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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**DECISION No 291/2003/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 6 February 2003
establishing the European Year of Education through Sport 2004**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 149 thereof,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions ⁽³⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽⁴⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Promoting good quality education is one of the objectives of the European Community.
- (2) The educational values of sport were acknowledged by the Nice European Council of 7, 8 and 9 December 2000, thus confirming previous declarations, particularly Declaration 29 attached to the Amsterdam Treaty in which sport is defined as something which forges the identity of people.
- (3) The Nice European Council called upon the Community institutions to take due account of the educational values of sport in its action under various provisions of the Treaty, stressing in particular that it is important for Member States, with the support of the Community, to encourage voluntary activity.
- (4) The Resolution of the Council and of the Ministers for Youth meeting within the Council of 17 December 1999 on the non-formal education dimension of sporting activities in the European Community youth programmes ⁽⁵⁾ considers that sporting activities can have a pedagogical value which contributes to strengthening civil society and calls upon the Commission to

devise, in cooperation with the Member States, a coherent approach in order to exploit the educational potential of sport.

- (5) In its Resolution on the Commission report on safeguarding current sports structures and maintaining the social function of sport ⁽⁶⁾, the European Parliament underlined the educational and social value of sport, as well as its role in combating racism and xenophobia.
- (6) In its Resolution of 13 June 1997 on the role of the European Union in the field of sport ⁽⁷⁾, the European Parliament called for the organisation of a European Year of Sport.
- (7) The Committee of the Regions noted in its opinion on the Commission's consultation paper 'The European model of sport' how important sport is in shaping the individual.
- (8) In its report on sport made to the European Council in Helsinki, the Commission examined the merits of using sport in education and youth-related matters given the values conveyed by sport.
- (9) Regular exercise improves psychological and physical health and can make a positive contribution to the learning process.
- (10) The education of young sportsmen and sportswomen should not suffer as a result of their participation in competitive sport.
- (11) Education through sport should promote personal identity and development for girls and boys.
- (12) Educational and training institutions at all levels should make fuller use of the opportunities offered by sport for transnational mobility and cultural exchanges.
- (13) The Olympic and other sporting events in 2004 will heighten media coverage and public awareness of sport. This is an ideal opportunity to underline the educational value of sport.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 25 E, 29.1.2002, p. 531.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 149, 21.6.2002, p. 17.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 278, 14.11.2002, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 14 May 2002 (not yet published in the Official Journal), Council Common Position of 14 October 2002 (OJ C 275 E, 12.11.2002, p. 70) and Decision of the European Parliament of 19 December 2002.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 8, 12.1.2000, p. 5.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 135, 7.5.2001, p. 274.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ C 200, 30.6.1997, p. 252.

- (14) Action in Member States is the main way in which public awareness of the educational value of sport can be raised. However, the Community can support and reinforce such action through the establishment of a European Year of Education through Sport.
- (15) A European Year of Education through Sport will complement and reinforce existing Community action to promote education and training, as well as the social inclusion of disadvantaged persons.
- (16) The European Year of Education through Sport should be opened up for participation by the EFTA/EEA countries in accordance with the conditions established under the European Economic Area Agreement (EEA), and by the associated central and eastern European countries in line with the conditions laid down pursuant to their respective Europe Agreements. For Cyprus, this participation should be funded by additional appropriations in accordance with arrangements to be agreed upon, and for Malta and Turkey by additional appropriations in accordance with the EC Treaty.
- (17) This Decision lays down for the entire duration of the programme a financial framework constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 33 of the Inter-institutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽¹⁾.
- (18) Since the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore, by reason of their scale, especially for the need for multilateral partnerships, transnational exchange of information and Community-wide dissemination of good practices, be better achieved at Community level, the Community may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (19) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽²⁾,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Year of Education through Sport

The year 2004 shall be designated 'European Year of Education through Sport'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

Article 2

Aims

The aims of the European Year of Education through Sport shall be as follows:

- (a) to make educational institutions and sports organisations aware of the need for cooperation in order to develop education through sport and its European dimension, given the very great interest that young people take in all kinds of sport;
- (b) to take advantage of the values conveyed through sport to develop knowledge and skills whereby young people in particular can develop their physical prowess and readiness for personal effort and also social abilities such as teamwork, solidarity, tolerance and fair play in a multicultural framework;
- (c) to promote awareness of the positive contribution that voluntary activities make to non-formal education, especially of young people;
- (d) to promote the educational value of pupil mobility and exchanges particularly in a multicultural environment through the organisation of sporting and cultural contacts as part of school activity;
- (e) to encourage the exchange of good practice concerning the role sport can play in education systems to promote the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups;
- (f) to create a better balance between intellectual and physical activity in school life by encouraging sport in school activities;
- (g) to consider the problems relating to the education of young sportsmen and sportswomen taking part in competitive sports.

Article 3

Content of the measures

1. The measures taken to attain the objectives set out in Article 2 shall include the organisation of the following activities in 2004 or the granting of support for such activities:

- (a) meetings, European educational competitions and events highlighting achievements and experiences on the theme of the European Year of Education through Sport;
- (b) voluntary actions at European level during Olympic and other sporting events in 2004;
- (c) information and promotional campaigns, including cooperation with the media to disseminate the educational values of sport;

- (d) events promoting the educational value of sport and providing examples of good practice;
 - (e) financial support for transnational, national, regional or local initiatives to promote the objectives of the European Year of Education through Sport.
2. A detailed description of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 is set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 4

Implementation and cooperation with the Member States

1. The Commission shall be responsible for ensuring that Community measures adopted pursuant to this Decision are implemented in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 5(2) and in full compliance with the principle of subsidiarity.
2. Each Member State shall designate one or more appropriate bodies to be responsible for participation in the European Year of Education through Sport and for coordination and implementation at the appropriate level of the measures provided for in this Decision, *inter alia*, by assisting with the selection procedure referred to in Article 7.

Article 5

Committee

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.
3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 6

Financial arrangements

1. Measures which are Community-wide in nature, as described in part A of the Annex, may be subsidised from the general budget of the European Union up to a maximum of 80 % of the total cost.
2. Measures of Community interest which are local, regional, national or transnational in nature, as described in part B of the Annex, may be co-financed from the general budget of the European Union up to a maximum of 50 % of the total cost.

Article 7

Application and selection procedure

1. Applications for co-financing of measures from the Community budget under Article 6(2) shall be submitted to the Commission by the body or bodies referred to in Article 4(2). Applications shall include information making it possible to assess the outcomes using objective criteria. The Commission shall take the utmost account of the evaluation provided by the bodies concerned.

2. Decisions on co-financing of measures under Article 6 shall be taken by the Commission in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 5(2). The Commission shall ensure a balanced distribution among Member States and among the different fields of activity involved.

3. The Commission, in particular through its national or regional contact points, shall, in conjunction with the bodies referred to in Article 4(2), ensure that the calls for proposals are published in good time and distributed as widely as possible.

Article 8

Consistency and complementarity

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall ensure that the measures provided for in this Decision are consistent with other Community actions and initiatives.
2. The Commission shall ensure that the European Year of Education through Sport complements as far as possible other existing Community, national and regional initiatives and resources, where these can contribute to fulfilling the objectives of the European Year of Education through Sport.

