and in particular Article 31(14) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 174/1999 of 26 January 1999 laying down special detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 as regards export licences and export refunds in the case of milk and milk products ⁽²⁾ lays down the terms of validity of export licences.

(2) The reductions of the intervention prices for butter and skimmed milk powder as from 1 July 2006 are likely to affect the difference between those prices and the world market prices.

(3) As a precautionary measure, with a view to protect the Community budget from unnecessary expenditures and to avoid a speculative application of the export refund regime in the dairy sector, the validity of export licences with advance fixing of the refund should be limited until 30 June 2006.

(4) The Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 174/1999, export licences with advance fixing of the refund in respect of the products referred to in points (a) to (d) of that Article for which the applications are submitted as from 1 March 2006 shall be valid until 30 June 2006.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 20, 27.1.1999, p. 8. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2107/2005 (OJ L 337, 22.12.2005, p. 20).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 324/2006**of 23 February 2006****establishing a prohibition of fishing for anglerfish in ICES zone VIII c, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1 (EC waters) by vessels flying the flag of France**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 26(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to common fisheries policy ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 of 22 December 2005 fixing for 2006 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required ⁽³⁾, lays down quotas for 2006.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2006.

- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2006 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

Article 3

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of 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, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

Jörgen HOLMQUIST

Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p 59.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 (OJ L 128, 21.05.2005, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 16, 20.01.2006, p. 1.

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No	01
Member State	France
Stock	ANF/8C3411
Species	Anglerfish (<i>Lophiidae</i>)
Zone	VIII c, IX, X, CECAF 34.11 (EC waters)
Date	6 February 2006

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 325/2006**of 23 February 2006****fixing the reduction coefficient to be applied to applications for import licences for bananas originating in the ACP countries for the period 1 March to 31 December 2006**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 of 29 November 2005 on the tariff rates for bananas ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 219/2006 of 8 February 2006 opening and providing for the administration of the tariff quota for bananas falling under CN code 0803 00 19 originating in ACP countries for the period 1 March to 31 December 2006 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The applications for import licences submitted in the Member States under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 219/2006 and sent to the Commission in accordance

with Article 5 of that Regulation exceed the available quantities fixed in Article 2(a) thereof, i.e. 146 850 tonnes for the operators referred to in Chapter II.

- (2) The reduction coefficient to be applied to each application should therefore be fixed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A reduction coefficient of 45,687 % shall be applied to each import licence application submitted by the operators referred to in Chapter II of Regulation (EC) No 219/2006 under the tariff subquota of 146 850 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 2.12.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 38, 9.2.2006, p. 22.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 326/2006**of 23 February 2006****on import licence applications for rice originating in and coming from Egypt under the tariff quota provided for in Commission Regulation (EC) No 196/97**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2184/96 of 28 October 1996 concerning imports into the Community of rice originating in and coming from Egypt ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 196/97 of 31 January 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2184/96 concerning imports into the Community of rice originating in and coming from Egypt ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 4(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 196/97 stipulates that the Commission must set a single reduction percentage for quantities applied for if import licence applications exceed quantities available. That Article also provides that the Commission must notify the Member States of its decision within 10 working days of the day on which the licence applications are lodged.

(2) Import licence applications for rice falling within CN code 1006 lodged from 1 September 2005 to 14 February 2006 cover a quantity of 36 579 tonnes while the maximum quantity to be made available is 32 000 tonnes of rice falling within the above code.

(3) A single reduction percentage, as provided for in Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 196/97, should therefore be set for the import licence applications lodged on 14 February 2006 and benefiting from the reduced customs duties provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2184/96.

(4) No more import licences allowing a reduced customs duties should be issued for the current marketing year.

(5) In view of its purpose, this Regulation should take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licence applications for rice falling within CN code 1006 and benefiting from the reduced customs duties provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2148/96, lodged on 14 February 2006 and notified to the Commission, shall give rise to the issue of licences for the quantities applied for multiplied by a reduction percentage of 85,88 %.

Article 2

Import licences under Regulation (EC) No 2148/96 shall no longer be issued in respect of licence applications for rice falling within CN code 1006 submitted on or after 15 February 2006.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 (OJ L 42, 14.2.2006, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.1997, p. 53. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1950/2005 (OJ L 132, 29.11.2005, p. 18).

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission
J. L. DEMARTY
*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 327/2006**of 23 February 2006****amending the representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the sugar sector fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1011/2005 for the 2005/2006 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The representative prices and additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups for the 2005/2006 marketing year are fixed by

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1011/2005 ⁽³⁾. These prices and duties were last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 281/2006 ⁽⁴⁾.

- (2) The data currently available to the Commission indicate that the said amounts should be changed in accordance with the rules and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1423/95, as fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1011/2005 for the 2005/2006 marketing year are hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 (OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 170, 1.7.2005, p. 35.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 47, 17.2.2006, p. 38.

ANNEX

Amended representative prices and additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99 applicable from 24 February 2006

(EUR)

CN code	Representative price per 100 kg of the product concerned	Additional duty per 100 kg of the product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	38,32	0,00
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	38,32	3,41
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	38,32	0,00
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	38,32	3,11
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	38,91	5,80
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	38,91	2,66
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	38,91	2,66
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,39	0,29

⁽¹⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.II to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 (OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.I to Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001.

⁽³⁾ Fixed per 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 328/2006**of 23 February 2006****altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state fixed by
Regulation (EC) No 278/2006**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 27(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 278/2006 ⁽²⁾

- (2) Since the data currently available to the Commission are different to the data at the time Regulation (EC) No 278/2006 was adopted, those refunds should be adjusted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, undenatured and exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 278/2006 are hereby altered to the amounts shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 47, 17.2.2006, p. 32.

