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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 748/2006
of 18 May 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 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 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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to Commission Regulation of 18 May 2006 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	96,6
	204	46,7
	999	71,7
0707 00 05	052	129,4
	999	129,4
0709 90 70	052	120,2
	999	120,2
0805 10 20	204	33,7
	212	64,4
	220	34,9
	400	20,3
	448	46,6
	624	49,8
	999	41,6
0805 50 10	052	42,4
	388	59,4
	508	51,1
	528	55,9
	624	54,7
	999	52,7
0808 10 80	388	90,5
	400	126,3
	404	110,2
	508	78,8
	512	87,6
	524	88,6
	528	95,3
	720	87,1
	804	117,4
	999	98,0

⁽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 749/2006

of 18 May 2006

fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for molasses in the sugar sector applicable from 19 May 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 market in sugar ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for imports of molasses in the sugar sector and amending Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽²⁾, stipulates that the cif import price for molasses established in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽³⁾, is to be considered the representative price. That price is fixed for the standard quality defined in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.
- (2) For the purpose of fixing the representative prices, account must be taken of all the information provided for in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68, except in the cases provided for in Article 4 of that Regulation and those prices should be fixed, where appropriate, in accordance with the method provided for in Article 7 of that Regulation.
- (3) Prices not referring to the standard quality should be adjusted upwards or downwards, according to the

quality of the molasses offered, in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.

- (4) Where there is a difference between the trigger price for the product concerned and the representative price, additional import duties should be fixed under the terms laid down in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95. Should the import duties be suspended pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, specific amounts for these duties should be fixed.
- (5) The representative prices and additional import duties for the products concerned should be fixed in accordance with Articles 1(2) and 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and the additional duties applying to imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 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. 12. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 79/2003 (OJ L 13, 18.1.2003, p. 4).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 27.6.1968, p. 12. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1422/95.

ANNEX

Representative prices and additional duties for imports of molasses in the sugar sector applicable from 19 May 2006

(EUR)

CN code	Amount of the representative price in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the additional duty in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the duty to be applied to imports in 100 kg net of the product in question because of suspension as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 ⁽¹⁾
1703 10 00 ⁽²⁾	10,87	—	0
1703 90 00 ⁽²⁾	10,87	—	0

⁽¹⁾ This amount replaces, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, the rate of the Common Customs Tariff duty fixed for these products.

⁽²⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 750/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state**

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 second subparagraph of Article 27(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that when refunds on white and raw sugar, undenatured and exported in its unaltered state, are being fixed account must be taken of the situation on the Community and world markets in sugar and in particular of the price and cost factors set out in Article 28 of that Regulation. The same Article provides that the economic aspect of the proposed exports should also be taken into account.
- (3) The refund on raw sugar must be fixed in respect of the standard quality. The latter is defined in Annex I, point II, to Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001. Furthermore, this refund should be fixed in accordance with Article 28(4) of that Regulation. Candy sugar is defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2135/95 of 7 September 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for the grant of export refunds in the sugar sector ⁽²⁾. The refund thus calculated for sugar containing added flavouring or colouring matter must apply to their sucrose content and, accordingly, be fixed per 1 % of the said content.
- (4) In special cases, the amount of the refund may be fixed by other legal instruments.

- (5) The refund must be fixed every two weeks. It may be altered in the intervening period.
- (6) The first subparagraph of Article 27(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that refunds on the products referred to in Article 1 of that Regulation may vary according to destination, where the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets make this necessary.
- (7) The significant and rapid increase in preferential imports of sugar from the western Balkan countries since the start of 2001 and in exports of sugar to those countries from the Community seems to be highly artificial.
- (8) To prevent any abuse through the re-import into the Community of sugar products in receipt of an export refund, no refund should be set for all the countries of the western Balkans for the products covered by this Regulation.
- (9) In view of the above and of the present situation on the market in sugar, and in particular of the quotations or prices for sugar within the Community and on the world market, refunds should be set at the appropriate amounts.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

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, are hereby fixed to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 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 214, 8.9.1995, p. 16.

