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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 882/85

of 2 April 1985

fixing the import levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1018/84⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas the import levies on cereals, wheat and rye flour, and wheat groats and meal were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 3131/84⁽⁵⁾ and subsequent amending Regulations;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, levies should be calculated on the following basis:

- in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2,25 %, a rate of exchange based on

their central rate, multiplied by the coefficient provided for in Article 2b (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 855/84⁽⁷⁾,

- for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded for a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in the previous indent, and the aforesaid coefficient;

Whereas these exchange rates being those recorded on 1 April 1985;

Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules contained in Regulation (EEC) No 3131/84 to today's offer prices and quotations known to the Commission that the levies at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import levies to be charged on products listed in Article 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 April 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 293, 10. 11. 1984, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 106, 12. 5. 1971, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 2 April 1985 fixing the import levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal

(ECU/tonne)		
CCT heading No	Description	Levies
10.01 B I	Common wheat, and meslin	87,51
10.01 B II	Durum wheat	131,22 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾
10.02	Rye	89,51 ⁽⁶⁾
10.03	Barley	83,55
10.04	Oats	69,29
10.05 B	Maize, other than hybrid maize for sowing	75,53 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
10.07 A	Buckwheat	0
10.07 B	Millet	88,78 ⁽⁴⁾
10.07 C	Grain sorghum	100,14 ⁽⁴⁾
10.07 D I	Triticale	(7)
10.07 D II	Canary seed ; other cereals	0 ⁽⁵⁾
11.01 A	Wheat or meslin flour	137,77
11.01 B	Rye flour	140,57
11.02 A I a)	Durum wheat groats and meal	217,14
11.02 A I b)	Common wheat groats and meal	146,30

⁽¹⁾ Where durum wheat originating in Morocco is transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy is reduced by 0,60 ECU/tonne.

⁽²⁾ In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 486/85 the levies are not applied to imports into the French overseas departments of products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the 'overseas countries and territories'.

⁽³⁾ Where maize originating in the ACP or OCT is imported into the Community the levy is reduced by 1,81 ECU/tonne.

⁽⁴⁾ Where millet and sorghum originating in the ACP or OCT is imported into the Community the levy is reduced by 50 %.

⁽⁵⁾ Where durum wheat and canary seed produced in Turkey are transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy is reduced by 0,60 ECU/tonne.

⁽⁶⁾ The import levy charged on rye produced in Turkey and transported directly from that country to the Community is laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1180/77 and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2622/71.

⁽⁷⁾ The levy applicable to rye shall be charged on imports of the product falling within subheading 10.07 D I (triticale).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 883/85

of 2 April 1985

fixing the premiums to be added to the import levies on cereals, flour and malt

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1018/84 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 15 (6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas the premiums to be added to the levies on cereals and malt were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 2222/84 ⁽⁵⁾ and subsequent amending Regulations;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, levies should be calculated on the following basis:

- in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2,25 %, a rate of exchange based on their central rate, multiplied by the coefficient provided for in Article 2b (2) of Regulation (EEC)

No 974/71 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 855/84 ⁽⁷⁾,

- for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded for a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in the previous indent, and the aforesaid coefficient;

Whereas these exchange rates being those recorded on 1 April 1985;

Whereas, on the basis of today's cif prices and cif forward delivery prices, the premiums at present in force, which are to be added to the levies, should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The premiums referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 to be added to the import levies fixed in advance in respect of cereals and malt shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 April 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 205, 1. 8. 1984, p. 4.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 106, 12. 5. 1971, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 2 April 1985 fixing the premiums to be added to the import levies on cereals, flour and malt

A. Cereals and flour

(ECU/tonne)					
CCT heading No	Description	Current 4	1st period 5	2nd period 6	3rd period 7
10.01 B I	Common wheat, and meslin	0	0	0	0
10.01 B II	Durum wheat	5,68	5,68	5,68	5,29
10.02	Rye	0	0	0	0
10.03	Barley	0	0	0	0
10.04	Oats	0	0	0	0
10.05 B	Maize, other than hybrid maize for sowing	0	0	0	0
10.07 A	Buckwheat	0	0	0	0
10.07 B	Millet	0	0	0	0
10.07 C	Grain sorghum	0	0	0	0
10.07 D	Other cereals	0	0	0	0
11.01 A	Wheat or meslin flour	0	0	0	0

