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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 856/2006
of 12 June 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 13 June 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 June 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).

ANNEX

to Commission Regulation of 12 June 2006 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

<i>(EUR/100 kg)</i>		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	78,2
	204	33,8
	999	56,0
0707 00 05	052	70,8
	068	47,7
	999	59,3
0709 90 70	052	96,4
	999	96,4
0805 50 10	052	51,3
	388	63,4
	508	52,0
	528	48,5
	999	53,8
0808 10 80	388	93,2
	400	111,3
	404	82,8
	508	85,5
	512	85,9
	524	45,3
	528	108,3
	720	93,7
	804	102,8
	999	89,9
0809 10 00	052	278,4
	204	61,1
	999	169,8
0809 20 95	052	357,3
	068	95,0
	999	226,2

⁽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 857/2006

of 12 June 2006

setting the export refunds for nuts (shelled almonds, hazelnuts in shell, shelled hazelnuts and walnuts in shell) using system A1

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 35(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001 ⁽²⁾ sets detailed rules covering export refunds on fruit and vegetables.
- (2) Under Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 refunds can be granted on products exported by the Community, to the extent necessary to enable economically significant quantities to be exported and within the limits ensuing from agreements concluded in line with Article 300 of the Treaty.
- (3) In line with Article 35(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 care should be taken to ensure that trade flows already engendered by the granting of refunds are not disturbed. For that reason and given the seasonal nature of fruit and vegetable exports quantities should be set product by product using the agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽³⁾. In setting quantities account must be taken of perishability.
- (4) Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 stipulates that when refunds are set account is to be taken of the existing situation and outlook for prices and availability of fruit and vegetables on the Community market and for international trade prices, of marketing and transport costs and of the economic aspects of the exportation envisaged.
- (5) Article 35(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 requires Community market prices to be determined using the prices that are most favourable from the point of view of exportation.

- (6) The international trade situation or specific requirements of certain markets may necessitate differentiation of the refund on a given product by destination.
- (7) Economically significant exports can at present be made of shelled almonds, hazelnuts and walnuts in shell.
- (8) Since nuts have a relatively long storage life export refunds can be set at longer intervals.
- (9) In order to permit the best possible use of available resources the export refunds should, given the structure of exportation from the Community, be set using system A1.
- (10) The negotiations within the framework of the Europe Agreements between the European Community and Romania and Bulgaria aim in particular to liberalise trade in products covered by the common organisation of the market concerned. For these two countries export refunds should therefore be abolished.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export refund rates for nuts, the period for lodging licence applications and the quantities permitted are stipulated in the Annex hereto.
2. Licences for food aid purposes issued as indicated in Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 ⁽⁴⁾ shall not be counted against the quantities indicated in the Annex hereto.
3. Without prejudice to Article 5(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001, the type A1 licences shall be valid for three months.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 June 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 (OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 268, 9.10.2001, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2180/2003 (OJ L 335, 22.12.2003, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 410/2006 (OJ L 71, 10.3.2006, p. 7).

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

Done at Brussels, 12 June 2006.

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

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 12 June 2006 setting the export refunds for nuts (system A1)

Period for lodging licence applications: from 24 June 2006 to 24 December 2006.

Produce code ⁽¹⁾	Destination ⁽²⁾	Rate of refund (EUR/t net)	Permitted quantities (t)
0802 12 90 9000	F08	45	1 200
0802 21 00 9000	F08	53	600
0802 22 00 9000	F08	103	4 000
0802 31 00 9000	F08	66	600

⁽¹⁾ The product codes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), as amended.

⁽²⁾ The series A destination codes are defined in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87. The numerical destination codes are defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

Other destinations we defined as follows:

F08: All destinations except Bulgaria and Romania.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 858/2006

of 12 June 2006

fixing the A1 and B export refunds for fruit and vegetables (tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes, apples and peaches)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 35(3),

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001⁽²⁾ lays down the detailed rules of application for export refunds on fruit and vegetables.

(2) Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that, to the extent necessary for economically significant exports, the products exported by the Community may be covered by export refunds, within the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

(3) Under Article 35(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, care must be taken to ensure that the trade flows previously brought about by the refund scheme are not disrupted. For this reason and because exports of fruit and vegetables are seasonal in nature, the quantities scheduled for each product should be fixed, based on the agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87⁽³⁾. These quantities must be allocated taking account of the perishability of the products concerned.

(4) Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that refunds must be fixed in the light of the existing situation or outlook for fruit and vegetable prices on the Community market and supplies available on the one hand, and prices on the international market on the other hand. Account must also be taken of the transport and marketing costs and of the economic aspect of the exports planned.

(5) In accordance with Article 35(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, prices on the Community market are to

be established in the light of the most favourable prices from the export standpoint.

(6) The international trade situation or the special requirements of certain markets may call for the refund on a given product to vary according to its destination.

(7) Tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes, apples and peaches of classes Extra, I and II of the common quality standards can currently be exported in economically significant quantities.

(8) In order to ensure the best use of available resources and in view of the structure of Community exports, it is appropriate to fix the A1 and B export refunds.

