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## I

*(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is obligatory)*

## REGULATIONS

## COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 645/2008

of 8 July 2008

**opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports  
of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 299(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

After consulting the European Economic and Social Committee,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

consumption entails additional costs for this sector. This natural handicap, as recognised in Article 299(2) of the Treaty, resulting from insularity, remoteness and outermost location can be remedied, inter alia, by temporarily suspending customs duties on imports of the products in question from third countries within Community tariff quotas of an appropriate volume.

(4) The Spanish authorities submitted on 29 July 2004 and 19 July 2006 reports on implementation of the measures referred in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 704/2002 and requested the extension of those measures for the period 2007-13. The Commission has examined, on the basis of the aforementioned reports, the impact of the measures adopted on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands.

(5) The reports provided by the Spanish authorities indicated that the quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 704/2002 were not exhausted.

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 704/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> among others opened and provided for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas on imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands for the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2006.

(6) Tariff quotas similar to those opened with Regulation (EC) No 704/2002 for certain fishery products are warranted because they would cover the needs of the Canary Islands' domestic market, while ensuring that flows of reduced-duty imports into the Community remain predictable and clearly identifiable.

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 791/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> introduced a new scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the outermost regions of the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands, French Guiana and Réunion.

(7) Since the quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 704/2002 were not exhausted, it is appropriate to set the quantity of the quotas at a lower level.

(3) The exceptional geographical situation of the Canary Islands in relation to the sources of supply of certain fishery products which are essential for domestic

(8) In order to avoid undermining the integrity and the coherence of the internal market, measures should be taken to ensure that fishery products for which suspension is granted are intended solely for the Canary Islands' domestic market.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 111, 26.4.2002, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 176, 6.7.2007, p. 1.

- (9) Measures must be taken to ensure that the Commission is kept regularly informed of the volume of imports in question so that, if necessary, it can take steps to prevent any speculative movement or deflection of trade.
- (10) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation 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 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (11) Moreover, in order to ensure coherence with the scheme introduced by Regulation (EC) No 791/2007 the tariff quotas should be opened for the period 2007-13 and in order to ensure continuity with the measures set out in Regulation (EC) No 704/2002, it is appropriate to apply the measures provided for in this Regulation from 1 January 2007,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

1. From 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 the Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to imports into the Canary Islands of the fishery products listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be suspended in full for the quantity indicated in that Annex.

2. The suspension referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted exclusively for products intended for the Canary Islands' domestic market. It shall only apply to fishery products which are unloaded from ship or aircraft before the customs declaration for release into free circulation is submitted to the customs authorities in the Canary Islands.

#### Article 2

1. By 31 May 2010, the competent Spanish authorities shall submit a report to the Commission on the implementation of the measures provided for in Article 1. The Commission shall examine the impact of those measures and, on the basis of that report, propose to the Council, if necessary, any relevant amendments to the quantities to be imported.

2. By 31 May 2012, the competent Spanish authorities shall submit a report to the Commission on the implementation,

after 2010, of the measures referred to in Article 1. The Commission shall re-examine the impact of those measures and, on the basis of its findings, submit to the Council any relevant proposals for the period after 2013.

#### Article 3

1. Where the Commission has reason to believe that the suspension provided for by this Regulation has led to a deflection of trade for a specific product it may, in accordance with the management procedure referred to in Article 4(2), provisionally repeal the suspension for a period not longer than 12 months. The payment of the import duties on products for which the suspension has been provisionally repealed shall be ensured by a security. The release of those products for free circulation in the Canary Islands shall be conditional upon the provision of such a security.

2. Within the 12-month period referred to in paragraph 1 the Council may, on a proposal from the Commission, decide to definitively repeal the suspension. In that case the amounts of duties covered by securities shall be definitively collected.

3. If no definitive decision has been adopted within the 12-month period in accordance with paragraph 2, the securities shall be released.

#### Article 4

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Customs Code Committee established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code <sup>(2)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.