B. Malt

(ECU/tonne)						
CCT heading No	Description	Current 4	1st period 5	2nd period 6	3rd period 7	4th period 8
11.07 A I (a)	Unroasted malt, obtained from wheat, in the form of flour	0	0	0	0	0
11.07 A I (b)	Unroasted malt, obtained from wheat, other than in the form of flour	0	0	0	0	0
11.07 A II (a)	Unroasted malt, other than that obtained from wheat, in the form of flour	0	0	0	0	0
11.07 A II (b)	Unroasted malt, other than that obtained from wheat, other than in the form of flour	0	0	0	0	0
11.07 B	Roasted malt	0	0	0	0	0

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 884/85

of 2 April 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 as regards the advance on the amount of the premium for leaf tobacco grown in Greece

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1461/82 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1876/84 ⁽⁴⁾, makes payment of an advance on premiums subject to conclusion of a cultivation contract or to signature of a crop declaration, duly registered and relating to the leaf tobacco in respect of which the premium is applied for;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 provides for the payment of advances on the premium in respect of tobacco from the 1982, 1983 and 1984 crops in Greece which has, in that country, undergone first processing and market preparation, even where no cultivation contract or crop declaration exists; whereas advances on the premium may be required up to 31 December of the year following that in which the tobacco was harvested;

Whereas the reasons that obtained to warrant the derogation in respect of applications for an advance on the premium from which purchases of Greek tobacco from the 1981 and 1982 crops benefited on the basis of the provisions of Article 73 of the Act of Accession which was extended in respect of tobacco from the 1984 crop by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1186/83 ⁽⁵⁾ still remain valid; whereas, despite the efforts made to inform the operators concerned, the greater part of the Greek tobacco crop production at present is still not covered by cultivation contracts;

Whereas cultivation contracts play a key role in tobacco production by enabling production to be better oriented to demand; whereas it is advisable to maintain the derogation from which tobacco from the

1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 crops benefited for tobacco from the coming harvests in order to encourage tobacco purchases and planters to sign a greater number of cultivation contracts so that each of them may benefit from the advantages that these entail;

Whereas a maximum period of two years is adequate for the contractual system laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 to be effectively applied; whereas the derogation in question should therefore be extended to cover tobacco from the 1985 and 1986 crops;

Whereas for the sake of simplicity, tobacco from the 1984 crop in respect of which applications for an advance on the premium may be submitted up to 31 December 1985 should be included and Regulation (EEC) No 1186/83 consequently repealed;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Raw Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The second subparagraph of Article 7 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 is hereby replaced by the following:

'Notwithstanding the first indent of the preceding subparagraph, advances on the premium may be applied for in respect of tobacco from the 1984, 1985 and 1986 crops in Greece which has, in that country, undergone first processing and market preparation, even where no cultivation contract or crop declaration as referred to in Article 2b exists.

In Greece, applications for advances may in such cases be made only up to 31 December of the year following that in which the tobacco was harvested.'

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 1186/83 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ No L 164, 14. 6. 1982, p. 27.
⁽³⁾ OJ No L 191, 27. 8. 1970, p. 1.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 176, 3. 7. 1984, p. 14.
⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 129, 19. 5. 1983, p. 23.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 885/85

of 2 April 1985

on minimum quality requirements for cherries in syrup eligible for production aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 516/77 of 14 March 1977 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 746/85⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3d (4) thereof,

Whereas Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 516/77 provides for a system of production aid for certain products; whereas Article 3d (1) (b) of the Regulation lays down that aid shall be paid only for products which meet minimum quality standards to be laid down;

Whereas the aim of such quality requirements is to avoid production of products for which no demand exists or products which would create distortion of the market; whereas the requirements must be based on traditional fair manufacturing procedures;