Article 9

Participation by certain third countries

The European Year of Education through Sport shall be open to participation by:

- (a) the EFTA/EEA countries in accordance with the conditions established under the EEA Agreement;
- (b) the associated central and eastern European countries in accordance with the conditions established pursuant to their respective Europe Agreements;
- (c) Cyprus, whose participation shall be funded by additional appropriations in accordance with procedures to be agreed with that country;
- (d) Malta and Turkey, whose participation shall be funded by additional appropriations in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty.

Article 10

Budget

1. The financial framework for the implementation of this Decision is hereby set at EUR 11,5 million.
2. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.
3. At the Commission's initiative, funding may also be provided for the period 2004 for expenditure on technical and administrative assistance for the mutual benefit of the Commission and the beneficiaries of the measure and falling outside the realm of ongoing public service tasks, relating to the identification, preparation, management, follow-up, audit and monitoring of the measures.

*Article 11***International cooperation**

The Commission may cooperate with the Council of Europe and other appropriate international organisations for the purposes of the European Year of Education through Sport, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 5(2).

*Article 12***Monitoring and evaluation**

The Commission shall submit, by 31 December 2005 at the latest, a report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation, results and overall assessment of the measures provided for in this Decision.

*Article 13***Entry into force**

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

Done at Brussels, 6 February 2003.

For the European Parliament

The President

P. COX

For the Council

The President

P. EFTHYMIU

ANNEX

MEASURES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3

A. Action at Community level1. *Meetings and events:*

- (a) organisation of meetings;
- (b) organisation of events to raise awareness on education through sport, including conferences to open and close the European Year of Education through Sport;
- (c) voluntary actions during Olympic and other sporting events in 2004.

2. *Information and promotional campaigns involving:*

- (a) the development of a logo and slogans for the European Year of Education through Sport, for use in connection with any activity linked to it;
- (b) an information campaign;
- (c) the production of tools and aids accessible to people throughout the Community;
- (d) appropriate initiatives by educational institutions and sports organisations aimed at disseminating information on the European Year of Education through Sport;
- (e) the organisation of European educational competitions highlighting achievements and experiences on the themes of the European Year of Education through Sport.

3. *Other actions:*

- (a) setting-up of an on-line database, using available resources, as a means of disseminating good practice across Member States for the use of sport as a tool for education and, in particular, for promoting the social integration of disadvantaged groups;
- (b) surveys and studies that assess the impact of the European Year of Education through Sport.

4. *Funding may take the form of:*

- (a) direct purchase of goods and services, in particular in the field of communication, surveys and studies as referred to in point 3(b) above, via open and/or restricted calls for tenders;
- (b) subsidies allocated to cover the expenses of special events to highlight and raise awareness of the European Year of Education through Sport; such funding shall not exceed 80 % of the total cost.

B. Action at national level

Depending on the nature and content proposed, local, regional, national or transnational actions may qualify for aid from the Community covering up to a maximum of 50 % of the total cost. These actions may, for instance, include:

- 1. events connected with the objectives of the European Year of Education through Sport, including an event to launch the year;
- 2. information campaigns and measures to disseminate examples of good practice, other than those mentioned in part A above;
- 3. the organisation of awards or competitions that highlight the importance of education through sport;
- 4. surveys and studies other than those mentioned in part A above.

C. Action for which no Community financial aid is available

The Community will offer its moral support, including written authorisation to use the logo and other materials associated with the European Year of Education through Sport, for initiatives undertaken by public or private organisations, where those organisations can satisfy the Commission that the initiatives involved are or will be in progress during the year 2004 and are likely to contribute significantly to achieving one or more of the objectives of the European Year of Education through Sport.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 292/2003
of 17 February 2003
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1947/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ

Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 299, 1.11.2002, p. 17.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 February 2003 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	65,8
	204	50,4
	212	114,9
	999	77,0
0707 00 05	052	120,6
	204	49,4
	220	244,4
	628	151,4
	999	141,4
0709 10 00	220	126,0
	999	126,0
0709 90 70	052	157,0
	204	191,9
	999	174,4
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	40,8
	204	45,2
	212	42,4
	220	40,9
	600	41,0
	624	60,9
	999	45,2
0805 20 10	204	78,8
	512	64,2
	999	71,5
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	60,3
	204	70,1
	220	61,7
	464	137,3
	600	74,8
	624	77,4
	999	80,3
0805 50 10	052	80,2
	600	69,7
	999	75,0
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	400	96,3
	404	95,9
	508	97,2
	528	104,1
	720	124,4
	728	116,5
	999	105,7
0808 20 50	388	97,0
	400	113,5
	512	78,4
	528	76,0
	720	40,9
	999	81,2

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 293/2003**of 17 February 2003****fixing the minimum selling prices for beef put up for sale under the first invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 219/2003**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Tenders have been invited for certain quantities of beef fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 219/2003 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 of 4 October 1979 on detailed rules of application for the disposal of beef bought in by intervention agencies and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 216/69 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 ⁽⁵⁾, the minimum selling prices for meat put up for sale by tender should be fixed, taking into account tenders submitted.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The minimum selling prices for beef for the first invitation to tender held in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 219/2003 for which the time limit for the submission of tenders was 11 February 2003 are as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 29, 5.2.2003, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 251, 5.10.1979, p. 12.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 14.10.1995, p. 39.

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LIITE — BILAGA

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

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

DEUTSCHLAND	— Vorderviertel	—
FRANCE	— Quartiers avants	650
ESPAÑA	— Cuartos delanteros	—

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

b) **Carne deshuesada — Udbenet kød — Fleisch ohne Knochen — Κρέατα χωρίς κόκαλα — Boneless beef — Viande désossée — Carni senza osso — Vlees zonder been — Carne desossada — Luuton naudanliha — Benfritt kött**

DEUTSCHLAND	— Vorderhesse (INT 21)	702
	— Schulter (INT 22)	—
	— Brust (INT 23)	—
	— Vorderviertel (INT 24)	1 032
ESPAÑA	— Paleta de intervención (INT 22)	965
	— Pecho de intervención (INT 23)	720
	— Cuarto delantero de intervención (INT 24)	965
FRANCE	— Flanchet d'intervention (INT 18)	571
	— Jarret avant d'intervention (INT 21)	696
IRELAND	— Intervention shank (INT 11)	—
	— Intervention flank (INT 18)	640
	— Intervention shin (INT 21)	701
	— Intervention shoulder (INT 22)	956
	— Intervention brisket (INT 23)	—
	— Intervention forequarter (INT 24)	966
ITALIA	— Petto di manzo d'intervento (INT 23)	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 294/2003**of 17 February 2003****fixing the minimum selling prices for beef put up for sale under the first invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 220/2003**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Tenders have been invited for certain quantities of beef fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 220/2003 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 of 4 October 1979 on detailed rules of application for the disposal of beef bought in by intervention agencies and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 216/69 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 ⁽⁵⁾, the minimum selling prices for meat put up for sale by tender should be fixed, taking into account tenders submitted.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The minimum selling prices for beef for the first invitation to tender held in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 220/2003 for which the time limit for the submission of tenders was 10 February 2003 are as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.