#### Article 5

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2007 until 31 December 2013.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23. Decision as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

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

Done at Brussels, 8 July 2008.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
C. LAGARDE

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## ANNEX

Order No	CN code	Description	Amount of quota (in tons)	Quota duty (%)
09.2997	0303	Fish, frozen, excluding fillets and other fish meat of heading No 0304	15 000	0
	0304	Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen		
09.2651	0306	Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption	15 000	0
	0307	Molluscs, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans, fit for human consumption		

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 646/2008****of 8 July 2008****amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

2. Article 3 is replaced by the following:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 60 and 301 thereof,

Having regard to Common Position 2006/276/CFSP of 10 April 2006 concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus and replacing Common Position 2004/661/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus <sup>(2)</sup> imposed restrictive measures in accordance with Common Position 2006/276/CFSP.
- (2) It is appropriate to align Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 with recent developments in sanctions practice regarding the identification of competent authorities, liability for certain infringements and public notice regarding procedures for maintenance of certain lists. For the sake of clarity, those Articles to which amendments need to be made should be republished in full,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 is amended as follows:

1. the following Article is inserted:

*'Article 2a*

The prohibition set out in Article 2(2) shall not give rise to liability of any kind on the part of the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies concerned, if they did not know, and had no reasonable cause to suspect, that their actions would infringe this prohibition.'

*'Article 3*

1. The competent authorities in the Member States, as indicated in the websites listed in Annex II, may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources or the making available of certain funds or economic resources, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that the funds or economic resources concerned are:

- (a) necessary to satisfy the basic needs of persons listed in Annex I and their dependent family members, including payments for foodstuffs, rent or mortgage, medicines and medical treatment, taxes, insurance premiums and public utility charges;
- (b) intended exclusively for payment of reasonable professional fees and reimbursement of incurred expenses associated with the provision of legal services;
- (c) intended exclusively for payment of fees or service charges for routine holding or maintenance of frozen funds or economic resources; or
- (d) necessary for extraordinary expenses, provided that the Member State concerned has notified the other Member States and the Commission of the grounds on which it considers that a specific authorisation should be granted, at least two weeks before the authorisation.

2. Member States shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraph 1.;

3. Article 5 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 5*

1. Without prejudice to the applicable rules concerning reporting, confidentiality and professional secrecy, natural and legal persons, entities and bodies shall:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 101, 11.4.2006, p. 5. Common Position as last amended by Common Position 2008/288/CFSP (OJ L 95, 8.4.2008, p. 66).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 134, 20.5.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

- (a) immediately supply the competent authorities indicated in the websites listed in Annex II, in the country where they are resident or located, with any information which would facilitate compliance with this Regulation, such as accounts and amounts frozen in accordance with Article 2, and directly or indirectly supply such information to the Commission; and
- (b) cooperate with the competent authorities indicated in the websites listed in Annex II in any verification of this information.
2. Any information provided or received in accordance with this Article shall be used only for the purposes for which it was provided or received.;
4. Article 8 is replaced by the following:
- 'Article 8*
1. The Commission shall be empowered to:
- (a) amend Annex I on the basis of decisions taken in respect of Annex IV to Common Position 2006/276/CFSP; and
- (b) amend Annex II on the basis of information supplied by Member States.
2. A notice shall be published regarding the procedures for submitting information in relation to Annex I.;
5. the following Article is inserted:
- 'Article 9a*
1. Member States shall designate the competent authorities referred to in Articles 3, 4(2) and 5 and identify them in the websites listed in Annex II.
2. Member States shall notify the Commission of their competent authorities and the contact details thereof by 31 July 2008 and shall notify it of any subsequent amendment without delay.;
6. Annex II is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.
- Article 2*
- This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th 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, 8 July 2008.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
C. LAGARDE

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## ANNEX

## ‘ANNEX II

**Websites for information on the competent authorities referred to in Articles 3, 4(2) and 5, and address for notifications to the European Commission**