Whereas, with a view to implementing the production aid system, this Regulation must be applied in conjunction with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1599/84 of 5 June 1984 laying down detailed rules for the application of production aid for products processed from fruit and vegetables⁽³⁾, in particular as regards examination of the processed products;

Whereas the quality requirements laid down in this Regulation are measures for implementing the production aid system; whereas quality requirements for the marketing of the products are not yet established by the Community; whereas national requirements to that end may continue to be applied by the Member States, provided they are compatible with the provisions of the Treaty on the free movement of goods;

Whereas 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

This Regulation lays down the minimum quality requirements which cherries in syrup as defined in Article 1 (2) (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1599/84 shall meet in order to benefit from the production aid provided for in Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 516/77.

Article 2

For the manufacture of cherries in syrup only cherries of the species

- *Prunus avium* L. (Bigarreaux and other sweet cherries) and
- *Prunus cerasus* L. (Morell cherries)

shall be used.

The raw material shall be fresh, sound, clean and suitable for processing.

The raw material may before being used for the manufacture of cherries in syrup have been chilled or frozen or been treated with gas to temporarily prevent fermentation.

Article 3

1. Cherries in syrup shall consist of whole cherries, with or without stone. Each container shall contain exclusively either

- Bigarreaux cherries, or
- other sweet cherries, or
- Morello cherries.

2. Cherries in syrup shall be free from foreign materials of non-vegetable origin as well as free from foreign flavours and odours. Cherries in syrup containing special ingredients shall be considered as free from foreign flavours and odours when there is no abnormal flavour and odour for the ingredients used.

3. Cherries in syrup shall be practically free from foreign materials of vegetable origin, blemished fruit and mechanically damaged fruit. Stoned cherries in syrup shall also to a large extent be free from cherries with stones.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 21. 3. 1977, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 81, 23. 3. 1985, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 152, 8. 6. 1984, p. 16.

Article 4

1. Cherries in syrup shall be considered as complying with Article 3 (2) when the following tolerances are not exceeded:

	Bigarreaux cherries and other sweet cherries		Morello cherries	
	Stone-in	Stoned	Stone-in	Stoned
Stones or stone material	—	100 stones	—	200 stones
Blemished fruit	1 000 gr	1 500 gr	1 000 gr	1 500 gr
Mechanically damaged fruit	200 gr	1 000 gr	500 gr	1 500 gr
Harmless foreign material of vegetable origin	150 pieces	150 pieces	150 pieces	150 pieces

The tolerances fixed are per 10 kilograms drained net weight.

2. For the purpose of paragraph 1:

- (a) 'stones or stone material' means whole stones and visible pieces that are hard and sharp. Pieces of stones are considered as equivalent to one stone when
 - one piece is larger than one-half stone, or
 - a total of three pieces have been found;
- (b) 'blemished fruit' means fruit with discoloration on the surface or spots which definitely contrast with the overall colour and which may penetrate into the flesh, in particular bruises, crevices and dark discoloration;
- (c) 'mechanically damaged fruit' means fruit which has been exposed to a mechanical influence and thereby torn into pieces;
- (d) 'harmless foreign material of vegetable origin' means vegetable materials which are irrelevant to the fruit itself or which have been attached to the fresh fruit but should have been removed during processing, in particular stalks and leaves and pieces thereof; stones shall, however, be excluded.

Article 5

1. The cherries and the syrup in a container shall occupy not less than 90 % of the water capacity of the container.

2. The drained net weight of the fruit shall on average be at least equal to the following percentages of the water capacity, expressed in grams, of the container:

Cherries with stone			Cherries without stone		
Bigarreaux	Other sweet cherries	Morello	Bigarreaux	Other sweet cherries	Morello
56 %	55 %	52 %	55 %	52 %	50 %

3. Where cherries in syrups are packed in glass containers the water capacity shall be reduced by 20 ml before the percentages referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 are calculated.

4. Each container shall be marked with a reference identifying the date and year of production and the processor. The marking which may be in code form, shall be approved by the competent authorities in the Member State where the production takes place and these authorities may adopt additional provisions as to the marking itself.