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LIITE — BILAGA

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

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

DANMARK	— Forfjerdinger	—
DEUTSCHLAND	— Hinterviertel	1 350
	— Vorderviertel	750
ESPAÑA	— Cuartos traseros	1 351
	— Cuartos delanteros	750
FRANCE	— Quartiers arrière	—
	— Quartiers avant	—
NEDERLAND	— Voorvoeten	750
ÖSTERREICH	— Vorderviertel	770

b) **Carne deshuesada — Udbenet kød — Fleisch ohne Knochen — Κρέατα χωρίς κόκαλα — Boneless beef — Viande désossée — Carni senza osso — Vlees zonder been — Carne desossada — Luuton naudanliha — Benfritt kött**

DEUTSCHLAND	— Kugel (INT 12)	2 010
	— Oberschale (INT 13)	2 710
	— Unterschale (INT 14)	—
	— Filet (INT 15)	—
	— Hüfte (INT 16)	2 500
	— Roastbeef (INT 17)	—
	— Lappen (INT 18)	765
	— Hochrippe (INT 19)	3 375
	— Schulter (INT 22)	1 270
	— Vorderviertel (INT 24)	1 351
ESPAÑA	— Lomo de intervención (INT 17)	—
FRANCE	— Tranche grasse d'intervention (INT 12)	2 131
	— Tranche d'intervention (INT 13)	2 711
	— Semelle d'intervention (INT 14)	2 321
	— Filet d'intervention (INT 15)	11 374
	— Rumsteck d'intervention (INT 16)	2 350
	— Faux-filet d'intervention (INT 17)	5 001
	— Flanchet d'intervention (INT 18)	751
	— Epaule d'intervention (INT 22)	1 274
	— Poitrine d'intervention (INT 23)	850
	— Avant d'intervention (INT 24)	1 250

IRELAND	— Intervention thick flank (INT 12)	2 181
	— Intervention topside (INT 13)	3 531
	— Intervention silverside (INT 14)	2 400
	— Intervention fillet (INT 15)	11 477
	— Intervention rump (INT 16)	2 512
	— Intervention striploin (INT 17)	5 781
	— Intervention flank (INT 18)	765
	— Intervention fore-rib (INT 19)	3 975
	— Intervention shin (INT 21)	1 113
	— Intervention shoulder (INT 22)	1 230
	— Intervention brisket (INT 23)	952
	— Intervention forequarter (INT 24)	1 250
ITALIA	— Girello d'intervento (INT 14)	—
	— Filetto d'intervento (INT 15)	—
	— Scamone (INT 16)	—
	— Roastbeef d'intervento (INT 17)	—
NEDERLAND	— Interventieschouder (INT 22)	1 255
	— Interventieborst (INT 23)	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 295/2003
of 17 February 2003
on the supply of vegetable oil as food aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1726/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organisations eligible for Community aid and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage.
- (2) Following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated vegetable oil to certain beneficiaries.
- (3) It is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied under Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid ⁽³⁾. It is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply to determine the resultant costs.

- (4) In order to ensure that the supplies are carried out for a given lot, provision should be made for tenderers to be able to mobilise either rapeseed oil or sunflower oil. The contract for the supply of each such lot is to be awarded to the tenderer submitting the lowest tender,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Vegetable oil shall be mobilised in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipient listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

The supply shall cover the mobilisation of vegetable oil produced in the Community. Mobilisation may not involve a product manufactured and/or packaged under inward processing arrangements.

Tenders shall cover either rapeseed oil or sunflower oil. Tenders shall be rejected unless they specify the type of oil to which they relate.

The tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

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, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 234, 1.9.2001, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23.

ANNEX

LOT A

1. **Action No:** 63/02 (A1); 64/02 (A2)
2. **Beneficiary** ⁽²⁾: World Food Programme (WFP), Via Cesare Giulio Viola 68, I-00148 Roma; tel.: (39-06) 6513 2988; fax: 6513 2844/3; telex: 626675 WFP I
3. **Beneficiary's representative:** to be designated by the beneficiary
4. **Country of destination:** A1: Sierra Leone; A2: Guinea
5. **Product to be mobilised:** refined rapeseed oil or refined sunflower oil
6. **Total quantity (tonnes net):** 1 150
7. **Number of lots:** 1 in 2 parts (A1: 700 tonnes; A2: 450 tonnes)
8. **Characteristics and quality of the product** ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁶⁾: see OJ C 312, 31.10.2000, p. 1 (D.1 or D.2)
9. **Packaging:** see OJ C 267, 13.9.1996, p. 1 (10.8 A, B and C.2)
Weight of the empty container 135 g minimum
10. **Labelling or marking** ⁽⁵⁾: see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (III.A(3))
— language to be used for the markings: A1: English; A2: French
— supplementary markings: —
11. **Method of mobilisation of the product:** the Community market.
The mobilisation may not involve a product manufactured and/or packaged under inward-processing arrangements.
12. **Specified delivery stage** ⁽⁷⁾: free at port of shipment
13. **Alternative delivery stage:** —
14. a) **Port of shipment:** —
b) **Loading address:** —
15. **Port of landing:** —
16. **Place of destination:**
— port or warehouse of transit: —
— overland transport route: —
17. **Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:**
— first deadline: 31.3 to 20.4.2003
— second deadline: 14.4 to 4.5.2003
18. **Period or deadline of supply at the alternative stage:**
— first deadline: —
— second deadline: —
19. **Deadline for the submission of tenders (at 12 noon, Brussels time):**
— first deadline: 4.3.2003
— second deadline: 18.3.2003
20. **Amount of tendering guarantee:** EUR 15 per tonne
21. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering guarantees** ⁽¹⁾: M. Vestergaard, European Commission, Bureau: L130 7/46, B-1049 Brussels; telex 25670 AGREC B; fax (32-2) 296 70 03/296 70 04
22. **Export refund:** —

LOT B

1. **Action No:** 65/02
2. **Beneficiary** (?): World Food Programme (WFP), Via Cesare Giulio Viola 68, I-00148 Roma; tel.: (39-06) 6513 2988; fax: 6513 2844/3; telex: 626675 WFP I
3. **Beneficiary's representative:** to be designated by the beneficiary
4. **Country of destination:** Liberia
5. **Product to be mobilised:** refined rapeseed oil or refined sunflower oil
6. **Total quantity (tonnes net):** 1 150
7. **Number of lots:** 1
8. **Characteristics and quality of the product** (³) (⁴) (⁶): see OJ C 312, 31.10.2000, p. 1 (D.1 or D.2)
9. **Packaging:** see OJ C 267, 13.9.1996, p. 1 (10.8 A, B and C.2)
Weight of the empty container 135 g minimum
10. **Labelling or marking** (⁵): see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (III.A(3))
 - language to be used for the markings: English
 - supplementary markings: —
11. **Method of mobilisation of the product:** the Community market.
The mobilisation may not involve a product manufactured and/or packaged under inward-processing arrangements.
12. **Specified delivery stage** (⁷): free at port of shipment
13. **Alternative delivery stage:** —
14. a) **Port of shipment:** —
b) **Loading address:** —
15. **Port of landing:** —
16. **Place of destination:**
 - port or warehouse of transit: —
 - overland transport route: —
17. **Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:**
 - first deadline: 31.3 to 20.4.2003
 - second deadline: 14.4 to 4.5.2003
18. **Period or deadline of supply at the alternative stage:**
 - first deadline: —
 - second deadline: —
19. **Deadline for the submission of tenders (at 12 noon, Brussels time):**
 - first deadline: 4.3.2003
 - second deadline: 18.3.2003
20. **Amount of tendering guarantee:** EUR 15 per tonne
21. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering guarantees** (¹): M. Vestergaard, European Commission, Bureau: L130 7/46, B-1049 Brussels; telex 25670 AGREC B; fax (32-2) 296 70 03/296 70 04
22. **Export refund:** —