ANNEX

AMENDED AMOUNTS OF REFUNDS ON WHITE SUGAR AND RAW SUGAR EXPORTED WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING APPLICABLE FROM 24 FEBRUARY 2006 ^(a)

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1701 11 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	24,99 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	23,53 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	24,99 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	23,53 ⁽¹⁾
1701 91 00 9000	S00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg product net	0,2717
1701 99 10 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	27,17
1701 99 10 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	25,59
1701 99 10 9950	S00	EUR/100 kg	25,59
1701 99 90 9100	S00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,2717

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 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

The other destinations are:

S00: all destinations (third countries, other territories, victualling and destinations treated as exports from the Community) with the exception of Albania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo, as defined in UN Security Council Resolution No 1244 of 10 June 1999), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, save for sugar incorporated in the products referred to in Article 1(2)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29).

^(a) The amounts set out in this Annex are not applicable with effect from 1 February 2005 pursuant to Council Decision 2005/45/EC of 22 December 2004 concerning the conclusion and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 as regards the provisions applicable to processed agricultural products (OJ L 23, 26.1.2005, p. 17).

⁽¹⁾ This amount is applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %. Where the yield for exported raw sugar differs from 92 %, the refund amount applicable shall be calculated in accordance with Article 28(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 329/2006
of 23 February 2006
fixing the export refunds on cereal-based compound feedingstuffs

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 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) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1517/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 as regards the arrangements for the export and import of compound feedingstuffs based on cereals and amending Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 laying down special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences for cereals and rice ⁽²⁾ in Article 2 lays down general rules for fixing the amount of such refunds.
- (3) That calculation must also take account of the cereal products content. In the interest of simplification, the refund should be paid in respect of two categories of 'cereal products', namely for maize, the most commonly used cereal in exported compound feeds

and maize products, and for 'other cereals', these being eligible cereal products excluding maize and maize products. A refund should be granted in respect of the quantity of cereal products present in the compound feedingstuff.

- (4) Furthermore, the amount of the refund must also take into account the possibilities and conditions for the sale of those products on the world market, the need to avoid disturbances on the Community market and the economic aspect of the export.
- (5) The current situation on the cereals market and, in particular, the supply prospects mean that the export refunds should be abolished.
- (6) The Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the compound feedingstuffs covered by Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 and subject to Regulation (EC) No 1517/95 are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 51.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 23 February 2006 fixing the export refunds on cereal-based compound feedingstuffs

Product codes benefiting from export refund:

2309 10 11 9000, 2309 10 13 9000, 2309 10 31 9000,
 2309 10 33 9000, 2309 10 51 9000, 2309 10 53 9000,
 2309 90 31 9000, 2309 90 33 9000, 2309 90 41 9000,
 2309 90 43 9000, 2309 90 51 9000, 2309 90 53 9000.

Cereal products	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refunds
Maize and maize products: CN codes 0709 90 60, 0712 90 19, 1005, 1102 20, 1103 13, 1103 29 40, 1104 19 50, 1104 23, 1904 10 10	C10	EUR/t	0,00
Cereal products excluding maize and maize products	C10	EUR/t	0,00

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.

C10: All destinations.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 330/2006**of 23 February 2006****concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of barley issued in Regulation (EC) No 1058/2005**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley to certain third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1058/2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of 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⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

- (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 17 to 23 February 2006 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley issued in Regulation (EC) No 1058/2005.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 174, 7.7.2005, p. 12.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7. Regulation as last modified by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 331/2006**of 23 February 2006****concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of common wheat issued in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2005**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of common wheat to certain third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1059/2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of 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⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

- (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 17 to 23 February 2006 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund for the export of common wheat issued in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2005.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 174, 7.7.2005, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7. Regulation as last modified by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 332/2006**of 23 February 2006****fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on sorghum imported in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2094/2005**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on sorghum imported into Spain from third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2094/2005⁽²⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 7 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95⁽³⁾, the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003, may decide to fix a 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. Whereas 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 17 to 23 February 2006, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2094/2005, the maximum reduction in the duty on sorghum imported shall be 32,47 EUR/t and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 35 000 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 335, 21.12.2005, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1558/2005 (OJ L 249, 24.9.2005, p. 6).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 333/2006**of 23 February 2006****fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2093/2005**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, 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 2093/2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 7 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 ⁽³⁾ the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003, 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 17 to 23 February 2006, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2093/2005, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be 32,94 EUR/t and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 30 024 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 335, 21.12.2005, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1558/2005 (OJ L 249, 24.9.2005, p. 6).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 334/2006**of 23 February 2006****concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the import of maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 1809/2005**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported in Portugal from third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1809/2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 ⁽³⁾, allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 a maximum reduction in the duty 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 17 to 23 February 2006 in response to the invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imported maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 1809/2005.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 291, 5.11.2005, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1558/2005 (OJ L 249, 24.9.2005, p. 6).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 335/2006**23 February 2006****on the issuing of export licences for wine-sector products**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 883/2001 of 24 April 2001, laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 as regards trade with third countries in products in the wine sector⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7 and Article 9(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 63(7) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine⁽²⁾, limits the grant of export refunds for wine-sector products to the volumes and expenditure contained in the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations.
- (2) Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2001 lays down the conditions under which the Commission may take specific measures to prevent an overrun of the quantity laid down or the budget available under the said Agreement.
- (3) On the basis of information on export licence applications available to the Commission on 22 February

2006, the quantity still available for the period until 15 March 2006, for destination zone (4) western Europe, referred to in Article 9(5) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2001, could be exceeded unless the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund is restricted. Therefore, a single percentage for the acceptance of applications submitted from 15 to 21 February 2006 should be applied and the submission of applications and the issue of licences suspended for this zone until 16 March 2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export licences with advance fixing of the refund for wine-sector products for which applications are submitted from 15 to 21 February 2006 under Regulation (EC) No 883/2001 shall be issued in concurrence with 100,00 % of the quantities requested for zone (4) western Europe.
2. The issue of export licences for wine-sector products referred to in paragraph 1 for which applications are submitted from 22 February 2006 and the submission of export licence applications from 24 February 2006 for destination zone (4) western Europe shall be suspended until 16 March 2006.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 128, 10.5.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2079/2005 (OJ L 333, 20.12.2005, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2165/2005 (OJ L 345, 28.12.2005, p. 1).