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**REFUNDS ON WHITE SUGAR AND RAW SUGAR EXPORTED WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING
APPLICABLE FROM 19 MAY 2006 ^(a)**

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1701 11 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	20,20 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	20,20 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	20,20 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	20,20 ⁽¹⁾
1701 91 00 9000	S00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg product net	0,2196
1701 99 10 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	21,96
1701 99 10 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	21,96
1701 99 10 9950	S00	EUR/100 kg	21,96
1701 99 90 9100	S00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,2196

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 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 751/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the export refunds on syrups and certain other sugar products exported in the natural state**

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 second subparagraph of Article 27(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1)(d) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2135/95 of 7 September 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for the grant of export refunds in the sugar sector⁽²⁾, provides that the export refund on 100 kilograms of the products listed in Article 1(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 is equal to the basic amount multiplied by the sucrose content, including, where appropriate, other sugars expressed as sucrose; the sucrose content of the product in question is determined in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

(3) Article 30(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that the basic amount of the refund on sorbose exported in the natural state must be equal to the basic amount of the refund less one hundredth of the production refund applicable, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1265/2001 of 27 June 2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 as regards granting the production refund on certain sugar products used in the chemical industry⁽³⁾, to the products listed in the Annex to the last mentioned Regulation.

(4) According to the terms of Article 30(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, the basic amount of the refund

on the other products listed in Article 1(1)(d) of the said Regulation exported in the natural state must be equal to one-hundredth of an amount which takes account, on the one hand, of the difference between the intervention price for white sugar for the Community areas without deficit for the month for which the basic amount is fixed and quotations or prices for white sugar on the world market and, on the other, of the need to establish a balance between the use of Community basic products in the manufacture of processed goods for export to third countries and the use of third country products brought in under inward-processing arrangements.

(5) According to the terms of Article 30(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, the application of the basic amount may be limited to some of the products listed in Article 1(1)(d) of the said Regulation.

(6) Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 makes provision for setting refunds for export in the natural state of products referred to in Article 1(1)(f) and (g) and (h) of that Regulation; the refund must be fixed per 100 kilograms of dry matter, taking account of the export refund for products falling within CN code 1702 30 91 and for products referred to in Article 1(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 and of the economic aspects of the intended exports; in the case of the products referred to in the said Article 1(1)(f) and (g), the refund is to be granted only for products complying with the conditions in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95; for the products referred to in Article 1(1)(h), the refund shall be granted only for products complying with the conditions in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

(7) The abovementioned refunds must be fixed every month; they may be altered in the intervening period.

(8) The first subparagraph of Article 27(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that refunds on the products referred to in Article 1 of that Regulation may vary according to destination, where the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets make this necessary.

(9) The significant and rapid increase in preferential imports of sugar from the western Balkan countries since the start of 2001 and in exports of sugar to those countries from the Community seems to be highly artificial in nature.

⁽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. 6).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 214, 8.9.1995, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 63.

- (10) In order to prevent any abuses associated with the reimportation into the Community of sugar sector products that have qualified for export refunds, refunds for the products covered by this Regulation should not be fixed for all the countries of the western Balkans.
- (11) In view of the above, refunds for the products in question should be fixed at the appropriate amounts.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(d), (f), (g) and (h) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, exported in the natural state, shall be set out in the Annex hereto to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

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EXPORT REFUNDS ON SYRUPS AND CERTAIN OTHER SUGAR PRODUCTS EXPORTED WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING APPLICABLE FROM 19 MAY 2006 ^(a)

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1702 40 10 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	21,96 ⁽¹⁾
1702 60 10 9000	S00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	21,96 ⁽¹⁾
1702 60 80 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	41,73 ⁽²⁾
1702 60 95 9000	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,2196 ⁽³⁾
1702 90 30 9000	S00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	21,96 ⁽¹⁾
1702 90 60 9000	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,2196 ⁽³⁾
1702 90 71 9000	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,2196 ⁽³⁾
1702 90 99 9900	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,2196 ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾
2106 90 30 9000	S00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	21,96 ⁽¹⁾
2106 90 59 9000	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,2196 ⁽³⁾

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 defined as follows:

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 by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, except for sugar incorporated into 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⁾ Applicable only to products referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

⁽²⁾ Applicable only to products referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

⁽³⁾ The basic amount is not applicable to syrups which are less than 85 % pure (Regulation (EC) No 2135/95). Sucrose content is determined in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

⁽⁴⁾ The basic amount is not applicable to the product defined under point 2 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3513/92 (OJ L 355, 5.12.1992, p. 12).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 752/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar to certain third countries for the 26th partial invitation to tender issued within the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1138/2005**

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 second indent of Article 27(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1138/2005 of 15 July 2005 on a standing invitation to tender to determine levies and/or refunds on exports of white sugar ⁽²⁾, for the 2005/2006 marketing year, requires partial invitations to tender to be issued for the export of this sugar to certain third countries.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1138/2005 a maximum export refund shall be fixed,

as the case may be, account being taken in particular of the state and foreseeable development of the Community and world markets in sugar, for the partial invitation to tender in question.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 26th partial invitation to tender for white sugar issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1138/2005 the maximum amount of the export refund shall be 26,963 EUR/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 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 185, 16.7.2005, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 753/2006

of 18 May 2006

fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to certain cereal and rice products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