(9) The negotiations within the framework of the Europe Agreements between the European Community and Romania and Bulgaria aim in particular to liberalise trade in products covered by the common organisation of the market concerned. For these two countries export refunds should therefore be abolished.

(10) The Management Committee for fresh Fruit and Vegetables has not delivered an opinion within the time-limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For system A1, the refund rates, the refund application period and the scheduled quantities for the products concerned are fixed in the Annex hereto. For system B, the indicative refund rates, the licence application period and the scheduled quantities for the products concerned are fixed in the Annex hereto.

2. The licences issued in respect of food aid as referred to in Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000⁽⁴⁾ shall not count against the eligible quantities in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 June 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 (OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 268, 9.10.2001, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2091/2005 (OJ L 343, 24.12.2005, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 410/2006 (OJ L 71, 10.3.2006, p. 7).

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

Done at Brussels, 12 June 2006.

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

ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 12 June 2006 fixing the export refunds on fruit and vegetables
(tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes, apples and peaches)**

Product code ⁽¹⁾	Destination ⁽²⁾	System A1 Refund application period 24.6.2006 to 24.10.2006		System B Licence application period 1.7.2006 to 31.10.2006	
		Refund amount (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund amount (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)
0702 00 00 9100	F08	20		20	2 667
0805 10 20 9100	F08	29		29	10 000
0805 50 10 9100	F08	50		50	1 667
0806 10 10 9100	F08	12		12	16 667
0808 10 80 9100	F04, F09	23		23	23 333
0809 30 10 9100 0809 30 90 9100	F03	11		11	13 333

⁽¹⁾ The product codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), as amended.

⁽²⁾ The 'A' series destination codes are set out in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

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:

F03: All destinations except Switzerland, Romania and Bulgaria.

F04: Sri Lanka, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica and Japan.

F08: All destinations except Bulgaria and Romania.

F09: The following destinations:

- Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroe Islands, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo, as defined in UN Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999), Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qalwain, Ras al Khaimah, Fujairah), Kuwait, Yemen, Syria, Iran, Jordan, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Ecuador and Colombia,
- African countries and territories except for South Africa,
- destinations referred to in Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 (OJ L 102, 17.4.1999, p. 11).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 859/2006

of 12 June 2006

setting export refunds in the processed fruit and vegetable sector other than those granted on added sugar (provisionally preserved cherries, peeled tomatoes, sugar-preserved cherries, prepared hazelnuts, certain orange juices)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 16(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1429/95 ⁽²⁾ set implementing rules for export refunds on products processed from fruit and vegetables other than those granted for added sugar.

(2) Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 states that to the extent necessary to permit exportation of economically significant quantities export refunds can be granted on the products listed at Article 1(2)(a) of that Regulation within the limits ensuing from agreements concluded in line with Article 300 of the Treaty. Article 18(4) of that Regulation provides that if the refund on the sugar incorporated in the products listed in Article 1(2)(b) is insufficient to allow exportation of these products the refund set in line with Article 17 thereof shall apply to them.

(3) Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 requires that it be ensured that trade flows that have already arisen as a result of granting of export refunds are not disturbed. For that reason the quantities should be set product by product using the agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽³⁾.

(4) Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 requires that when refunds are set account is taken of the existing situation and outlook for prices and availability on the Community market of products processed from fruit and vegetables and for international trade prices, of marketing and transport costs and of the economic aspects of the exportation envisaged.

(5) Article 17(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 requires that when prices on the Community market are determined account is taken of the prices that are most favourable from the point of view of exportation.

(6) The international trade situation or specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to differentiate the refund on a given product by destination.

(7) Economically significant exports can at present be made of provisionally preserved cherries, peeled tomatoes, sugar-preserved cherries, prepared hazelnuts and certain orange juices.

(8) Export refund rates and quantities should therefore be set for these products.

(9) The negotiations within the framework of the Europe Agreements between the European Community and Romania and Bulgaria aim in particular to liberalise trade in products covered by the common organisation of the market concerned. For these two countries export refunds should therefore be abolished.

(10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export refund rates in the processed fruit and vegetable sector, periods for lodging and for issuing licence applications and the quantities permitted are stipulated in the Annex hereto.

2. Licences for food aid purposes issued as indicated in Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 ⁽⁴⁾ shall not be counted against the quantities indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 June 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 386/2004 (OJ L 64, 2.3.2004, p. 25).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 28. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 498/2004 (OJ L 80, 18.3.2004, p. 20).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2091/2005 (OJ L 343, 24.12.2005, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 410/2006 (OJ L 71, 10.3.2006, p. 7).

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

Done at Brussels, 12 June 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 12 June 2006 setting export refunds for the processed fruit and vegetable sector other than those granted on added sugar (provisionally preserved cherries, peeled tomatoes, sugar-preserved cherries, prepared hazelnuts, certain orange juices)

Period for lodging licence applications: 24 June to 24 October 2006.

Licence assignment period: July to October 2006.