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 February 2006

on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to the Agreement on Trade in Wines annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part

(2006/136/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the Association Agreement), was signed on 18 November 2002, and entered into force on 1 March 2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) On 24 November 2005 the Council authorised the Commission to enter into negotiations with the Republic of Chile to amend the Agreement on trade in wines attached as Annex V ⁽³⁾ (hereinafter referred to as Annex V) to the Association Agreement. These negotiations have been successfully concluded.
- (3) The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to Annex V should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to the Agreement on trade in wines annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development is hereby empowered to sign the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2006.

For the Council
The President
K.-H. GRASSER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 352, 30.12.2002, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 84, 2.4.2005, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 352, 30.12.2002, p. 1083.

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in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to the Agreement on Trade in Wines annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part

A. Letter from the Community

Brussels,

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to meetings of the Joint Committee established in accordance with Article 30 of Annex V to the Association Agreement (the Agreement on Trade in Wines). The Joint Committee has recommended that modifications should be made to the Agreement on Trade in Wines (hereinafter referred to as Annex V), in order to take account of legislative developments since its adoption.

During the recent Joint Committee meeting held in Madrid on 13 to 14 June 2005 there was agreement on the need to amend not only the appendices but also the text of the Agreement in order to update it. I have therefore the honour to propose that Annex V be amended as indicated in the Appendix attached hereto, with effect as of the date of signature.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the content of this letter.

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

On behalf of the European Community

Appendix

Annex V is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 5, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. The names referred to in Article 6 shall be reserved exclusively for the products originating in the Party to which they apply.';

2. Article 7 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. On the basis of the Chilean trademark register as established on 10 June 2002, the trademarks listed in Appendix VI.A shall be cancelled within 12 years for use on the internal market and five years for use for export from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.';

(b) after paragraph 2, the following paragraph is inserted:

'2a. On the basis of the Chilean trademark register as established on 10 June 2002, trademarks listed in Appendix VI. B. are allowed under the conditions laid down in this Appendix, exclusively for use on the internal market and shall be cancelled within 12 years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.';

3. Article 8 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 5(b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) where a traditional expression or complementary quality mention listed in Appendix III or IV is homonymous with the name of a wine originating outside the Parties, the latter name may be used to describe and present a wine only if such use is recognised in the internal legislation of the country of origin and does not constitute unfair competition and consumers are not misled as to the origin, nature or quality of the wine.';

(b) paragraph 5(c) is deleted;

4. Article 9 is amended as follows:

(a) point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) as regards wine originating in the Community, those listed in Appendix III.';

(b) point (b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) as regards wine originating in Chile, those listed in Appendix IV.';

5. Article 10 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. Registration of a trademark for a wine in a Party which is identical with, or similar to, or contains a traditional expression or a complementary quality mention of the other Party listed in Appendix III or IV shall be refused insofar as that registration concerns use of that traditional expression or complementary quality mention to describe or present the category or categories of wine for which that traditional expression or complementary quality mention is listed in Appendix III or IV.';

(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, refusal to register a trademark for a wine in a Party which is identical with, or similar to, or contains a traditional expression or a complementary quality mention of that Party listed in Appendix III or IV shall not be obligatory if that registration concerns use of that traditional expression or complementary quality mention to describe or present the category or categories of wine for which it is listed in Appendix III or IV.';

(c) paragraph 3 is deleted;

6. Article 11 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The Parties are not aware, on the basis of the Chilean trademark register as established on 10 June 2002, of any trademarks other than those referred to in Article 7(2) and (2a) and Article 10(4) which are identical with, or similar to, or contain the geographical indications or traditional expressions or complementary quality mentions referred to in Articles 6 and 10, respectively.;

(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Pursuant to paragraph 1, neither Party shall deny the right to use a trademark contained in the Chilean trademark register on 10 June 2002, other than those referred to in Articles 7(2) and (2a) and Article 10(4), on the basis that such a trademark is identical or similar to, or contains a geographical indication listed in Appendix I or II or a traditional expression or complementary quality mention listed in Appendix III or IV.;

7. Article 30(3) is replaced by the following:

'3. In particular, the Joint Committee may make recommendations in furtherance of the objectives of this Agreement. It shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Special Committees.'

B. *Letter from the Republic of Chile*

Santiago de Chile/Brussels,

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

'I have the honour to refer to meetings of the Joint Committee established in accordance with Article 30 of Annex V to the Association Agreement (the Agreement on Trade in Wines). The Joint Committee has recommended that modifications should be made to the Agreement on Trade in Wines (hereinafter referred to as Annex V), in order to take account of legislative developments since its adoption.

During the recent Joint Committee meeting held in Madrid on 13 to 14 June 2005 there was agreement on the need to amend not only the appendices but also the text of the Agreement in order to update it. I have therefore the honour to propose that Annex V be amended as indicated in the Appendix attached hereto, with effect as of the date of signature.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the content of this letter.'

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Chile is in agreement with the content of this letter.