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,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 and Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 provide that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of each of those Regulations and the prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) 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 ⁽³⁾, specifies the products for which a rate of refund is to be fixed, to be applied where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 or in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 as appropriate.
- (3) In accordance with the first paragraph of Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005, the rate of the refund per 100 kilograms for each of the basic products in question is to be fixed each month.
- (4) The commitments entered into with regard to refunds which may be granted for the export of agricultural products contained in goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty may be jeopardised by the fixing in advance of high refund rates. It is therefore necessary to take precautionary measures in such situations without, however, preventing the conclusion of long-

term contracts. The fixing of a specific refund rate for the advance fixing of refunds is a measure which enables these various objectives to be met.

- (5) Taking into account the settlement between the European Community and the United States of America on Community exports of pasta products to the United States, approved by Council Decision 87/482/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, it is necessary to differentiate the refund on goods falling within CN codes 1902 11 00 and 1902 19 according to their destination.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 15(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005, a reduced rate of export refund has to be fixed, taking account of the amount of the production refund applicable, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1722/93 ⁽⁵⁾, for the basic product in question, used during the assumed period of manufacture of the goods.
- (7) Spirituous beverages are considered less sensitive to the price of the cereals used in their manufacture. However, Protocol 19 of the Act of Accession of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark provides that the necessary measures must be decided to facilitate the use of Community cereals in the manufacture of spirituous beverages obtained from cereals. Accordingly, it is necessary to adapt the refund rate applying to cereals exported in the form of spirituous beverages.
- (8) 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 rates of the refunds applicable to the basic products listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 and in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 or in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003, and exported in the form of goods listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 or in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 respectively, shall be fixed as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 172, 5.7.2005, p. 24.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 275, 29.9.1987, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 159, 1.7.1993, p. 112. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1584/2004 (OJ L 280, 31.8.2004, p. 11).

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission
Günter VERHEUGEN
Vice-President

ANNEX

Rates of the refunds applicable from 19 May 2006 to certain cereals and rice products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty (*)

CN code	Description of products (1)	Rate of refund per 100 kg of basic product (EUR/100 kg)	
		In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
1001 10 00	Durum wheat:		
	– on exports of goods falling within CN codes 1902 11 and 1902 19 to the United States of America	—	—
	– in other cases	—	—
1001 90 99	Common wheat and meslin:		
	– on exports of goods falling within CN codes 1902 11 and 1902 19 to the United States of America	—	—
	– in other cases:		
	– – where Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 applies (2)	—	—
	– – where goods falling within subheading 2208 (3) are exported	—	—
	– – in other cases	—	—
1002 00 00	Rye	—	—
1003 00 90	Barley		
	– where goods falling within subheading 2208 (3) are exported	—	—
	– in other cases	—	—
1004 00 00	Oats	—	—
1005 90 00	Maize (corn) used in the form of:		
	– starch:		
	– – where Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 applies (2)	2,493	2,493
	– – where goods falling within subheading 2208 (3) are exported	1,932	1,932
	– – in other cases	3,623	3,623
	– glucose, glucose syrup, maltodextrine, maltodextrine syrup of CN codes 1702 30 51, 1702 30 59, 1702 30 91, 1702 30 99, 1702 40 90, 1702 90 50, 1702 90 75, 1702 90 79, 2106 90 55 (4):		
	– – where Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 applies (2)	1,587	1,587
	– – where goods falling within subheading 2208 (3) are exported	1,449	1,449
	– – in other cases	2,717	2,717
	– where goods falling within subheading 2208 (3) are exported	1,932	1,932
	– other (including unprocessed)	3,623	3,623
	Potato starch of CN code 1108 13 00 similar to a product obtained from processed maize:		
	– where Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 applies (2)	2,022	2,022
	– where goods falling within subheading 2208 (3) are exported	1,932	1,932
	– in other cases	3,623	3,623

(*) The rates set out in this Annex are not applicable to exports to Bulgaria with effect from 1 October 2004, to Romania with effect from 1 December 2005, and to the goods listed in Tables I and II to Protocol No 2 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 exported to the Swiss Confederation or to the Principality of Liechtenstein with effect from 1 February 2005.