## BELGIUM

<http://www.diplomatie.be/eusanctions>

## BULGARIA

<http://www.mfa.government.bg>

## CZECH REPUBLIC

<http://www.mfcr.cz/mezinarodnisankce>

## DENMARK

<http://www.um.dk/da/menu/Udenrigspolitik/FredSikkerhedOgInternationalRetsorden/Sanktioner/>

## GERMANY

<http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Aussenwirtschaft/Aussenwirtschaftsrecht/embargos.html>

## ESTONIA

[http://www.vm.ee/est/kat\\_622/](http://www.vm.ee/est/kat_622/)

## IRELAND

<http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id = 28519>

## GREECE

<http://www.ypex.gov.gr/www.mfa.gr/en-US/Policy/Multilateral+Diplomacy/International+Sanctions/>

## SPAIN

[www.maec.es/es/MenuPpal/Asuntos/Sanciones%20Internacionales](http://www.maec.es/es/MenuPpal/Asuntos/Sanciones%20Internacionales)

## FRANCE

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/autorites-sanctions/>

## ITALY

<http://www.esteri.it/UE/deroghe.html>

## CYPRUS

<http://www.mfa.gov.cy/sanctions>

## LATVIA

<http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/security/4539>

## LITHUANIA

<http://www.urm.lt>

## LUXEMBOURG

<http://www.mae.lu/sanctions>

## HUNGARY

[http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/hu/bal/Kulpolitikank/nemzetkozi\\_szankciok/](http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/hu/bal/Kulpolitikank/nemzetkozi_szankciok/)

## MALTA

[http://www.doi.gov.mt/EN/bodies/boards/sanctions\\_monitoring.asp](http://www.doi.gov.mt/EN/bodies/boards/sanctions_monitoring.asp)

## NETHERLANDS

<http://www.minbuza.nl/sancties>

## AUSTRIA

[http://www.bmeia.gv.at/view.php?f\\_id=12750&LNG=en&version=](http://www.bmeia.gv.at/view.php?f_id=12750&LNG=en&version=)

## POLAND

<http://www.msz.gov.pl>

## PORTUGAL

<http://www.min-nestrangeiros.pt>

## ROMANIA

<http://www.mae.ro/index.php?unde=doc&id=32311&idlink=1&cat=3>

## SLOVENIA

[http://www.mzz.gov.si/si/zunanja\\_politika/mednarodna\\_varnost/omejevalni\\_ukrepi/](http://www.mzz.gov.si/si/zunanja_politika/mednarodna_varnost/omejevalni_ukrepi/)

## SLOVAKIA

<http://www.foreign.gov.sk>

## FINLAND

<http://formin.finland.fi/kvyhteistyo/pakotteet>

## SWEDEN

<http://www.ud.se/sanktioner>

## UNITED KINGDOM

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/business-trade/export-controls-sanctions/>

Address for notifications to the European Commission:

European Commission

DG External Relations

Directorate A. Crisis Platform and Policy Coordination in Common Foreign and Security Policy

Unit A2. Crisis Response and Peace Building

CHAR 12/106

B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel (Belgium)

E-mail: [relex-sanctions@ec.europa.eu](mailto:relex-sanctions@ec.europa.eu)

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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 647/2008****of 8 July 2008****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 Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 of 21 December 2007 laying down implementing rules of Council Regulations (EC) No 2200/96, (EC) No 2201/96 and (EC) No 1182/2007 in the fruit and vegetable sector <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 138(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 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 138 of Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 July 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 July 2008.

*For the Commission*

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and  
Rural Development*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 510/2008 (OJ L 149, 7.6.2008, p. 61).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 350, 31.12.2007, p. 1.