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

For the Republic of Chile

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 February 2006

on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part

(2006/137/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as 'Association Agreement'), was signed on 18 November 2002, and entered into force on 1 March 2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) On 24 November 2005 the Council authorised the Commission to enter into negotiations with the Republic of Chile to amend the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks attached as Annex VI ⁽³⁾ (hereinafter referred to as 'Annex VI') to the Association Agreement. These negotiations have been successfully concluded.
- (3) The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to Annex VI should be approved,

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development is hereby empowered to sign the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2006.

For the Council
The President
K.-H. GRASSER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 352, 30.12.2002, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 84, 2.4.2005, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 352, 30.12.2002, p. 1198.

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in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Chile concerning amendments to the Agreement on trade in spirit drinks and aromatised drinks annexed to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its member states, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part

A. Letter from the Community

Brussels,

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to meetings of the Joint Committee established in accordance with Article 17 of Annex VI to the Association Agreement (the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks). The Joint Committee has recommended that modifications should be made to the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks (hereinafter referred to as 'Annex VI'), in order to take account of legislative developments since its adoption.

During the recent Joint Committee meeting held in Madrid on 13-14 June 2005 there was agreement on the need to amend not only the appendices but also the text of the Agreement in order to update it. I have therefore the honour to propose that Annex VI be amended as indicated in the Appendix attached hereto, with effect as of the date of signature.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the content of this letter.

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

On behalf of the European Community

Appendix

Annex VI is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 5, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
 - '2. The names referred to in Article 6 shall be reserved exclusively for the products originating in the Party to which they apply.';
2. Article 7 is amended as follows:
 - (a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
 - '2. On the basis of the Chilean trademark register as established on 10 June 2002, the trademarks listed in Appendix II A shall be cancelled within 12 years for use on the internal market and five years for export from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.';
 - (b) after paragraph 2, the following paragraph is inserted:
 - '2a. On the basis of the Chilean trademark register as established on 10 June 2002, trademarks listed in Appendix II B. are allowed under the conditions laid down in this Appendix, exclusively for use on the internal market, and shall be cancelled within 12 years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.';
3. Article 8 is amended as follows:
 - (a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
 - '1. The Parties are not aware, on the basis of the Chilean trademark register as established on 10 June 2002, of any trademarks other than those listed in Article 7(2) and (2a) which are identical with, or similar to, or contain the protected designation referred to in Article 6.';
 - (b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
 - '2. Pursuant to paragraph 1, the Parties shall not deny the right to use a trademark contained in the Chilean trademark register on 10 June 2002, other than those referred to in Article 7(2) and (2a), on the basis that such a trademark is identical with, or similar to, or contains a protected designation listed in Appendix I.';
4. Article 17(3) is replaced by the following:
 - '3. In particular, the Joint Committee may make recommendations in furtherance of the objectives of this Agreement. It shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Special Committees.'

B. *Letter from the Republic of Chile*

Santiago de Chile/Brussels,

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

'I have the honour to refer to meetings of the Joint Committee established in accordance with Article 17 of Annex VI to the Association Agreement (the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks). The Joint Committee has recommended that modifications should be made to the Agreement on Trade in Spirit Drinks and Aromatised Drinks (hereinafter referred to as "Annex VI"), in order to take account of legislative developments since its adoption.

During the recent Joint Committee meeting held in Madrid on 13-14 June 2005 there was agreement on the need to amend not only the appendices but also the text of the Agreement in order to update it. I have therefore the honour to propose that Annex VI be amended as indicated in the Appendix attached hereto, with effect as of the date of signature.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the content of this letter.'

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Chile is in agreement with the content of this letter.

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

For the Republic of Chile

COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 February 2006

extending the period of application of Decision 82/530/EEC authorising the United Kingdom to permit the Isle of Man authorities to apply a system of special import licences to sheepmeat and beef and veal

(2006/138/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Protocol 3 to the 1972 Act of Accession, and in particular Article 1(2) and the second subparagraph of Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Community rules concerning trade with third countries in agricultural products subject to a common organisation of the market apply to the Isle of Man in accordance with Article 1(2) of Protocol 3 to the Act of Accession and with Council Regulation (EEC) No 706/73 concerning the Community arrangements applicable to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for trade in agricultural products ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Livestock production is a traditional activity in the Isle of Man and plays a central part in the Island's agriculture.
- (3) In the context of the trade arrangements with certain third countries pursuant to the common organisation of the market applicable to the Isle of Man, subject to the Community provisions which governed the relationship between the Island and the Community, it was desirable to permit the Island authorities to apply certain measures in order to protect its own production and the working of its own agricultural support system.
- (4) Therefore, Council Decision 82/530/EEC ⁽²⁾ authorised the United Kingdom to permit the Isle of Man government to apply a system of special licences for imports of sheepmeat and beef and veal originating in

third countries and in Member States of the Community, without prejudice to the measures concerning trade with third countries provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽³⁾ and Council Regulation (EC) No 2529/2001 of 19 December 2001 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat ⁽⁴⁾. This authorisation was granted for a period which ended on 31 December 2005.

- (5) During the application of the system, the activity in the sheep and cattle sector in the Isle of Man has been maintained. However, the Commission reported to the Council that structural problems in the sector may impede the long-term sustainability of the livestock production on the Island. Therefore, the current regime is prolonged for the last time to allow for the restructuring of the sheepmeat and beef industry on the Isle of Man.
- (6) In order to provide for continuous application of the system after 31 December 2005, the date of application of this Decision should be fixed to 1 January 2006.
- (7) Decision 82/530/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Decision 82/530/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 2010.'

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 68, 15.3.1973, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1174/86 (OJ L 107, 24.4.1986, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 234, 9.8.1982, p. 7. Decision as last amended by Decision 2000/665/EC (OJ L 278, 31.10.2000, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 341, 22.12.2001, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 20 February 2006.