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Description of products ⁽¹⁾	Rate of refund per 100 kg of basic product	
		In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
ex 1006 30	Wholly milled rice:		
	– round grain	—	—
	– medium grain	—	—
	– long grain	—	—
1006 40 00	Broken rice	—	—
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum, other than hybrid for sowing	—	—

⁽¹⁾ As far as agricultural products obtained from the processing of a basic product or/and assimilated products are concerned, the coefficients set out in Annex V to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 is applicable.

⁽²⁾ The goods concerned fall under CN code 3505 10 50.

⁽³⁾ Goods listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 or referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2825/93 (OJ L 258, 16.10.1993, p. 6).

⁽⁴⁾ For syrups of CN codes NC 1702 30 99, 1702 40 90 and 1702 60 90, obtained from mixing glucose and fructose syrup, the export refund relates only to the glucose syrup.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 754/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the rates of refunds applicable to certain products from the sugar sector exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty**

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 market in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 27(5)(a) and (15) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 27(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that the differences between the prices in international trade for the products listed in Article 1(1)(a), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h) of that Regulation and prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in Annex V to that Regulation.
- (2) 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, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds ⁽²⁾, specifies the products for which a rate of refund is to be fixed, to be applied where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001.
- (3) In accordance with the first paragraph of Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005, the rate of the refund per 100 kilograms for each of the basic products in question is to be fixed each month.

- (4) Article 27(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 lays down that the export refund for a product contained in goods may not exceed the refund applicable to that product when exported without further processing.
- (5) The refunds fixed under this Regulation may be fixed in advance as the market situation over the next few months cannot be established at the moment.
- (6) The commitments entered into with regard to refunds which may be granted for the export of agricultural products contained in goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty may be jeopardised by the fixing in advance of high refund rates. It is therefore necessary to take precautionary measures in such situations without, however, preventing the conclusion of long-term contracts. The fixing of a specific refund rate for the advance fixing of refunds is a measure which enables these various objectives to be met.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The rates of the refunds applicable to the basic products listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1043/2005 and in Article 1(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, and exported in the form of goods listed in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, shall be fixed as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission
Günter VERHEUGEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 987/2005 (OJ L 167, 29.6.2005, p. 12).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 172, 5.7.2005, p. 24.

ANNEX

Rates of refunds applicable from 19 May 2006 to certain products from the sugar sector exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty ⁽¹⁾

CN code	Description	Rate of refund in EUR/100 kg	
		In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
1701 99 10	White sugar	21,96	21,96

⁽¹⁾ The rates set out in this Annex are not applicable to exports to Bulgaria, with effect from 1 October 2004, to Romania with effect from 1 December 2005, and to the goods listed in Tables I and II to Protocol No 2 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 exported to the Swiss Confederation or to the Principality of Liechtenstein with effect from 1 February 2005.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 755/2006
of 18 May 2006
amending the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 19 May 2006

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 of 28 June 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards import duties in the cereals sector ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The import duties in the cereals sector are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 731/2006 ⁽³⁾.

- (2) Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 provides that if during the period of application, the average import duty calculated differs by EUR 5 per tonne from the duty fixed, a corresponding adjustment is to be made. Such a difference has arisen. It is therefore necessary to adjust the import duties fixed in Regulation (EC) No 731/2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 731/2006 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 29.9.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 125. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1110/2003 (OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 12).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 128, 16.5.2006, p. 5. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 737/2006 (OJ L 129, 17.5.2006, p. 16).

ANNEX I

**Import duties for the products covered by Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 applicable from
19 May 2006**

CN code	Description	Import duty ⁽¹⁾ (EUR/tonne)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat high quality	0,00
	medium quality	5,63
	low quality	25,63
1001 90 91	Common wheat seed	0,00
ex 1001 90 99	Common high quality wheat other than for sowing	0,00
1002 00 00	Rye	56,42
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	55,00
1005 90 00	Maize other than seed ⁽²⁾	55,00
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	56,42

⁽¹⁾ For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal (Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96), the importer may benefit from a reduction in the duty of:

— EUR 3/t, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or

— EUR 2/t, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden or the Atlantic coasts of the Iberian peninsula.

⁽²⁾ The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of EUR 24/t, where the conditions laid down in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 are met.