Notes:

- (¹) Supplementary information: Torben Vestergaard (tel. (32-2) 299 30 50; fax (32-2) 296 20 05).
- (²) The supplier shall contact the beneficiary or its representative as soon as possible to establish which consignment documents are required.
- (³) The supplier shall deliver to the beneficiary a certificate from an official entity certifying that for the product to be delivered the standards applicable, relative to nuclear radiation, in the Member State concerned, have not been exceeded. The radioactivity certificate must indicate the caesium-134 and -137 and iodine-131 levels.
- (⁴) The supplier shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery, the following document:
— health certificate.
- (⁵) Notwithstanding OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, point III.A(3)(c) is replaced by the following: 'the words "European Community"'.
The containers may be marked by the application of labels.
- (⁶) Tenders shall be rejected unless they specify the type of oil to which they relate.
- (⁷) The tenderer's attention is drawn to the second subparagraph of Article 7(6) of Regulation (EC) No 2519/97.
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 296/2003
of 17 February 2003
amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 concerning statistical information to be supplied by
Member States on crop products other than cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 of 5 April 1993 concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals ⁽¹⁾, at last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2197/95 ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To maintain the sum of two areas allocated to the two uses of cotton leads to a lack of data or to estimated data, or to a double count. Therefore, it is necessary to select only one area.
- (2) It is appropriate to know in a more precise manner the nature and the areas of industrial crops.
- (3) A clarification of the fodder statistics and updating of the classification are necessary to obtain quality statistics.

- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics, established by Council Decision 72/279/CE ⁽³⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes II, III, IV, V and VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 are replaced by Annexes I, II, III, IV and V to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th 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, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission
Pedro SOLBES MIRA
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 98, 24.4.1993, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 221, 19.9.1995, p. 2.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 7.8.1972, p. 1.

ANNEX I

ANNEX II

SPECIFICATION OF AREAS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2(1) AND (2)

Description		New Cronos code	Main area or recorded area (Ha) ⁽⁶⁾	Secondary area or additional area (Ha) ⁽⁶⁾
A. Total cereals ⁽¹⁾		1050		(*)
— Rice ⁽¹⁾		1250		(*)
B. Dried pulses		1300		
— Field peas		1320		
— Other dried peas		1311		
— Broad and field beans		1335 (inc. 1338)		
— Dried beans		1331		
— Lupins		1343		
— Other dried pulses		1341, 1342, 1349		
C. Root crops		1350		
— Potatoes		1360		
— Sugar beet		1370		
— Fodder beet		1381		
— Other root crops (e.g. fodder kale, turnip)		1382		
D. Industrial crops		1400		
— Rape and turnip rape		1420		
— Sunflower seed		1450		
— Linseed		1460		
— Soya beans		1470		
— Cotton		1540		
— Other oil seeds (e.g. poppy, mustard, sesame, etc.)		1480 (excl. 1490)		
— Fibre flax		1520		
— Hemp		1530		
— Tobacco		1550		
— Hops		1560		
— Other fiber crops		1510		
— Other industrial crops		1570		
Of which:				
Chicory for coffee		1571		
Chicory for inulin		1572		
Medicinal, aromatic or plants for seasoning		1580		
Industrial crops n.e.i.		1589		
E. Fodder and grazing from arable land		2610		
— Annual green fodder:		2611		
— Green maize		2625		
— Green fodder other than maize		2612		
— Multi-annual fodder		2671, 2672, 2673		
— Temporary grasses and grazing		2680		

Description	New Cronos code	Main area or recorded area (Ha) ⁽⁶⁾	Secondary area or additional area (Ha) ⁽⁶⁾
F. Fresh vegetables (including strawberries) — outdoor or under low non-accessible cover ⁽²⁾	(1600 + 2260)		(*)
G. Flowers and ornamental plants — outdoor or under low non-accessible cover ⁽²⁾	3001		(*)
H. Areas harvested for seed ⁽³⁾	3310		(*)
I. Fallow (incl. green manures)	2696		(*)
J. Arable land (A-I) ⁽²⁾	0001		(*)
K. Permanent grassland	0002		(*)
L. Land under permanent crops (excluding strawberries) of which:	(0003-2260)		(*)
Orchards	2040		(*)
Vineyards	2410		(*)
Olive plantations	2450		(*)
M. Crops under glass ⁽⁴⁾ of which:	1111		(*)
Fresh vegetables	1112	(*)	(*)
Flowers and ornamental plants	1113	(*)	(*)
Permanent crops	1114	(*)	(*)
N. Other areas including kitchen gardens ⁽⁵⁾	0004		(*)
O. Utilised agricultural area (A-I) + (K-N)	0005		(*)

⁽¹⁾ Data about cereals and rice are already collected in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 (OJ L 88, 3.4.1990, p.1).

⁽²⁾ Crops under glass or high (accessible) cover are excluded (Structure survey codes D/15, D/17 and G/07) as are kitchen gardens.

⁽³⁾ As defined in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 143/2002 (Annex I : code D19) of 24 January 2002.

⁽⁴⁾ Crops under glass of high (accessible) cover include fresh vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants as well as all permanent crops under glass.

⁽⁵⁾ Delivery of data on areas occupied by kitchen gardens is not obligatory for Denmark, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

⁽⁶⁾ See definition in Annex I.

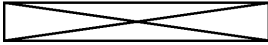
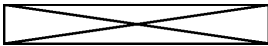
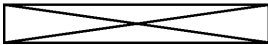
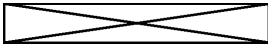
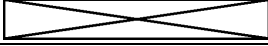
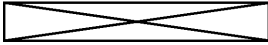
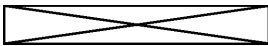
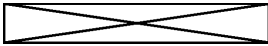
(+) The descriptions are also included in Annex III.

(*) This sign means that forwarding of data is optional.


ANNEX II

‘ANNEX III

SPECIFICATION OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2(3)

Description	New Cronos code	Yield 100 kg/ha	Production (1 000 t)
B. Dried pulses	1300		
— Field peas	1320		
— Broad and field beans	1335 (incl. 1338)		
— Dried beans	1331		
— Lupins	1343		
C. Root crops	1350		
— Potatoes	1360		
— Sugar beet	1370		
— Fodder beet (*)	1381		
D. Industrial crops	1400		
— Rape and turnip rape	1420		
— Sunflower seed	1450		
— Linseed	1460		
— Soya beans	1470		
— Cotton seed	1490		
— Cotton (per fibre)	1540		
— Fibre flax	1520		
— Hemp	1530		
— Tobacco	1550		
— Hops	1560		
E. Fodder and grazing from arable land (*)	2610		
Of which			
— Green maize (*)	2625		
— Green fodder other than maize (*)	2612		
— Multi-annual fodder (*)	2671, 2672, 2673		
— Temporary grasses and grazings (*)	2680		

(*) Optional.

 = Yield figures are not required.’

ANNEX III

‘ANNEX IV

SPECIFICATION OF THE REQUIRED ACCURACY IN EACH MEMBER STATE FOR GROUPS OF AREAS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 4(3)

New Cronos code	Description	Maximum acceptable coefficient of variation (%)	Maximum acceptable standard error (ha)
1300	B. Dried pulses	3	5 000
1350	C. Root crops	3	5 000
1400	D. Industrial crops	3	5 000
2610	E. Fodder and grazing from arable land ⁽¹⁾	3	5 000
(1600 + 2260)	F. Fresh vegetables (including strawberries)	3	5 000
2696	I. Fallow (including green manures)	3	5 000

⁽¹⁾ Fodder and grazing from arable land comprises:


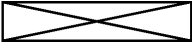
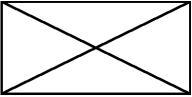
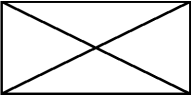
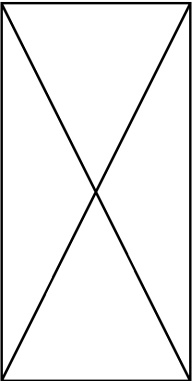
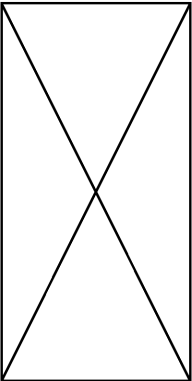
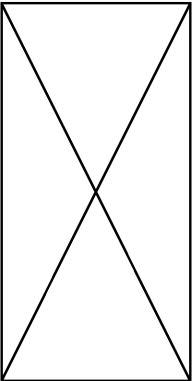
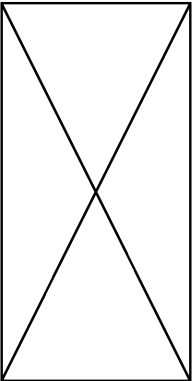
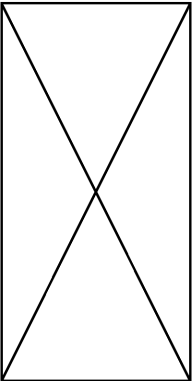
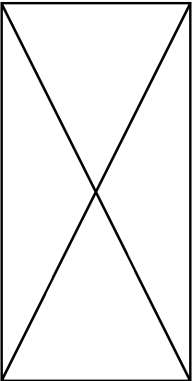
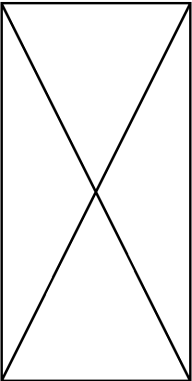
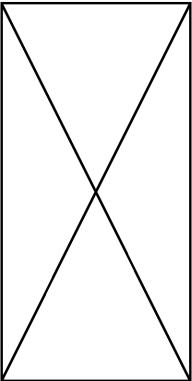
- (a) green fodder from arable land (New Cronos code 2611)
- (b) multi-annual fodder (New Cronos code 2671, 2672, 2673)
- (c) temporary grasses and grazing (New Cronos code 2680)

NB: The accuracy for cereals and rice is already fixed in Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 of 26 March 1990. The capital letters B, C, D, E, F and I refer to the headings in Annex II.

ANNEX IV


‘ANNEX V

SPECIFICATION OF AREAS AND PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6

Description	New Cronos code	Areas under cultivation ⁽²⁾ (1 000 ha)	Production (1 000 t)
B. Dried pulses (total)	1300	•	
C. Root crops			
— Sugar beet	1370	•	•
D. Industrial crops			
— Oil seeds ⁽¹⁾	1410	•	
— Rape and turnip rape	1420	•	•
— Sunflower seed	1450	•	•
— Soya beans	1470	•	•
— Fibre linseed and flax	(1460 + 1520)	•	
— Cotton	1540	•	
— Tobacco	1550	•	•
I. Fallow (including green manures)	2696	•	
J. Arable land (total)	0001	•	
K. Permanent grassland	0002	•	
L. Land under permanent crops	(0003-2260)	•	
— Orchards	2040	•	
— Vineyards	2410	•	
— Olive plantations	2450	•	
O. Utilized agricultural area	0005	•	

⁽¹⁾ Excluding areas with oil flax and cotton seed.

⁽²⁾ Areas under cultivation means the asum of main areas and secondary areas or recorded and additional areas for the Member States mentioned in Annex IX, and main areas for all other Member States.

 = No information asked for.

• = Information has to be submitted.

NB: The capital letters B, C, D, I, J, K, L and O refer to headings in Annex II.’

AREAS OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE AND AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR STATISTICAL SURVEY

New Cronos code	Main area or recorder area by crop	B	DK	D	EL	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
1300	B. Dried pulses	m	•	•	•	•	•	m	•	•	m	•	•	•	•	•	1
1320	Field peas	m	•	•	m	•	•	m	m	•	m	•	m	•	•	•	2
1311	Other peas	—	m	m	m	•	m	—	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	•	3
1335	Broad and field beans (including 1338)	m	—	•	•	•	•	m	•	•	m	•	m	m	m	•	4
1331	Dried beans	m	—	m	•	•	m	—	•	m	m	m	•	—	m	•	5
1343	Lupins	—	m	m	m	•	m	—	m	—	—	m	m	—	—	m	6
1341	} Other dried pulses	m	—	m	•	•	m	—	•	—	—	m	m	m	—	m	7
1342																	
1349																	
1350	C. Root crops	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8
1360	Potatoes	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	9
1370	Sugar beet	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	m	•	•	m	•	•	•	10
1381	Fodder beet	•	•	•	—	m	•	•	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	11
1382	Other root crops	m	m	m	m	m	•	•	m	m	m	m	m	m	—	•	12
1400	D. Industrial crops	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	13
1420	Rape and turnip rape	•	•	•	—	m	•	m	•	•	m	•	m	•	•	•	14
1450	Sunflower seed	—	—	•	•	•	•	—	•	—	—	•	•	m	—	—	15
1470	Soya beans	—	—	m	m	m	•	—	•	—	—	•	m	—	—	—	16
1460 and 1520	Fibre linseed and flax	•	m	m	—	m	•	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	•	17
1540	Cotton	—	—	—	•	•	m	—	m	—	—	—	m	—	—	—	18
1480 (excluding 1490)	Other oil seeds (e.g. poppy, mustard, sesame, etc.)	m	m	m	m	m	m	—	m	m	m	m	m	m	—	•	19
1530	Hemp	—	—	—	—	m	m	—	m	m	m	m	m	m	—	•	20
1550	Tobacco	m	—	m	•	•	•	—	•	—	—	m	m	—	—	—	21
1560	Hops	m	—	•	—	m	m	m	m	—	—	m	m	—	—	m	22
1570	Other industrial crops	•	—	m	m	m	m	—	m	m	m	m	m	m	m	•	23

New Cronos code	Main area or recorder area by crop	B	DK	D	EL	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
2610	E. Fodder and grazing from arable land	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	24
2611	Annual green fodder	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	25
2625	Green maize	•	•	•	m	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	—	m	•	26
2612	Green fodder other than maize	m	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	m	•	•	•	•	27
2671	} Multiannual green fodder	m	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	m	•	28
2672																	
2673																	
2680	Temporary grasses and grazings	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	29
(1600 + 2260)	F. Fresh vegetables	•	•	•	•	•	•	m	•	m	•	•	•	•	•	•	30
3001	G. Flowers and ornamented plants	m	m	•	•	m	•	m	•	m	•	m	m	m	m	•	31
3310	H. Areas harvested for seed	m	•	•	•	m	•	m	•	m	•	m	m	m	•	m	32
2696	I. Fallow (including green manures)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	33

“•”: To be included in the regular statistical survey mentioned in Article 3(1).

“m”: Areas of marginal importance (i.e. less than 5 000 ha and 1 % of arable land in each Member State).