For the Council

The President

J. PRÖLL

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 February 2006

implementing Council Directive 94/28/EC as regards a list of authorities in third countries approved for the keeping of a herdbook or register of certain animals

(notified under document number C(2006) 284)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/139/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

approved for the keeping of a herdbook or register of pure-bred animals to be imported under Directive 94/28/EC.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 94/28/EC of 23 June 1994 laying down the principles relating to the zootechnical and genealogical conditions applicable to imports from third countries of animals, their semen, ova and embryos, and amending Directive 77/504/EEC on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

(4) The list of authorities which are approved for the keeping of a herdbook or register in respect of the animals and products referred to in this Decision should therefore be established for the purposes of Directive 94/28/EC.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 94/28/EC lays down the principles relating to the zootechnical and genealogical conditions that apply to imports from third countries of certain pure-bred animals and their semen, ova and embryos.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

(2) Pursuant to Directive 94/28/EC and without prejudice to Community legislation on animal health and public health the animals can only be imported as 'pure bred' or 'hybrid' if certain conditions are fulfilled. One of those conditions is that the animals are entered or registered in a herdbook or register kept by an authority as defined in that Directive and semen, ova and embryos can only be imported if they come from an animal which is entered or registered in such herdbook or register.

For the purposes of Directive 94/28/EC the list of authorities which are approved for the keeping of a herd book or register in respect of breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, their semen, ova and embryos as 'pure-bred' — or, in the case of porcine species also as 'hybrid,' — is set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

(3) Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Israel, Iceland, New Zealand and the United States have communicated to the Commission a list of authorities which they have

Member States shall authorise the importation of breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, their semen, ova and embryos as 'pure-bred' — or, in the case of porcine species also as 'hybrid,' — only if they are entered or registered in a herdbook or register kept by an authority listed in the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 12.7.1994, p. 66.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 February 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

I. **Country: Argentina**

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II. **Country: Bulgaria** ⁽¹⁾

Species: bovine, caprine, ovine, porcine

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Species: bovine

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Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association — Blackface, Berrichon du Cher, Border Cheviot, Border Leicester, British Milk Sheep, Canadian Arcott, Charollais, Clun Forest, Columbia, Coopworth, Corriedale, Cotswold, DLS, Dorper, Dorset, Drysdale, East Friesian Dairy, Est à Laine Merino, Hampshire, English Leicester, Hexham Leicester, Icelandic, Île de France, Jacob, Karakul, Kerry Hill, Lacaune Dairy Sheep, Lincoln, Marshall Romney, Merino, Montadale, North Country Cheviot, Outaouais Arcott, Oxford, Perendale, Polypay, Rambouillet, Rideau Arcott, Romanov, Romnelet, Romney, Rouge de L'Ouest, Ryeland, Shetland, Shropshire, Southdown, South African Meat Merion, Suffolk, Targhee, Texel

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Species: *bovine*, *caprine*, *ovine*, *porcine*

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V. **Country: Israel**

Species: *bovine*

SION

SION Israel Company for Artificial Insemination and Breeding Ltd.

VI. **Country: New Zealand**

Species: *bovine*

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American Pinzgauer Association — Pinzgauer
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Red Angus Association of America — Red Angus
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 Denton
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 Tel. (1-940) 387 35 02
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 Rocksprings
 TX 78880

American Boer Goat Association — Boer
 232 W Beaugard, Suite 104
 San Angelo,
 TX 76903
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American Kiko Goat Association — Kiko
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Lakeland,
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American Dorper Sheep Breeders's Society —
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American Rambouillet Breeders Association —
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2709 Sherwood Way
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American Southdown Breeders' Association —
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Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America —
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COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 February 2006

concerning a specific financial contribution by the Community relating to the survey on TSE resistant PrP genes in goats presented by Cyprus for the year 2006*(notified under document number C(2006) 408)***(Only the Greek text is authentic)**

(2006/140/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in small ruminants, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) which is considered to be the cause of the fatal variant Creutzfeldt Jacob disease in humans, is of major importance for animal health and consumer's protection.

(2) In sheep, selection towards resistant prion protein (PrP) genes is a major tool to achieve TSE eradication. Therefore minimum requirements for the establishment of breeding programmes for resistance to TSEs in sheep have been laid down in Commission Decision 2003/100/EC ⁽²⁾. Very limited information is however available on TSE resistant PrP genes in goats.

(3) Verification of the existence of TSE resistant genotypes in goats is necessary in order to develop community legislation in the veterinary field, in particular on the control and possible eradication of TSEs in such animals.

(4) A bi-annual survey on TSEs resistant genotypes in goats was submitted by the Cypriot authorities in 2005, with a view to obtain financial support from the Community. The objectives of the survey are to further investigate the PrP gene of the Cyprus goats in order to confirm the

results of previous preliminary studies where specific PrP polymorphisms were found indicating resistance against TSEs and to evaluate the data in order to be able to determine the baseline prevalence of TSE resistant PrP genes in goats. Cyprus has a very high prevalence of TSEs in goats and is therefore the appropriate Member State to carry out such pilot project. The survey intends to start on 1 January 2006.

(5) The survey will be executed by the Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus. The Community Reference Laboratory for TSE will provide scientific supervision of the survey.

(6) Pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 ⁽³⁾, veterinary and plant health measures undertaken in accordance with Community rules shall be financed under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund; for financial control purposes, Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 apply.

(7) A financial contribution from the Community shall be granted in so far as the actions provided for are effectively carried out and provided that the authorities furnish all the necessary information within the time limits provided for. For budgetary reasons, Community assistance is decided each year.