Article 6

The processor shall daily and at regular intervals during the processing period verify that the cherries in syrup comply with the requirements for benefiting from aid. The result of the verification shall be recorded.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 May 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 886/85

of 2 April 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 410/76 fixing the maximum permissible weight losses in connection with the supervision of the first processing and market preparation of tobacco

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1461/82 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 3 (3) and Article 7 (4) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 of 25 August 1970 on the procedure for granting the premium for leaf tobacco ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 884/85 ⁽⁴⁾, provides for a system of supervision of the first processing and market preparation of tobacco; whereas the purpose of such supervision is to ensure that the quantities of tobacco placed under supervision and those released therefrom tally, having regard to the maximum permissible weight losses for each variety in connection with the first processing and market preparation of tobacco;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 410/76 of 23 February 1976 fixing the maximum permissible weight losses in connection with the supervision of the first processing and market preparation of tobacco ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2165/83 ⁽⁶⁾, allows an additional weight loss of four percentage points for tobacco which has been threshed in order to take account of the additional losses caused by this process; whereas, having regard to current commercial practice and the low value of the by-products of threshing, i.e. stems and veins, where tobacco is threshed, only strips which are at least 0,5 centimetre in diameter should be counted for the purposes of checking that the quantities tally with the quantities of leaf tobacco placed under supervision;

Whereas it emerges from the technical data available that the leafweb generally represents 72 % of the weight of the baled tobacco leaf; whereas the rest consists of 21 % stems, 3 % veins and 4 % additional weight losses allowed for threshing;

Whereas for checking that the quantities released from supervision in the form of strips with a diameter of at least 0,5 centimetre tally with the quantities of tobacco placed under supervision, the net weight obtained from application of the maximum weight losses should be divided by 1,389, the coefficient representing the components of the baled tobacco other than leafweb; whereas the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 410/76 should be amended accordingly;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Raw Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Footnote ⁽¹⁾, in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 410/76 is hereby replaced by the following:

- ⁽¹⁾ For tobacco from the 1985 and subsequent harvests the net weight resulting from application of these rates is divided by 1,389 for the purposes of checking the weight of the tobacco placed under supervision and the weight of the strips resulting from threshing which have a diameter of at least 0,5 centimetre.'

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 164, 14. 6. 1982, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 191, 27. 8. 1970, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ See page 5 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 50, 26. 2. 1976, p. 11.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1983, pag. 65.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 887/85

of 2 April 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 as regards the system of supervision of first processing and market preparation of leaf tobacco

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1461/82 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 of 25 August 1970 on the procedure for granting the premium for leaf tobacco ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 884/85 ⁽⁴⁾, provides for a system of supervision accompanied by checks on first processing and market preparation operations; whereas first processing and market preparation undertakings now subject certain varieties of tobacco to threshing, which consists in separating the whole tobacco leaf into the leafweb and the stem and veins; whereas in accordance with commercial practice the strips of leafweb are not less than 0,5 centimetre in diameter;

Whereas first processing and market preparation operations for tobacco are attested by the premium certificate drawn up when the leaf tobacco is placed under supervision; whereas the details entered on the premium certificate are provided by the checks undertaken on entry to and exit from the place where the processing and market preparation operations are undertaken; whereas the premium certificate should specify, before the competent authority checks that the leaf tobacco and the baled tobacco tally, the quantity of tobacco obtained at the end of the first processing in the form of whole or cut leaves or strips;

Whereas the right to the premium accrues as soon as the tobacco leaves the place in which it was under supervision; whereas in the case of threshing, the marketing channels for strips and for the by-products consisting of stems and veins are different; whereas the latter have a very low market value and demand is

extremely limited; whereas, therefore, in order not to penalize first processing and market preparation undertakings which undertake threshing, the right to the premium should accrue as soon as the strips leave the place of supervision;

Whereas the amount of the premium is payable on the net weight of leaf tobacco after the competent authorities have checked that the quantities of tobacco brought under supervision and the quantities released therefrom tally; whereas it should be laid down that, in the case of threshing, the check on the tally must relate to the quantities of leaf tobacco placed under supervision and the quantities of strips released therefrom; whereas as regards release from supervision it should be laid down, in order to avoid any confusion with other products resulting from threshing, that only strips which are at least 0,5 centimetre in diameter are to be counted when checking the tally and establishing the right to the premium on their release from the place of supervision;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following point (m') is inserted after point (m) of Article 2 (2):