ANNEX II

Factors for calculating duties

15.5.2006-17.5.2006

1. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

Exchange quotations	Minneapolis	Chicago	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
Product (% proteins at 12 % humidity)	HRS2	YC3	HAD2	Medium quality (*)	Low quality (**)	US barley 2
Quotation (EUR/t)	140,18 (***)	79,92	145,49	135,49	115,49	85,15
Gulf premium (EUR/t)	—	10,17	—			—
Great Lakes premium (EUR/t)	23,04	—	—			—

(*) A discount of 10 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

(**) A discount of 30 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

(***) Premium of 14 EUR/t incorporated (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

2. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico–Rotterdam: 16,94 EUR/t; Great Lakes–Rotterdam: 20,90 EUR/t.

3. Subsidy within the meaning of the third paragraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96: 0,00 EUR/t (HRW2)
0,00 EUR/t (SRW2).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 756/2006**of 18 May 2006****on the issue of import licences for rice originating in the ACP States and the overseas countries and territories against applications submitted in the first five working days of May 2006 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 638/2003**

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 2286/2002 of 10 December 2002 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community (Overseas Association Decision) ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 638/2003 of 9 April 2003 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 2286/2002 and Council Decision 2001/822/EC as regards the arrangements applicable to imports of rice originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and the overseas countries and territories (OCT) ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 17(2)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003, the Commission decides to what extent applications for import licences may be accepted.

(2) Under Articles 3(2), 5(2) and 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003, quantities of a tranche not covered by licence applications are carried forward to the next tranche. The quantities available may be used, where appropriate, to import products originating in other third countries, in accordance with Articles 11(3) and 13 of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003.

(3) Examination of the quantities for which applications have been submitted for the May 2006 tranche shows that licences should be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages not covered, fixing the quantities carried over to the subsequent tranche and the total quantities available for the various quotas,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Import licences for rice against applications submitted during the first five working days of May 2006 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 638/2003 and notified to the Commission shall be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto.

2. The quantities available under the May 2006 tranche, to be carried over to the following tranche, and the total quantities available for the September 2006 tranche shall be as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽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 348, 21.12.2002, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 93, 10.4.2003, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2120/2005 (OJ L 340, 23.12.2005, p. 22).

ANNEX

Reduction percentages to be applied to quantities applied for under the May 2006 tranche and quantities carried over to the subsequent tranche

Origin/product	Serial No	Reduction percentage	Quantity carried over to the September 2006 tranche (t)	Total quantities available for the September 2006 tranche (t)
ACP (Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003) — CN codes 1006 10 21 to 1006 10 98, 1006 20 and 1006 30	09.4187	0 ⁽¹⁾	19 795,739	41 666
ACP (Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003) — CN code 1006 40 00	09.4188	0 ⁽¹⁾	18 078	18 078
OCT (Article 10(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003) — CN code 1006				
(a) Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	09.4189	0 ⁽¹⁾	12 448,298	20 781,298
(b) Least-developed OCT	09.4190	0 ⁽¹⁾	6 667	10 000
ACP + OCT (Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 638/2003) — CN code 1006 (OCT) — CN codes 1006 10 21, 1006 10 23, 1006 10 25, 1006 10 27, 1006 10 92, 1006 10 94, 1006 10 96, 1006 10 98, 1006 20 and 1006 30	09.4191	0 ⁽¹⁾	4 767,115	24 562,854

⁽¹⁾ To be issued for the quantity in the application.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 757/2006

of 18 May 2006

fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

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,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 and Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 provide that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of those Regulations and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 provides that when refunds are being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of cereals, rice and broken rice on the Community market on the one hand and prices for cereals, rice, broken rice and cereal products on the world market on the other. The same Articles provide that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on the markets in cereals and rice and, furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports, and the need to avoid disturbances on the Community market.

(3) Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 ⁽³⁾ on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and from rice defines the specific criteria to be taken into account when the refund on these products is being calculated.

⁽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 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2004 (OJ L 280, 31.8.2004, p. 13).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 55. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2993/95 (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 25).

(4) The refund to be granted in respect of certain processed products should be graduated on the basis of the ash, crude fibre, tegument, protein, fat and starch content of the individual product concerned, this content being a particularly good indicator of the quantity of basic product actually incorporated in the processed product.

(5) There is no need at present to fix an export refund for manioc, other tropical roots and tubers or flours obtained therefrom, given the economic aspect of potential exports and in particular the nature and origin of these products. For certain products processed from cereals, the insignificance of Community participation in world trade makes it unnecessary to fix an export refund at the present time.

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

(7) The refund must be fixed once a month. It may be altered in the intervening period.

(8) Certain processed maize products may undergo a heat treatment following which a refund might be granted that does not correspond to the quality of the product; whereas it should therefore be specified that on these products, containing pregelatinised starch, no export refund is to be granted.

(9) 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 products listed in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

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to Commission Regulation of 18 May 2006 fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds	Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds
1102 20 10 9200 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	50,72	1104 23 10 9300	C10	EUR/t	41,66
1102 20 10 9400 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	43,48	1104 29 11 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1102 20 90 9200 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	43,48	1104 29 51 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 10 9100	C11	EUR/t	0,00	1104 29 55 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 10 9900	C11	EUR/t	0,00	1104 30 10 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 30 9100	C11	EUR/t	0,00	1104 30 90 9000	C10	EUR/t	9,06
1103 19 40 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1107 10 11 9000	C13	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 10 9100 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	65,21	1107 10 91 9000	C13	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 10 9300 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	50,72	1108 11 00 9200	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 10 9500 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	43,48	1108 11 00 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 90 9100 ⁽¹⁾	C10	EUR/t	43,48	1108 12 00 9200	C10	EUR/t	57,97
1103 19 10 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1108 12 00 9300	C10	EUR/t	57,97
1103 19 30 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1108 13 00 9200	C10	EUR/t	57,97
1103 20 60 9000	C12	EUR/t	0,00	1108 13 00 9300	C10	EUR/t	57,97
1103 20 20 9000	C11	EUR/t	0,00	1108 19 10 9200	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 19 69 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1108 19 10 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 12 90 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1109 00 00 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 12 90 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 30 51 9000 ⁽²⁾	C10	EUR/t	56,79
1104 19 10 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 30 59 9000 ⁽²⁾	C10	EUR/t	43,48
1104 19 50 9110	C10	EUR/t	57,97	1702 30 91 9000	C10	EUR/t	56,79
1104 19 50 9130	C10	EUR/t	47,10	1702 30 99 9000	C10	EUR/t	43,48
1104 29 01 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 40 90 9000	C10	EUR/t	43,48
1104 29 03 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 90 50 9100	C10	EUR/t	56,79
1104 29 05 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 90 50 9900	C10	EUR/t	43,48
1104 29 05 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 90 75 9000	C10	EUR/t	59,51
1104 22 20 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	1702 90 79 9000	C10	EUR/t	41,30
1104 22 30 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00	2106 90 55 9000	C14	EUR/t	43,48
1104 23 10 9100	C10	EUR/t	54,35				

⁽¹⁾ No refund shall be granted on products given a heat treatment resulting in pregelatinisation of the starch.

⁽²⁾ Refunds are granted in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2730/75 (OJ L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 20), as amended.

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 Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

The other destinations are as follows:

C10: All destinations

C11: All destinations except for Bulgaria

C12: All destinations except for Romania

C13: All destinations except for Bulgaria and Romania

C14: All destinations except for Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 758/2006
of 18 May 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 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽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.

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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 759/2006
of 18 May 2006
fixing production refunds on cereals

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 8(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1722/93 of 30 June 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulations (EEC) No 1766/92 and (EEC) No 1418/76 concerning production refunds in the cereals and rice sectors respectively ⁽²⁾ lays down the conditions for granting production refunds. The basis for calculating the refund is laid down in Article 3 of that Regulation. The refund thus calculated, differentiated where necessary for potato starch, must be fixed once a month and may be amended if the price of maize and/or wheat changes significantly.

- (2) The production refunds fixed in this Regulation should be adjusted by the coefficients listed in the Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1722/93 to establish the exact amount to be paid.
- (3) 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 refund per tonne of starch referred to in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1722/93, is hereby fixed at:

- (a) EUR/tonne 14,83 for starch from maize, wheat, barley and oats;
- (b) EUR/tonne 22,91 for potato starch.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽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 159, 1.7.1993, p. 112. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1548/2004 (OJ L 280, 31.8.2004, p. 11).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 760/2006**of 18 May 2006****amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1184/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons impeding the peace process and breaking international law in the conflict in the Darfur region in Sudan**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1184/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons impeding the peace process and breaking international law in the conflict in the Darfur region in Sudan ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(1)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1184/2005 lists the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies covered by the freezing of funds and economic resources under that Regulation.
- (2) Acting pursuant to Security Council resolution 1672 (2006), the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) has amended the list of persons, entities

and bodies to whom the freezing of funds and economic resources should apply. Annex I should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (3) In order to ensure that the measures provided for in this Regulation are effective, this Regulation must enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1184/2005 is hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

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, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission
Eneko LANDÁBURU
Director-General for External Relations

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 193, 23.7.2005, p. 9.

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The following natural persons shall be added to Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1184/2005:

1. Gaffar Mohamed ELHASSAN

Title: Major General.