(8) There is a need to clarify the rate to be used for the conversion of the payment applications submitted in national currency as defined in Article 1(d) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro ⁽⁴⁾.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 31).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 41, 14.2.2003, p. 41.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The survey programme for TSE resistant PrP genes in goats presented by Cyprus is hereby approved for a period of 12 months starting from 1 January 2006.

2. The financial assistance from the Community for the programme referred to in paragraph 1 covers the costs (VAT excluded) incurred by Cyprus for laboratory testing up to 100 % in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 1 of the Annex. The total assistance shall be maximum EUR 47 500.

Article 2

1. The financial assistance referred to under Article 1(2) shall be paid to Cyprus provided that the implementation of the programme shall be in conformity with the relevant provisions of Community law, including rules on competition and on the award of public contracts and subject to the conditions provided for in points (a) to (e):

- (a) bringing into force by 1 January 2006 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the survey;
- (b) forwarding an intermediate financial and technical evaluation covering the first eight months of the survey, at the latest two months after the end of this period. The report shall conform to the model as set out in Chapter 2 of the Annex;
- (c) forwarding a final report by 31 March 2007 at the latest on the overall execution and results of the survey for the whole period during which Community financial assistance was granted. The report shall contain a technical and financial

evaluation covering the year 2006, in accordance with the model as set out in Chapter 2 of the Annex, accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs incurred;

(d) these reports providing substantive and valuable technical and scientific information corresponding to the purpose of the Community intervention;

(e) implementing the programme effectively.

2. When the time limit in subparagraph 1(c) is not respected, the contribution shall be reduced by 25 % on 1 May, 50 % on 1 June, 75 % on 1 July and 100 % on 1 September 2007.

Article 3

The conversion rate for payments of reimbursement claims submitted in national currency in month 'n' shall be that of the 10th day of month 'n+1' or for the first preceding day for which a rate is quoted.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2006.

Article 5

This decision is addressed to the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 15 February 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

CHAPTER 1

Financial assistance of the Community

Costs		Number of units	Unitary cost in EUR	Total cost in EUR	Community assistance
Sample collection		70 hours	21	1 470	None
Histological examination		1 500 analyses	3,5	5 250	None
PrP genotyping DNA sequencing		750 analyses	60	45 000	Costs of maximum 750 analyses at maximum EUR 60 per analysis
Rapid testing	Test kits and consumables	250 tests	14	3 500	Costs of maximum 250 tests at maximum EUR 10 per test
	Work	60 hours	20	1 200	None
Coordination and evaluation of data		1 778 hours	14,5	25 780	None
Traveling and accomodation costs CRL expert		1 trip	1 300	1 300	None
				Total	Maximum EUR 47 500

CHAPTER 2

Technical and financial reporting*Section A: Technical report*

Reporting period fromto

Determination of PrP genotype by DNA sequencing

	Number of samples with at codon 146 amino acid:			
	Aspartic acid	Serine	...	Other
Histologically TSE + suspects, rapid test +				
Histologically TSE + suspects, rapid test -				
Histologically TSE - suspects, rapid test +				
Histologically TSE - suspects, rapid test -				
Healthy controls				

Section B: Statement on costs incurred for control ⁽¹⁾

Reporting period fromto

Reference number of Commission Decision providing financial assistance:

Costs incurred related to	Number of units	Costs incurred during the reporting period (national currency)
PrP genotyping by DNA sequencing. Number of tests:		
Rapid testing. Number of tests:		
Rapid testing. Hours of work:		

⁽¹⁾ When presenting the final report referred to in Article 2(c), for each item a listing of all expenditures shall be provided together with a copy of supporting documents.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 February 2006

on financial aid from the Community for the operation of certain Community reference laboratories in the field of animal health and live animals in 2006

(notified under document number C(2006) 418)

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

(2006/141/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Community financial aid should be granted to the Community reference laboratories designated by the Community to assist them in carrying out the functions and duties laid down in the following Directives and Decisions:

- Council Directive 2001/89/EC of 23 October 2001 on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever ⁽²⁾,
- Council Directive 92/66/EEC of 14 July 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease ⁽³⁾,
- Council Directive 92/40/EEC of 19 May 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of avian influenza ⁽⁴⁾,
- Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animals diseases and specific measures relating swine vesicular disease ⁽⁵⁾,

— Council Directive 93/53/EEC of 24 June 1993 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases ⁽⁶⁾,

— Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain diseases affecting bivalve molluscs ⁽⁷⁾,

— Council Directive 92/35/EEC of 29 April 1992 laying down control rules and measures to combat African horse sickness ⁽⁸⁾,

— Council Directive 2000/75/EC of 20 November 2000 laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue ⁽⁹⁾,

— Council Decision 2000/258/EC of 20 March 2000 designating a specific institute responsible for establishing the criteria necessary for standardising the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines ⁽¹⁰⁾,

— Council Directive 2002/60/EC of 27 June 2002 laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever and amending Directive 92/119/EEC as regards Teschen disease and African swine fever ⁽¹¹⁾,

— Council Decision 96/463/EC of 23 July 1996 designating the reference body responsible for collaborating in rendering uniform the testing methods and the assessment of the results for pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species ⁽¹²⁾;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 316, 1.12.2001, p. 5. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 5.9.1992, p. 1. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 167, 22.6.1992, p. 1. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 69. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 175, 19.7.1993, p. 23. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 332, 30.12.1995, p. 33. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 157, 10.6.1992, p. 19. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 74.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 79, 30.3.2000, p. 40. Directive as last amended by Commission Decision 2003/60/EC (OJ L 23, 28.1.2003, p. 30).

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 192, 20.7.2002, p. 27. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 192, 2.8.1996, p. 19.

- (2) The financial contribution from the Community should be paid provided that the actions planned are efficiently carried out and that the authorities supply all the necessary information within the time limits laid down.
- (3) For budgetary reasons, Community assistance should be granted for a period of one year.
- (4) Additional financial assistance for the organisation of a yearly workshop in the area of responsibility of the Community Reference Laboratories should be granted during the same period in some cases.
- (5) The work programmes and corresponding budget estimates submitted by the Community Reference Laboratories for 2006 have been assessed by the Commission.
- (6) In the light of the importance of those work programmes for the achievement of Community objectives in the field of animal it is appropriate to fix at 100 % the rate of financial contribution of the Community for the eligible costs to be incurred by Community reference laboratories up to a maximum amount for each laboratory.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽¹³⁾, veterinary and plant health measures undertaken in accordance with Community rules shall be financed under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund; for financial control purposes, Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 apply.
- (8) Commission Regulation (EC) No 156/2004 of 29 January 2004 on the Community's financial assistance to the Community reference laboratories pursuant to Article 28 of Decision 90/424/EEC⁽¹⁴⁾, establishes the eligible expenditures of the Community reference laboratories receiving financial assistance under Article 28 of Decision 90/424/EEC and the procedures for the submission of expenditures and audits.
- (9) 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

For classical swine fever, the Community grants financial assistance to Germany for the functions and duties referred to in Annex IV to Directive 2001/89/EC, to be carried out by the Institut für Virologie der Tierärztlichen Hochschule, Hanover, Germany.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.2004, p. 5.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Institut für Virologie der Tierärztlichen Hochschule for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 202 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Institut für Virologie der Tierärztlichen Hochschule for organisation of a technical workshop on classical swine fever diagnostic techniques and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 18 000.

Article 2

For Newcastle disease, the Community grants financial assistance to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V to Directive 92/66/EEC, to be carried out by the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Addlestone, United Kingdom.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Central Veterinary Laboratory for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 70 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 3

For avian influenza, the Community grants financial assistance to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V to Directive 92/40/EEC, to be carried out by the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Addlestone, United Kingdom.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Central Veterinary Laboratory for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 300 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 4

For swine vesicular disease, the Community grants financial assistance to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties referred to in Annex III to Directive 92/119/EEC to be carried out by the Pirbright Laboratory, United Kingdom.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Pirbright Laboratory for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 100 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 5

For fish diseases, the Community grants financial assistance to Denmark for the functions and duties referred to in Annex C to Directive 93/53/EEC, to be carried out by the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Aarhus, Denmark.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 145 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 6

For diseases of bivalve molluscs, the Community grants financial assistance to France for the functions and duties referred to in Annex B to Directive 95/70/EC, to be carried out by the IFREMER, La Tremblade, France.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the IFREMER for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 90 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 7

For African horse sickness, the Community grants financial assistance to Spain for the functions and duties referred to in Annex I to Directive 92/35/EEC, to be carried out by the Laboratorio central de veterinaria de Madrid, Algete, Spain.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Laboratorio central de veterinaria de Madrid for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 20 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Laboratorio central de veterinaria de Madrid for organisation of a technical workshop on African horse sickness diagnostic techniques and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 20 000.

Article 8

For bluetongue, the Community grants financial assistance to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties referred to in Annex II to Directive 2000/75/EC, to be carried out by the Pirbright Laboratory, United Kingdom.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Pirbright Laboratory for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 175 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Pirbright Laboratory for organisation of a technical workshop on bluetongue diagnostic techniques and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 25 000.

Article 9

For rabies serology, the Community grants financial assistance to France for the functions and duties referred to in Annex II to Decision 2000/258/EC, to be carried out by the laboratory of the AFSSA, Nancy, France.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the AFSSA, Nancy for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 165 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 10

For African swine fever, the Community grants financial assistance to Spain for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V to Directive 2002/60/EC, to be carried out by the Centro de Investigación en Sanidad Animal, Valdeolmos, Madrid, Spain.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the Centro de Investigación en Sanidad Animal for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 100 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 11

For the assessment of the results of the methods of testing purebred breeding animals of the bovine species, and the harmonisation of the various methods of testing, the Community grants financial assistance to Sweden for the functions and duties referred to in Annex II to Decision 96/463/EC to be carried out by the INTERBULL Centre, Uppsala, Sweden.

The Community's financial assistance shall be at the rate of 100 % of the eligible costs to be incurred by the INTERBULL Centre for the work programme and shall amount to a maximum of EUR 65 000 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

Article 12

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

Done at Brussels, 16 February 2006.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 February 2006

as regards Community financial aid for the year 2006, to certain Community reference laboratories in the veterinary public health field of biological risks

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(2006/142/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies⁽⁴⁾.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(5) In addition to the financial aid from the Community, further aid should also be granted for the organisation of workshops in areas falling under the responsibility of the Community reference laboratories.

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

(6) Regulation (EC) No 156/2004 lays down eligibility rules for the workshops organised by the Community reference laboratories. It also limits the financial assistance to a maximum of 30 participants in workshops. Derogations to that limitation should be provided to one Community reference laboratory that needs support for attendance by more than 30 participants in order to achieve the best outcome from its workshops.

Whereas:

(1) Decision 90/424/EEC provides that the Community is to contribute towards improving the efficiency of veterinary inspections by granting financial aid to reference laboratories. Any reference laboratory designated as such, in accordance with Community veterinary legislation may receive Community aid, subject to certain conditions.