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**to Commission Regulation of 8 July 2008 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code <sup>(1)</sup>	Standard import value
0702 00 00	MA	33,6
	MK	22,0
	TR	98,2
	ZZ	51,3
0707 00 05	TR	74,2
	ZZ	74,2
0709 90 70	TR	94,9
	ZZ	94,9
0805 50 10	AR	98,6
	US	85,3
	ZA	106,5
	ZZ	96,8
0808 10 80	AR	101,2
	BR	94,8
	CL	104,2
	CN	79,4
	NZ	118,0
	US	88,2
	UY	93,6
	ZA	94,2
	ZZ	96,7
0808 20 50	AR	95,3
	CL	96,3
	CN	113,9
	NZ	105,6
	ZA	120,5
	ZZ	106,3
0809 10 00	TR	182,1
	US	284,0
	XS	130,8
	ZZ	199,0
0809 20 95	TR	363,5
	US	179,9
	ZZ	271,7
0809 30	TR	313,4
	ZZ	313,4
0809 40 05	IL	155,0
	ZZ	155,0

<sup>(1)</sup> Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 648/2008****of 4 July 2008****establishing a prohibition of fishing for plaice in ICES zones of VIIh, VIIj and VIIk by vessels flying the flag of Belgium**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

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

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 40/2008 of 16 January 2008 fixing for 2008 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required <sup>(3)</sup>, lays down quotas for 2008.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2008.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2008 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

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

*Article 3***Entry into force**

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

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

Done at Brussels, 4 July 2008.

*For the Commission*

Fokion FOTIADIS

*Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 865/2007 (OJ L 192, 24.7.2007, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007 (OJ L 248, 22.9.2007, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 19, 23.1.2008, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 446/2008 (OJ L 134, 23.5.2008, p. 11).

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No	17/T&Q
Member State	BEL
Stock	PLE/7HJK.
Species	Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )
Area	ICES zones VIIh, VIIj and VIIk
Date	3.6.2008

## II

(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is not obligatory)

## DECISIONS

## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 June 2008

**on a financial contribution from the Community towards emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Portugal in 2007**

(notified under document number C(2008) 2978)

(Only the Portuguese text is authentic)

(2008/556/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 3(3) and 3a(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 90/424/EEC lays down the procedures governing the Community's financial contribution towards specific veterinary measures, including emergency measures. Pursuant to Article 3a of that Decision, Member States may obtain a Community financial contribution towards the costs of certain measures to eradicate avian influenza.
- (2) Article 3a(3) of Decision 90/424/EEC lays down rules on the percentage of the costs incurred by Member States that may be covered by the Community's financial contribution.
- (3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 349/2005 of 28 February 2005 laying down rules on the Community financing of emergency measures and of

the campaign to combat certain animal diseases under Council Decision 90/424/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, following the amendment of Decision 90/424/EEC by Council Decision 2006/53/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, no longer covers avian influenza. It is therefore necessary to expressly provide in the present Decision that the granting of a Community financial contribution to Portugal is subject to compliance with certain rules laid down in that Regulation.

- (4) Outbreaks of avian influenza occurred in Portugal in 2007. The emergence of that disease represents a serious risk to the Community's livestock population. Portugal took measures, as referred to in Article 3a(2) of Decision 90/424/EEC, to combat those outbreaks.
- (5) Portugal has fully complied with its technical and administrative obligations as set out in Articles 3(3) and 3a(2) of Decision 90/424/EEC and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 349/2005.
- (6) Portugal submitted to the Commission information on the costs incurred on 7 November 2007, and has continued to provide all necessary information on costs of compensation and operational expenditure.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 55, 1.3.2005, p. 12.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 29, 2.2.2006, p. 37.

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

2. For the purposes of this Decision, Articles 2 to 5 and Article 7 and Article 9(2), (3) and (4) and Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 349/2005 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

**Financial contribution from the Community**

1. A financial contribution from the Community may be granted to Portugal towards the costs incurred by that Member State in taking the measures referred to in Article 3a(2) of Decision 90/424/EEC, to combat avian influenza in 2007.

*Article 2*

**Addressee**

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 25 June 2008.

*For the Commission*

Androulla VASSILIOU

*Member of the Commission*



## COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 June 2008

**on a financial contribution from the Community towards emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Poland in 2007***(notified under document number C(2008) 3047)***(Only the Polish text is authentic)**

(2008/557/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

(4) Poland has fully complied with its technical and administrative obligations as set out in Articles 3(3) and 3a(2) of Decision 90/424/EEC and Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 349/2005. <sup>(2)</sup>.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(5) Poland submitted to the Commission information on the costs incurred on 4 February 2008 and on 13 March 2008, and continued to provide all necessary information on costs of compensation and operational expenditure.