Other information: Commander of the Western Military Region for the Sudanese Air Force.

2. Sheikh Musa HILAL

Other information: Paramount Chief of the Jalul Tribe in North Darfur.

3. Adam Yacub SHANT

Other information: Sudanese Liberation Army Commander.

4. Gabril Abdul Kareem BADRI

Other information: Field Commander of the National Movement for Reform and Development.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 761/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal**

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 in the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) The refunds must be fixed taking into account the factors referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under 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⁽²⁾.
- (3) As far as wheat and rye flour, groats and meal are concerned, when the refund on these products is being calculated, account must be taken of the quantities of cereals required for their manufacture. These quantities were fixed in Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.
- (4) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination.
- (5) The refund must be fixed once a month. It may be altered in the intervening period.
- (6) It follows from applying the detailed rules set out above to the present situation on the market in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the refunds should be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003, excluding malt, exported in the natural state, shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

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

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**to the Commission Regulation of 18 May 2006 fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour,
groats and meal**

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refunds	Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refunds
1001 10 00 9200	—	EUR/t	—	1101 00 15 9130	C01	EUR/t	8,00
1001 10 00 9400	A00	EUR/t	0	1101 00 15 9150	C01	EUR/t	7,38
1001 90 91 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1101 00 15 9170	C01	EUR/t	6,81
1001 90 99 9000	A00	EUR/t	0	1101 00 15 9180	C01	EUR/t	6,38
1002 00 00 9000	A00	EUR/t	0	1101 00 15 9190	—	EUR/t	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1101 00 90 9000	—	EUR/t	—
1003 00 90 9000	A00	EUR/t	0	1102 10 00 9500	A00	EUR/t	0
1004 00 00 9200	—	EUR/t	—	1102 10 00 9700	A00	EUR/t	0
1004 00 00 9400	A00	EUR/t	0	1102 10 00 9900	—	EUR/t	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1103 11 10 9200	A00	EUR/t	0
1005 90 00 9000	A00	EUR/t	0	1103 11 10 9400	A00	EUR/t	0
1007 00 90 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1103 11 10 9900	—	EUR/t	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1103 11 90 9200	A00	EUR/t	0
1101 00 11 9000	—	EUR/t	—	1103 11 90 9800	—	EUR/t	—
1101 00 15 9100	C01	EUR/t	8,56				

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

C01: All third countries with the exception of Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Lichtenstein and Switzerland.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 762/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the maximum export refund on barley in connection with the invitation to tender 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) In accordance with 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⁾, the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.

In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being 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

For tenders notified from 12 to 18 May 2006, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1058/2005, the maximum refund on exportation of barley shall be 6,95 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽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 amended by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 763/2006**of 18 May 2006****fixing the maximum export refund on common wheat in connection with the invitation to tender 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) In accordance with 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⁾, the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.

In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being 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

For tenders notified from 12 to 18 May 2006, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2005, the maximum refund on exportation of common wheat shall be 6,25 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽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 amended by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 May 2006

amending for the second time Decision 2005/648/EC concerning protection measures in relation to Newcastle disease in Bulgaria

(notified under document number C(2006) 1885)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/354/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 18(7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Newcastle disease is a highly contagious viral disease in poultry and birds and there is a risk that the disease agent might be introduced via international trade in live poultry and poultry products.
- (2) Commission Decision 2005/648/EC of 8 September 2005 concerning protection measures in relation to

Newcastle disease in Bulgaria⁽³⁾ was adopted following an outbreak of Newcastle disease in the administrative region of Vratsa. That Decision suspends the importation of live poultry, ratites, farmed and wild feathered game and hatching eggs, fresh meat and meat preparations and meat products from these species. By Decision 2006/263/EC those measures were extended to the administrative district of Blagoevgrad.

- (3) On 17 April 2006 Bulgaria confirmed an outbreak of Newcastle disease in the administrative district (county) of Burgas in Bulgaria.
- (4) Taking account of the current epidemiology situation in Bulgaria in relation to Newcastle disease and the fact that that country has applied certain disease control measures and has sent further information on the disease situation to the Commission, it appears that the situation in Bulgaria, except for the regions of Vratsa, Blagoevgrad and Burgas is still satisfactory. It is therefore appropriate to limit the suspension of imports to those regions.
- (5) The Annex to Decision 2005/648/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 238, 15.9.2005, p. 16. Decision as amended by Decision 2006/263/EC (OJ L 95, 4.4.2006, p. 3).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 3

Article 1

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

In Decision 2005/648/EC the Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 11 May 2006.