Product code ⁽¹⁾	Destination code ⁽²⁾	Refund rate (EUR/t net)	Permitted quantities (t)
0812 10 00 9100	F06	50	3 000
2002 10 10 9100	F10	45	43 500
2006 00 31 9000 2006 00 99 9100	F06	153	600
2008 19 19 9100 2008 19 99 9100	F08	59	500
2009 11 99 9110 2009 12 00 9111 2009 19 98 9112	F08	5	0
2009 11 99 9150 2009 19 98 9150	F08	29	0

⁽¹⁾ The descriptions corresponding to the product codes are contained in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), as amended.

⁽²⁾ The meanings of the A series destination codes are given in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87, as amended. The meanings of the numerical destination codes are given in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11). The other destinations are:

F06 All destinations except the countries of North America, Romania and Bulgaria.

F08 All destinations except Bulgaria and Romania.

F10 All destinations except the United States of America, Bulgaria and Romania.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 860/2006
of 12 June 2006
amending the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 13 June 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 13 June 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 June 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 last amended by Regulation (EC) No 755/2006 (OJ L 132, 19.5.2006, p. 17).

ANNEX I

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

CN code	Description	Import duty ⁽¹⁾ (EUR/tonne)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat high quality	0,00
	medium quality	0,00
	low quality	15,23
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	54,38
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	55,31
1005 90 00	Maize other than seed ⁽²⁾	55,31
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	54,38

⁽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

(31.5.2006-9.6.2006)

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)	148,94 (***)	78,92	154,94	144,94	124,94	86,30
Gulf premium (EUR/t)	—	10,68	—			—
Great Lakes premium (EUR/t)	25,71	—	—			—

(*) 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: 17,58 EUR/t; Great Lakes–Rotterdam: 21,85 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 DIRECTIVE 2006/55/EC
of 12 June 2006
amending Annex III to Council Directive 66/402/EEC as regards the maximum weight of seed lots
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Article 2

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 21a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The international rules in respect of the maximum weights for seed lots of certain cereal species, in particular *Triticum aestivum*, *Triticum durum*, *Triticum spelta*, *Secale cereale*, *Triticosecale* and *Oryza sativa*, *Avena sativa* and *Hordeum vulgare*, have recently been revised.
- (2) It is appropriate to adapt the maximum weights for seed lots of those species laid down in Community law.
- (3) Directive 66/402/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

In column 2 of the table in Annex III to Directive 66/402/EEC, '25' is replaced by '30'.

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 31 December 2006 at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the main provisions of national law, which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 June 2006.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2309/66. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/117/EC (OJ L 14, 18.1.2005, p. 18).

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 June 2006

appointing a German full member of the Committee of the Regions

(2006/408/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Having regard to the proposal from the German Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 January 2006 the Council adopted Decision 2006/116/EC ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2006 to 25 January 2010.
- (2) A seat as a full member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Jochen RIEBEL,

Article 1

Mr Volker HOFF, 'Hessen Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Commissioner of the Land of Hessen to the Federation', is hereby appointed a full member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Jochen RIEBEL for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 12 June 2006.

For the Council
The President
U. PLASSNIK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 June 2006

allowing Member States to extend provisional authorisations granted for the new active substance profoxydim

(notified under document number C(2006) 1632)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/409/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 products on the market ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the fourth subparagraph of Article 8(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 6(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC, in March 1998 Spain received an application from BASF AG for the inclusion of the active substance profoxydim (former names: clefoxydim, BAS 625H) in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC. Commission Decision 1999/43/EC ⁽²⁾ confirmed that the dossier was complete and could be considered as satisfying, in principle, the data and information requirements of Annex II and Annex III to that Directive.

(2) Confirmation of the completeness of the dossier was necessary in order to allow it to be examined in detail and to allow Member States the possibility of granting provisional authorisations, for periods up to three years, for plant protection products containing the active substance concerned, while complying with the conditions laid down in Article 8(1) of Directive 91/414/EEC and, in particular, the condition relating to the detailed assessment of the active substance and the plant protection product in the light of the requirements laid down by that Directive.

(3) For this active substance, the effects on human health and the environment have been assessed, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(2) and (4) of Directive

91/414/EEC, for the uses proposed by the applicant. The rapporteur Member State submitted the draft assessment report to the Commission on 28 March 2001.

(4) Following submission of the draft assessment report by the rapporteur Member State, it has been found to be necessary to request further information from the applicant and to have the rapporteur Member State examine that information and submit its assessment. Therefore, the examination of the dossier is still ongoing and it will not be possible to complete the evaluation within the time-frame provided for in Directive 91/414/EEC.

(5) As the evaluation so far has not identified any reason for immediate concern, Member States should be given the possibility of prolonging provisional authorisations granted for plant protection products containing the active substance concerned for a period of 24 months in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of Directive 91/414/EEC so as to enable the examination of the dossier to continue. It is expected that the evaluation and decision-making process with respect to a decision on possible Annex I inclusion for profoxydim will have been completed within 24 months.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States may extend provisional authorisations for plant protection products containing profoxydim for a period not exceeding 24 months from the date of adoption of this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2006/45/EC (OJ L 130, 18.5.2006, p. 27).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 14, 19.1.1999, p. 30.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 June 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission