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Articles 3(3) and 3a(1) thereof,

(6) Following the amendment of Decision 90/424/EEC by Council Decision 2006/53/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, Commission Regulation (EC) No 349/2005 no longer covers avian influenza. It is therefore necessary to expressly provide in the present Decision that the granting of a Community financial contribution to Poland is subject to compliance with certain rules laid down in that Regulation.

Whereas:

(1) Decision 90/424/EEC lays down the procedures governing the Community's financial contribution towards specific veterinary measures, including emergency measures. Pursuant to Article 3a of that Decision, Member States may obtain a Community financial contribution towards the costs of certain measures to eradicate avian influenza.

(7) 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:

(2) Article 3a(3) of Decision 90/424/EEC lays down rules on the percentage of the costs incurred by Member States that may be covered by the Community's financial contribution.

(3) Outbreaks of avian influenza occurred in Poland in 2007. The emergence of that disease represents a serious risk to the Community's livestock population. Poland took the measures, as referred to in Article 3a(2) of Decision 90/424/EEC, to combat those outbreaks.

*Article 1***Financial contribution from the Community to Poland**

1. A financial contribution from the Community may be granted to Poland towards the costs incurred by that Member State in taking the measures referred to in Article 3a(2) of Decision 90/424/EEC, to combat avian influenza in 2007.

2. For the purposes of this Decision, Articles 2 to 5 and Articles 7 and 8 and Article 9(2), (3) and (4) and Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 349/2005 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 55, 1.3.2005, p. 12.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 29, 2.2.2006, p. 37.

*Article 2***Payment arrangements**

A first tranche of EUR 845 000,00 shall be paid as part of the Community financial contribution provided for in Article 1.

*Article 3***Addressee**

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Poland.

Done at Brussels, 27 June 2008.

*For the Commission*

Androulla VASSILIOU

*Member of the Commission*

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## COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 June 2008

**authorising the placing on the market of refined echium oil as novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

*(notified under document number C(2008) 3049)***(Only the English text is authentic)**

(2008/558/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 11 August 2006 the company Croda Chemicals Ltd. made a request to the competent authorities of the United Kingdom to place refined echium oil on the market as a novel food ingredient.
- (2) On 12 July 2007 the competent food assessment body of the United Kingdom issued its initial assessment report. In that report it came to the conclusion that refined echium oil is safe for human consumption at the proposed uses.
- (3) The Commission forwarded the initial assessment report to all Member States on 1 August 2007.
- (4) Within the 60-day period laid down in Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97 reasoned objections to the marketing of the product were raised in accordance with that provision.
- (5) On 10 January 2008 in his response to the comments and objections, the applicant agreed to amend the specifications of the refined echium oil and to restrict its uses as requested by some Member States.

(6) Refined echium oil complies with the criteria laid down in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.

(7) 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*

Refined echium oil as specified in Annex I, hereinafter called the product, may be placed on the market in the Community as a novel food ingredient for the uses and under the conditions specified in Annex II.

*Article 2*

The designation on the novel food ingredient authorised by this Decision on the labelling of the foodstuff containing it shall be 'refined echium oil'.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to Croda Chemicals Europe Ltd, Oak Road, Clough Road, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU6 7PH, United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 27 June 2008.

*For the Commission*

Androulla VASSILIOU

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

## ANNEX I

**Specifications of refined echium oil****Description**

Echium oil is the pale yellow product obtained by refining oil extracted from the seeds of *Echium plantagineum*.