(7) The *Laboratorio de Biotoxinas Marinas, Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria (Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo)*, Vigo, Spain, designated as the Community reference laboratory for monitoring of marine biotoxins by Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, was requested to add to its annual work programme a project in support of the development of Community food safety policy and legislation in the area of detection and monitoring of marine biotoxins, where special attention should be paid to make available standards for the detection of certain marine biotoxins in order to have alternative detection methods.(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 156/2004 of 29 January 2004 on the Community's financial assistance to Community reference laboratories pursuant to Article 28 of Decision 90/424/EEC⁽²⁾ provides that the financial contribution from the Community is to be granted if the approved work programmes are efficiently carried out and that the beneficiaries supply all the necessary information within certain time limits.(8) Pursuant to Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽⁵⁾, the veterinary and plant health measures undertaken in accordance with Community rules are financed under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund. For financial control purposes, Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 apply.

(3) The Commission has assessed the work programmes and corresponding budget estimates submitted by the Community reference laboratories for the year 2006.

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

(4) Accordingly, from 1 January 2006 Community financial aid should be granted to the Community reference laboratories designated to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules⁽³⁾ and in Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Decision 2006/53/EC (OJ L 29, 2.2.2006, p. 37).⁽²⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.2004, p. 5.⁽³⁾ OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1, as corrected by OJ L 191, 28.5.2004, p. 1.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1974/2005 (OJ L 317, 3.12.2005, p. 4).⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Financial aid to Spain for the functions and duties pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

1. The Community grants financial aid to Spain for the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, to be carried out by the *Laboratorio de Biotoxinas Marinas, Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria (Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo)*, Vigo, Spain, for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 360 000.

Within the maximum referred to in the second subparagraph and without prejudice to the time limits laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 156/2004, an amount of EUR 140 000 shall be reserved for the project to produce reference materials for the detection of Saxitoxin and analogues, Okadaic acid and analogues, Azaspiracids, Pectenotoxins, Palytoxin, Spirolides and Yessotoxin and shall be directly granted to the Community reference laboratory for monitoring marine biotoxins at Vigo subject to:

- (a) forwarding monthly intermediate reports on the progress of the project;
- (b) forwarding a draft report by 31 December 2006 at the latest;
- (c) forwarding a final report, accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs incurred, by 31 March 2007.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to Spain for the organisation of a workshop by the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1. That aid shall not exceed EUR 30 000.

Article 2

Financial aid to France for the functions and duties pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

1. The Community grants financial aid to France for the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, to be carried out by the *Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agro-alimentaires*, of the *Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments*, Maisons-Alfort, France, for the analysis and testing of milk and milk products.

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 145 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to France for the organisation of a workshop by the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1. That aid shall not exceed EUR 27 000.

Article 3

Financial aid to the Netherlands for the functions and duties pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Netherlands for the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, to be carried out by the *Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (RIVM)*, Bilthoven, Netherlands, in respect of analysis and testing of zoonoses (salmonella).

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 305 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the Netherlands for the organisation of a workshop by the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1. That aid shall not exceed EUR 28 000.

Article 4

Financial aid to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

1. The Community grants financial aid to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, to be carried out by the laboratory of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Weymouth, United Kingdom, for the monitoring of viral and bacteriological contamination of bivalve molluscs.

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 263 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the United Kingdom for the organisation of a workshop by the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1. That aid shall not exceed EUR 30 000.

Article 5

Financial aid to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 999/2001

1. The Community grants financial aid to the United Kingdom for the functions and duties provided in Chapter B of Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, to be carried out by the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Addlestone, United Kingdom, for the monitoring of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 731 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the United Kingdom for the organisation of workshops by the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1. That aid shall not exceed EUR 70 000.

3. By way of derogation from Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 156/2004, the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 shall be entitled to claim financial assistance for attendance by a maximum of 50 participants at one of its workshops referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 6

Addresses

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 76/2006 of 17 January 2006 amending for the 61st time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the Al-Qaida network and the Taliban, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 467/2001

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1. On page 9, in point 1, under 'Other information'
for: '(c) VAT Number: BE 454,419,759',
read: '(c) VAT Number: BE 454 419 759'.
2. On page 10, in point 7, second paragraph:
for: 'Address: (b) Via Dopini 3, Gallarati, Italy',
read: 'Address: (b) Via Dopini 3, Gallarate, Italy';
3. in point 8, second paragraph:
for: '(b) 129 Park Road, NW8, London, England',
read: '(b) 129 Park Road, London NW8, England';
4. On page 10, in point 9, second paragraph:
for: '(Tunisian passport issued on 10.6.1996 which expired on 9.7.2001)',
read: '(Tunisian passport issued on 10.6.1996 which expired on 9.6.2001)'.
5. On page 11, in points 12 and 17, second paragraphs and on page 12, in points 20 and 25, second paragraphs:
for: 'Place of birth: Menzel Temine, Tunisia',
read: 'Place of birth: Menzel Temime, Tunisia'.
6. On page 13, in point 28, second paragraph:
for: '(Tunisian passport issued on 27.4.1999)',
read: '(Tunisian passport issued on 27.4.1999 which expired on 26.4.2004)'.
7. On page 14, in point 33, second paragraph:
for: 'Italian fiscal code: (a) DRR KML 67L22 Z352Q',
read: 'Italian fiscal code: (a) DDR KML 67L22 Z352Q';
8. On page 14, in point 34, second paragraph:
for: '(Tunisian passport issued on 14.12.1995 which expired on 13.2.2000)',
read: '(Tunisian passport issued on 14.2.1995 which expired on 13.2.2000)'.

9. On page 14, in point 36, second paragraph:

for: '(c),

read: '(b)'.

10. On page 14, in point 38, second paragraph:

for: 'Other information: He has also been identified as Ben Narvan Abdel Aziz, ...',

read: 'Other information: He has also been identified as Abdel Aziz Ben Narvan, ...'.

11. On page 15, in point 44, second paragraph:

for: '(Tunisian passport issued on 28.11.2001 which expires on 27.9.2006)',

read: '(Tunisian passport issued on 28.9.2001 which expires on 27.9.2006)'.