“—”: crop not grown.

NB: The capital letters B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I refer to the headings in Annex II.’

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 297/2003

of 17 February 2003

laying down detailed rules for the application of the tariff quota for beef and veal originating in Chile

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Decision 2002/979/EC of 18 November 2002 on the signature and provisional application of certain provisions of an 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 ⁽³⁾, provides that certain provisions of the Agreement be applied temporarily pending its entry into force. These provisions include Article 71(5) of the Agreement, under which, as from 1 February 2003, a tariff quota of 1 000 tonnes of beef and veal shall be opened and shall be increased annually by 100 tonnes.
- (2) The quotas concerned should be managed through the use of import licences. To this end, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 of 9 June 2000 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance-fixing certificates for agricultural products ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2299/2001 ⁽⁵⁾, and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 of 26 June 1995 on rules of application for import and export licences in the beef and veal sector and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2377/80 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 24/2001 ⁽⁷⁾, are applicable subject to certain derogations.
- (3) Chile has undertaken to issue certificates of authenticity for the products in question attesting that the goods originate in Chile. The specimen certificate of authenticity needs to be updated and the rules for its use need to be laid down.
- (4) Commission Regulation (EC) No 936/97 of 27 May 1997 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled and frozen beef and for frozen buffalo meat ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended

by Regulation (EC) No 1524/2002 ⁽⁹⁾, provides for certificates of authenticity for periods of 12 months starting on 1 July for a number of beef quotas and veal quotas. To ensure that all imports are managed in a uniform manner, similar implementing rules should be laid down for the quotas for beef and veal originating in Chile.

- (5) In order to ensure proper management of imports of the products concerned, import licences should be issued subject to verification, in particular of the entries on the certificates of authenticity.
- (6) The reimbursement in full of import duty as a result of the exemption from the duty that is applicable from 1 February 2003 is applied in accordance with Article 236 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2700/2000 ⁽¹¹⁾, and with Articles 878 and following of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽¹²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 444/2002 ⁽¹³⁾.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Under the tariff quota provided for by Decision 2002/979/EC, the products originating in Chile referred to in Annex I may be imported, exempt from the customs duty laid down in the common customs tariff, during the periods from 1 July in one year to 30 June in the following year, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

The quantity of the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be as indicated in Annex I for each import period.

2. For 2003, the quota referred to in paragraph 1 shall be opened for an additional import period running from 1 February 2003 to 30 June 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 39.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 352, 30.12.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 308, 27.11.2001, p. 19.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 143, 27.6.1995, p. 35.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 337, 20.12.2001, p. 18.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 137, 28.5.1997, p. 10.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 229, 27.8.2002, p. 7.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 311, 12.12.2000, p. 17.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 68, 12.3.2002, p. 11.

Article 2

All imports under the quota referred to Article 1 shall be subject to the presentation, at the time the goods are released into free circulation, of an import licence.

Unless this Regulation provides otherwise, such licences shall be subject to the provisions of Regulations (EC) No 1291/2000 and (EC) No 1445/95.

The full import duty laid down in the common customs tariff shall be levied on quantities exceeding those stated in the import licence, subject to Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000.

Article 3

1. Section 8 of the import licence applications and import licences shall contain the word 'Chile'; licences shall carry with them an obligation to import from Chile.

2. Section 20 of the import licence applications and import licences shall contain the serial number 09.4181 and one of the following phrases:

- Reglamento (CE) n° 297/2003
- Förordning (EF) nr. 297/2003
- Verordnung (EG) Nr. 297/2003
- Κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 297/2003
- Regulation (EC) No 297/2003
- Règlement (CE) n° 297/2003
- Regolamento (CE) n. 297/2003
- Verordening (EG) nr. 297/2003
- Regulamento (CE) n.º 297/2003
- Asetus (EY) N:o 297/2003
- Förordning (EG) nr 297/2003

Article 4

1. A certificate of authenticity attesting that the products originate in Chile shall be drawn up by the issuing authority referred to in Article 8 in accordance with Article 7.

The original of the certificate of authenticity and a copy thereof shall be submitted to the competent authority of the Member State in question (hereinafter referred to as 'the competent authority') at the time the initial application for an import licence in connection with the certificate of authenticity is made. The original of the certificate of authenticity shall be kept by this authority.

2. Provided the quantity limit stated in the certificate is not exceeded, more than one import licence may be issued under a single certificate of authenticity. Where this is the case, the competent authority shall endorse the certificate of authenticity to indicate the quantities attributed.

3. Once it is satisfied that all the information in the certificate of authenticity corresponds to that received each week from the Commission on the subject, the competent authority shall issue import licences. If this is not the case, no import licences may be issued.

Article 5

1. Notwithstanding Article 4, the competent authority may issue an import licence in the following cases:

- (a) the original of the certificate of authenticity has been submitted but the Commission information on it has not yet been received;
- (b) the original of the certificate of authenticity has not been submitted and the Commission information on it has not yet been received;
- (c) the original of the certificate of authenticity has been submitted and the Commission information on it has been received, but some information does not tally.

2. In the cases referred to in paragraph 1, and notwithstanding the second indent of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1445/95, the amount of the security to be lodged in respect of the import licences shall be an amount equivalent to the full rate of customs duty for the products in question under the common customs tariff that is applicable on the day the import licence is applied for.

Once they have received the original of the certificate of authenticity and the Commission information on it, and have checked that the data are in order, the Member States shall release the security referred to in the first indent, except where the security referred to in the second indent of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 has been lodged for the same import licence.

The submission to the competent authority of the original of the certificate of authenticity required by the legislation before the period of validity of the import licence in question expires constitutes a primary requirement within the meaning of Article 20 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85 ⁽¹⁾ as regards the security referred to in the first indent.

Any amounts of the security referred to in the first indent that are not released shall be forfeited and kept as customs duty.

Article 6

Certificates of authenticity and import licences shall each be valid for three months from their respective date of issue.

However, the period of validity may not finish later than 30 June following their date of issue.

Article 7

1. The certificate of authenticity referred to in Article 4 shall be made out in one original and not less than one copy in accordance with the model in Annex II.

The forms shall measure approximately 210 × 297 mm and the paper shall weigh not less than 40 g/m².

2. The forms shall be printed and filled out in one of the official languages of the Community; they may also be printed and filled out in the official language of Chile.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 205, 3.8.1985, p. 5.

3. Certificates of authenticity shall bear an individual serial number allocated by the issuing authorities referred to in Article 8. The copies shall bear the same serial number as the original.

4. The original and copies of the certificate of authenticity may be typed or hand-written. In the latter case, they must be filled out in black ink and in block capitals.

5. Certificates of authenticity shall be valid only if they are duly filled out and endorsed by the issuing authority referred to in Article 8.

Certificates of authenticity shall be deemed to have been duly endorsed if they state the date and place of issue and if they bear the stamp of the issuing authority and the signature of the person or persons authorised to sign them.

The stamp may be replaced by a printed seal on the original of the certificate of authenticity and any copies thereof.

Article 8

1. The body authorised by Chile to issue certificates of authenticity (hereinafter referred to as 'the issuing authority'), the name of which is given in Annex III, must:

(a) undertake to verify the entries on the certificates of authenticity;

(b) undertake to supply the Commission, at least once a week, with any information it may need to verify the entries on the certificates of authenticity.

2. Annex III may be revised by the Commission if the issuing authority is no longer recognised, if it fails to perform one of its undertakings or if a new issuing authority is appointed.

Article 9

The Commission shall pass on to the competent authorities in the Member States the specimen of the stamp imprints used by the issuing authority and the names and signatures of the persons authorised to sign the certificates of authenticity that are communicated to it by the authority in Chile.

Article 10

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

However, Article 1 shall apply from 1 February 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Products benefiting from the tariff concession referred to in Article 1:

Serial number	CN code	Description	Discount rate on customs duty %	Quantity for the period from 1 February 2003 to 30 June 2003 (Net weight of product, tonnes)	Annual quantity from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (Net weight of product, tonnes)	Annual increase from 1 July 2004 (Net weight of product, tonnes)
09.4181	0201 20 0201 30 00 0202 20 0202 30	Fresh, chilled or frozen beef or veal ⁽¹⁾	100	416,667	1 050	100

⁽¹⁾ 'Frozen meat' means meat which, at the time of its introduction onto the customs territory of the Community, has an internal temperature equal to or less than -12 °C.

ANNEX II

SPECIMEN FORM FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

1. Exporter (name and address)	2. Certificate No	ORIGINAL	
4. Consignee (name and address)	3. Issuing authority		
6. Means of transport	5. CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY FOR BEEF AND VEAL Regulation (EC) No		
7. Markings, numbers, quantity and type of packages, description of goods		8. Gross weight (kg)	9. Net weight (kg)
10. Net weight (in words)			
11. ATTESTATION BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITY I, the undersigned, certify that the beef/veal described in this certificate originates in Chile <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Place: Date: </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">Signature and stamp (or printed seal)</div>			

To be filled out either by typewriter or by hand in block capitals.

ANNEX III

Body authorised by Chile to issue certificates of authenticity:

Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG)
Avenida Bulnes 140
Santiago
Chile

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 298/2003

of 17 February 2003

on import licences in respect of beef and veal products originating in Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽⁴⁾,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 (EEC) No 1706/98 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1918/98 of 9 September 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application in the beef and veal sector of Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and repealing Regulation (EC) No 589/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1918/98 provides for the possibility of issuing import licences for beef and veal products. However, imports must take place within the limits of the quantities specified for each of these exporting non-member countries.

(2) The applications for import licences submitted between 1 and 10 February 2003, expressed in terms of boned meat, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1918/98, do not exceed, in respect of products originating from Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia, the quantities available from those States. It is therefore possible to issue import licences in respect of the quantities applied for.

(3) The quantities in respect of which licences may be applied for from 1 March 2003 should be fixed within the scope of the total quantity of 52 100 tonnes.

(4) This Regulation is without prejudice to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Member States shall issue on 21 February 2003 import licences for beef and veal products, expressed as boned meat, originating in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific States, in respect of the following quantities and countries of origin:

Germany:

- 100 tonnes originating in Botswana,
- 50 tonnes originating in Namibia.

United Kingdom:

- 300 tonnes originating in Botswana,
- 60 tonnes originating in Namibia,
- 60 tonnes originating in Swaziland.

Article 2

Licence applications may be submitted, pursuant to Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1918/98, during the first 10 days of March 2003 for the following quantities of boned beef and veal:

Botswana:	18 515,5 tonnes,
Kenya:	142 tonnes,
Madagascar:	7 579 tonnes,
Swaziland:	3 228 tonnes,
Zimbabwe:	9 100 tonnes,
Namibia:	12 190 tonnes.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 February 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 250, 10.9.1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ

Agriculture Director-General

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 299/2003
of 17 February 2003
determining the world market price for unginned cotton

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Protocol 4 on cotton, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1050/2001 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001 of 22 May 2001 on production aid for cotton ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001, a world market price for unginned cotton is to be determined periodically from the price for ginned cotton recorded on the world market and by reference to the historical relationship between the price recorded for ginned cotton and that calculated for unginned cotton. That historical relationship has been established in Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1591/2001 of 2 August 2001 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1486/2002 ⁽⁴⁾. Where the world market price cannot be determined in this way, it is to be based on the most recent price determined.
- (2) In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001, the world market price for unginned cotton is to be determined in respect of a product of specific characteristics and by reference to the most favourable

offers and quotations on the world market among those considered representative of the real market trend. To that end, an average is to be calculated of offers and quotations recorded on one or more European exchanges for a product delivered cif to a port in the Community and coming from the various supplier countries considered the most representative in terms of international trade. However, there is provision for adjusting the criteria for determining the world market price for ginned cotton to reflect differences justified by the quality of the product delivered and the offers and quotations concerned. Those adjustments are specified in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1591/2001.

- (3) The application of the above criteria gives the world market price for unginned cotton determined hereinafter,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The world price for unginned cotton as referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001 is hereby determined as equalling EUR 26,139/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ

Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 1.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 148, 1.6.2001, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 210, 3.8.2001, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 223, 20.8.2002, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 300/2003**of 17 February 2003****fixing Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses with a view to the application of the arrangements governing imports of certain floricultural products originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 of 21 December 1987 fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

Pursuant to Article 2(2) and Article 3 of abovementioned Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87, Community import and producer prices are fixed each fortnight for uniflorous (bloom) carnations, multiflorous (spray) carnations, large-flowered roses and small-flowered roses and apply for two-weekly periods. Pursuant to Article 1b of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 of 17 March 1988 laying down detailed rules for the application of the arrangements for the import into the Community of certain floricultural products originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank and the

Gaza Strip ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/97 ⁽⁴⁾, those prices are determined for fortnightly periods on the basis of weighted prices provided by the Member States. Those prices should be fixed immediately so the customs duties applicable can be determined. To that end, provision should be made for this Regulation to enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Community producer and import prices for uniflorous (bloom) carnations, multiflorous (spray) carnations, large-flowered roses and small-flowered roses as referred to in Article 1b of Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 for a fortnightly period shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

It shall apply from 19 February to 4 March 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ

Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31.12.1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5.7.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 72, 18.3.1988, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 289, 22.10.1997, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 February 2003 fixing Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses with a view to the application of the arrangements governing imports of certain floricultural products originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

(EUR/100 pieces)

Period: from 19 February to 4 March 2003

Community producer price	Uniflorous (bloom) carnations	Multiflorous (spray) carnations	Large-flowered roses	Small-flowered roses
	18,25	12,23	85,89	34,00
Community import prices	Uniflorous (bloom) carnations	Multiflorous (spray) carnations	Large-flowered roses	Small-flowered roses
Israel	15,68	12,60	27,73	28,57
Morocco	22,81	15,28	—	—
Cyprus	—	—	—	—
Jordan	—	—	—	—
West Bank and Gaza Strip	16,23	10,00	—	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 301/2003**of 17 February 2003****suspending the preferential customs duties and re-establishing the Common Customs Tariff duty on imports of multiflorous (spray) carnations originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 of 21 December 1987 fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 lays down the conditions for applying a preferential duty on large-flowered roses, small-flowered roses, uniflorous (bloom) carnations and multiflorous (spray) carnations within the limit of tariff quotas opened annually for imports into the Community of fresh cut flowers.

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 786/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for cut flowers and flower buds, fresh, originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, respectively.

(3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 300/2003 ⁽⁵⁾ fixes the Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses for the application of the import arrangements.

(4) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/97 ⁽⁷⁾, lays down the detailed rules for the application of the arrangements.