**Specifications**

Test	Specification
Stearidonic acid content	Not less than 10 % w/w of total fatty acids
Trans fatty acids	Not more than 2 % (w/w of total fatty acids)
Acid value	Not more than 0,6 mg KOH/g
Peroxide value	Not more than 5 meq O <sub>2</sub> /kg
Unsaponifiable content	Not more than 2 %
Protein content (total nitrogen)	Not more than 20 µg/mL
Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	Not detectable with a detection limit 4 µg/kg

## ANNEX II

**Uses of refined Echium oil**

Use group	Maximum level of stearidonic acid (STA)
Milk-based products and drinkable yoghurt products delivered in a single dose	250 mg/100 g; 75 mg/100 g for drinks
Cheese preparations	750 mg/100 g
Spreadable fat and dressings	750 mg/100 g
Breakfast cereals	625 mg/100 g
Food supplements	500 mg/daily dose as recommended by the manufacturer
Dietary foods for special medical purposes	in accordance with the particular nutritional requirements of the persons for whom the products are intended
Foods intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction	250 mg/meal replacement

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 June 2008

authorising the placing on the market of *allanblackia* seed oil as novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(notified under document number C(2008) 3081)

(Only the German text is authentic)

(2008/559/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 August 2004 the company Unilever Deutschland GmbH made a request to the competent authorities of Germany to place *allanblackia* seed oil for use in yellow fat and cream based spreads on the market as a novel food ingredient.
- (2) On 3 April 2006 the competent food assessment body of Germany issued its initial assessment report. In that report it came to the conclusion that *allanblackia* seed oil is safe for human consumption.
- (3) The Commission forwarded the initial assessment report to all Member States on 8 June 2006.
- (4) Within the 60-day period laid down in Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97 reasoned objections to the marketing of the product were raised in accordance with that provision.
- (5) Therefore the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was consulted on 7 February 2007.
- (6) On 25 October 2007 EFSA adopted the 'Opinion of the Scientific Panel on dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies on a request from the Commission related to the safety of *allanblackia* seed oil for use in yellow fat and cream based spreads'.

(7) In the opinion the panel came to the conclusion that refined *allanblackia* seed oil is safe for human consumption under the specified conditions of use.

(8) On the basis of the scientific assessment, it is established that refined *allanblackia* seed oil complies with the criteria laid down in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Refined *allanblackia* seed oil as specified in the Annex may be placed on the market in the Community as a novel food ingredient for use in yellow fat spreads and cream based spreads.

*Article 2*

The designation of the novel food ingredient authorised by this Decision on the labelling of the foodstuff containing it shall be 'allanblackia seed oil'.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to Unilever Deutschland GmbH, Dammtorwall 15, D-20355 Hamburg.

Done at Brussels, 27 June 2008.

*For the Commission*  
Androulla VASSILIOU  
Member of the Commission

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

## ANNEX

**Specifications of refined *allanblackia* seed oil****Description**

*Allanblackia* seed oil is obtained from the seeds of the *allanblackia* species: *A. floribunda* (synonymous with *A. parviflora*) and *A. stuhlmannii*.

**Composition of fatty acids**

Lauric acid (C12:0)	< 1 %
Myristic acid (C14:0)	< 1 %
Palmitic acid (C16:0)	< 2 %
Palmitoleic acid (C16:1)	< 1 %
Stearic acid (C18:0)	45-58 %
Oleic acid (C18:1)	40-51 %
Linoleic acid (C18:2)	< 1 %
γ-Linolenic acid (C18:3)	< 1 %
Arachidic acid (C20:0)	< 1 %
Free fatty acids	max. 0,1 %

**Characteristics**

Trans fatty acids	max. 0,5 %
Peroxide value	max. 0,8 meq/kg
Iodine value	< 46 g/100 g
Unsaponifiable matter	max. 0,1 %
Saponification value	185-198 mg KOH/g

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**CORRIGENDA**

**Corrigendum to Political and Security Committee Decision CHAD/3/2008 (2008/412/CFSP) of 28 May 2008 amending Political and Security Committee Decision CHAD/1/2008 on the acceptance of third States' contributions to the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic and Political and Security Committee Decision CHAD/2/2008 on the setting-up of the Committee of Contributors for the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic**

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