Article 2

Member States shall immediately take the necessary measures to comply with this Decision and publish those measures. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

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Administrative district of Blagoevgrad

Administrative district of Burgas, excluding the municipalities of Burgas and Sungurlare

Administrative district of Vratsa'

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 May 2006

setting up an expert group on customer mobility in relation to bank accounts

(2006/355/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Whereas:

(1) Article 3 of the Treaty establishing the European Community assigned the European Community the task of ensuring the creation of an internal market characterised by the abolition, as between Member States, of obstacles to the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital.

(2) The Commission wishes to identify any legal, regulatory, administrative and other obstacles to customer mobility in relation to bank accounts, and to be advised on how to address these obstacles.

(3) The White Paper on the Financial Services Policy 2005-2010 ⁽¹⁾ provides for the setting up of an expert group on customer mobility in relation to bank accounts.

(4) The group must be made up of individuals having expertise in the area of customer mobility in relation to bank accounts.

(5) The expert group on customer mobility in relation to bank accounts therefore has to be set up and its terms of reference and structures detailed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The expert group on customer ⁽²⁾ mobility in relation to bank accounts hereinafter referred to as 'the group' is hereby set up by the Commission.

Article 2

Task

The group's task is to:

— Identify any legal, regulatory, administrative and other obstacles to customer mobility in relation to bank accounts. In particular, the group should identify any

obstacles to open a bank account cross-border as well as to switch banks both at domestic and cross-border level (e.g. cost of opening, maintaining and closing a bank account, direct switching costs etc.).

— Provide advice to the Commission on how the identified obstacles should be addressed.

— Consider the merits of designing an EU optional standard bank account.

— Issue a report containing its findings and advice.

Article 3

Composition — Appointment

1. The members of the group shall be appointed by the Commission from experts with competence in the area covered by the mandate of the group, on the basis of:

— proposals from European or national associations, representing customer and financial services industry interests, which have responded to a call for expression of interest;

— responses to a call for expression of interest by individuals with academic background.

2. The group shall be composed of a maximum of 20 members.

3. The following provisions shall apply:

— members proposed by European or national associations, representing customer and financial services industry interests, are appointed as representatives of interested parties;

— members with academic background are appointed in a personal capacity;

— the mandate of the members of the group shall start with the first meeting of the group and end with the issuance of the report, no later than 1 May 2007. They shall remain in office until such time as they are replaced or their mandate ends;

⁽¹⁾ COM(2005) 629 final.

⁽²⁾ For the purposes of this Decision, customer is to be defined as an individual consumer or an SME.

- members who are no longer able to contribute effectively to the group's deliberations, who resign or who do not respect the conditions set out in the first, second or third dash of this paragraph or Article 287 of the Treaty establishing the European Community may be replaced for the remaining period of their mandate;
- the names of the members will be published on the Internet site of the DG Internal Market and Services. The names of members are collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regards to the processing of personal data.
- Members appointed in a personal capacity shall each year sign an undertaking to act in the public interest and a declaration indicating the absence or existence of any interest which may undermine their objectivity.

Article 4

Operation

1. The group is chaired by the Commission.
2. In agreement with the Commission, sub-groups may be set up to examine specific questions under terms of reference established by the group; they shall be disbanded as soon as these have been fulfilled.
3. Observers with specific competence on a subject on the agenda may be invited by the Chairman to participate in the group's or sub-group's deliberations if this is useful and/or necessary.
4. Information obtained by participating in the group's or sub-group's deliberations may not be divulged if the Commission says that this relates to confidential matters.
5. The group and its sub-groups normally meet on Commission premises in accordance with the procedures and schedule established by it. The Commission provides secretarial

services. Commission officials with an interest in the proceedings may attend meetings of the group and its sub-groups.

6. The group shall adopt its rules of procedure on the basis of the standard rules of procedure adopted by the Commission ⁽¹⁾

7. The Commission may publish on the Internet site of DG Internal Market and Services, in the original language of the document concerned, any summary, conclusion, or partial conclusion or working document of the group.

Article 5

Meeting expenses

1. The Commission shall reimburse travel and subsistence expenses for members and observers in connection with the group's activities in accordance with the provisions in force at the Commission. The members shall not be remunerated for the services they render.
2. Meeting expenses are reimbursed within the limits of the appropriations allocated to the department concerned under the annual procedure for allocating resources.

Article 6

Entry into force

The decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the Commission. It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2006.

For the Commission

Charlie McCREEVY

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ Annex III of document SEC(2005) 1004.