(5) On the basis of prices recorded pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88, it must be concluded that the conditions laid down in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 for suspension of the preferential customs duty are met for multiflorous (spray) carnations originating in the West Bank and the Gaza strip; the Customs duty should be re-established.

(6) The quota for the products in question covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2003. As a result, the suspension of the preferential duty and the reintroduction of the Common Customs Tariff duty apply up to the end of that period at the latest.

(7) In between meetings of the Management Committee for Live Plants and Floriculture Products, the Commission must adopt such measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For imports of multiflorous (spray) carnations (CN code ex 0603 10 20) originating in the West Bank and the Gaza strip, the preferential customs duty fixed by Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 is hereby suspended and the Common Customs Tariff duty is hereby re-established.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31.12.1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5.7.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 127, 14.5.2002, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 35 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 72, 18.3.1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 289, 22.10.1997, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 302/2003**of 17 February 2003****re-establishing the preferential customs duty on imports of uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 of 21 December 1987 fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 fixes conditions for the application of a preferential customs duty on large-flowered roses, small-flowered roses, uniflorous (bloom) carnations and multiflorous (spray) carnations within the limit of tariff quotas opened annually for imports of fresh cut flowers into the Community.

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 786/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for cut flowers and flower buds, fresh, originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Malta, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip respectively.

(3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 300/2003 ⁽⁵⁾ fixed Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses for application of the arrangements for importation from the countries in question.

(4) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/97 ⁽⁷⁾, laid down detailed rules for the application of these arrangements.

(5) The preferential customs duty fixed for uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in Israel by Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 was suspended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 25/2003 ⁽⁸⁾.

(6) On the basis of price recordings made as specified in Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88 it must be concluded that the requirement for reintroduction of the preferential customs duty laid down in Article 2(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 is met for uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The preferential customs duty should be reintroduced.

(7) In between meetings of the Management Committee for Live Plants and Floriculture Products, the Commission must adopt such measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For imports of uniflorous (bloom) carnations (CN code ex 0603 10 20) originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip the preferential customs duty set by Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 is reintroduced.

2. Regulation (EC) No 25/2003 is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31.12.1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5.7.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 127, 14.5.2002, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 35 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 72, 18.3.1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 289, 22.10.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 2, 7.1.2003, p. 21.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 303/2003**of 17 February 2003****re-establishing the preferential customs duty on imports of uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in Israel**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

- (4) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/97 ⁽⁷⁾, laid down detailed rules for the application of these arrangements.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

- (5) The preferential customs duty fixed for uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in Israel by Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 was suspended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 23/2003 ⁽⁸⁾.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 of 21 December 1987 fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(b) thereof,

- (6) On the basis of price recordings made as specified in Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88 it must be concluded that the requirement for reintroduction of the preferential customs duty laid down in Article 2(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 is met for uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in Israel. The preferential customs duty should be reintroduced.

Whereas:

- (7) In between meetings of the Management Committee for Live Plants and Floriculture Products, the Commission must adopt such measures,

- (1) Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 fixes conditions for the application of a preferential customs duty on large-flowered roses, small-flowered roses, uniflorous (bloom) carnations and multiflorous (spray) carnations within the limit of tariff quotas opened annually for imports of fresh cut flowers into the Community.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 786/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for fresh cut flowers and flower buds originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Tunisia and Turkey, and providing detailed rules for extending and adapting these tariff quotas.

- (3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 300/2003 ⁽⁵⁾ fixed Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses for application of the arrangements for importation from the countries in question.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31.12.1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5.7.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 124, 14.5.2002, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 35 of this Official Journal.

Article 1

1. For imports of uniflorous (bloom) carnations (CN code ex 0603 10 20) originating in Israel the preferential customs duty set by Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 is reintroduced.

2. Regulation (EC) No 23/2003 is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 February 2003.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 72, 18.3.1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 289, 22.10.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 2, 7.1.2003, p. 27.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

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

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
of 15 January 2003
appointing the European Ombudsman**

(2003/103/EC, Euratom)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 21, second paragraph, and 195 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 107 d thereof,

Having regard to its decision of 9 March 1994 on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties ⁽¹⁾, as amended by its decision of 14 March 2002 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Rule 177 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having regard to the call for nominations ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to its votes of 14 and 15 January 2003,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr Nikiforos DIAMANDOUROS has been appointed European Ombudsman.

Done at Strasbourg, 15 January 2003.

For the European Parliament

The President

P. COX

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 113, 4.5.1994, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 92, 9.4.2002, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 213, 7.9.2002, p. 10.

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION of 6 February 2003 appointing an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions

(2003/104/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Austrian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) The Council adopted Decision 2002/60/EC on 22 January 2002 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions.
- (2) The seat of an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Anton KOCZUR, of which the Council was notified on 28 November 2002,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Bernd VÖGERLE is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Anton KOCZUR for the remainder of his term of office, which expires on 25 January 2006.

Done at Brussels, 6 February 2003.

For the Council

The President

P. EFTHYMIU

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 26.1.2002, p. 38.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 February 2003

recognising in principle the completeness of the dossiers submitted for detailed examination in view of the possible inclusion of spiromesifen and metrafenone in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC

(notified under document number C(2003) 530)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/105/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant-protection on the market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 2002/81/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 91/414/EEC provides for the development of a Community list of active substances authorised for incorporation in plant protection products.
- (2) A dossier for the active substance spiromesifen was submitted by Bayer AG, Germany (now Bayer CropScience), to the authorities of the United Kingdom on 18 April 2002 with an application to obtain its inclusion in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC. For metrafenone a dossier was submitted by BASF AG, Belgium, to the authorities of the United Kingdom on 4 June 2002.
- (3) The authorities of the United Kingdom have indicated to the Commission that, on preliminary examination, the dossiers for the active substances concerned appear to satisfy the data and information requirements set out in Annex II to Directive 91/414/EEC. The dossiers submitted appear also to satisfy the data and information requirements set out in Annex III to Directive 91/414/EEC in respect of one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned. In accordance with Article 6(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC, the dossiers were subsequently forwarded by the respective applicants to the Commission and other Member States, and were referred to the Standing Committee for the Food Chain and Animal Health.

(4) By this Decision it should be formally confirmed at Community level that the dossiers are considered as satisfying in principle the data and information requirements provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, the requirements of Annex III to Directive 91/414/EEC.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The dossiers concerning the active substances identified in the Annex to this Decision, which were submitted to the Commission and the Member States with a view to obtaining the inclusion of those substances in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC, satisfy in principle the data and information requirements set out in Annex II to Directive 91/414/EEC.

The dossiers also satisfy the data and information requirements set out in Annex III to Directive 91/414/EEC in respect of one plant protection product containing the active substance, taking into account the uses proposed.

Article 2

The rapporteur Member States shall pursue the detailed examination for the dossiers concerned and shall report the conclusions of their examinations accompanied by any recommendations on the inclusion or non-inclusion of the active substance concerned in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and any conditions related thereto to the Commission as soon as possible and at the latest within a period of one year from 18 February 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 276, 12.10.2002, p. 28.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

*ANNEX***ACTIVE SUBSTANCES CONCERNED BY THIS DECISION**

No	Common name, CIPAC identification number	Notifier	Date of application	Rapporteur Member State
1	Spiromesifen CIPAC No 747	Bayer CropScience, Germany	18 April 2002	United Kingdom
2	Metrafenone CIPAC No 752	BASF AG, Belgium	4 June 2002	United Kingdom