'(m') The quantity of tobacco and/or strips with a diameter of at least 0,5 cm recorded on release from supervision;'

2. The first sentence of Article 6 (1) is replaced by the following:

'The right to the premium shall accrue as soon as the tobacco, in the form of whole or cut leaves and/or strips with a diameter of at least 0,5 cm, leaves the place in which it was under supervision.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 164, 14. 6. 1982, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 191, 27. 8. 1970, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ See page 5 of this Official Journal.

3. The first sentence of Article 6 (3) is replaced by the following :

'The competent authorities shall check, in respect of each undertaking, that the quantities of tobacco brought under supervision tally with those released therefrom in the form of whole or cut leaves and/or strips with a diameter of at least 0,5 cm.'

Article 2

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

It shall apply to tobacco from the 1985 and subsequent harvests.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 888/85

of 2 April 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2394/84 laying down for the 1984/85 and 1985/86 wine-growing years conditions of use of ion exchange resins and detailed implementing rules for the preparation of rectified concentrated grape must

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Article 1

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organization of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 798/85 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 46 (6) thereof,

Point 6.2 of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2394/84 is hereby replaced by the following:

Whereas the Council has authorized the preparation and use of rectified concentrated grape must; whereas, for the preparation of this product, Annex III, point 1a (h), to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 permits the use of ion exchange resins subject to the conditions laid down in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2394/84 ⁽³⁾; whereas, in the light of experience gained in the preparation of ion exchange resins for production of rectified concentrated grape must, the method of operation set out in the Annex to the latter Regulation should be adapted;

'6.2. For the anionic resins pass the three extracting solvents (4.1, 4.2 and 4.3) 4.3.) separately through the prepared columns (6.1) at a flow rate of 350 to 450 ml/h. Discard the first litre of eluate in each case and collect the next two litres in measuring cylinders (5.2). For the cationic resins, pass only solvents 4.1 and 4.2 through the columns prepared for this purpose.'

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 89, 29. 3. 1985, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 224, 21. 8. 1984, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 889/85

of 2 April 1985

amending for the sixth time Regulation (EEC) No 2657/80 on the determination of prices of fresh or chilled sheep carcasses on representative Community markets and the survey of prices of certain other qualities of sheep carcasses in the Community

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 of 27 June 1980 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 871/84⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 4 (2) and 7 (4) thereof,

Whereas it should be specified that the market prices to be determined should be calculated on the basis of prices recorded ex value-added tax, and that no deductions are authorized in respect of other charges;

Whereas pursuant to Article 4a of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2657/80⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3008/84⁽⁴⁾, market prices for lambs weighing between nine and 14 kilograms may be recorded before evisceration and removal of the head; whereas that provision should extend to lambs weighing up to 16 kilograms;

Whereas the coefficients used for calculating the price of sheep carcasses on representative Community markets should be adjusted in the light of the figures available with regard to sheep numbers;

Whereas since no prices are recorded in respect of the Pescara market and those for Palermo have shown almost no variation, and since sheep are no longer bought at Alkmaar market, the said markets should be

removed from the list of representative markets in Italy and the Netherlands;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sheep and Goats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2657/80 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to the first subparagraph of Article 2 (1):
‘The said price shall be calculated on the basis of market prices, ex value added tax.’
2. In Article 4a, ‘14 kilograms’ is replaced by ‘16 kilograms’.
3. Annex I is replaced by Annex I to this Regulation.
4. In Annex II, points C1, H1 and I1 are replaced by those in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the beginning of the marketing year which begins in 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 183, 16. 7. 1980, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 35.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 276, 20. 10. 1980, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 283, 27. 10. 1984, p. 31.

*ANNEX I***Coefficients for calculating prices recorded on representative Community markets**

Belgium	0,2 %
Denmark	0,1 %
Federal Republic of Germany	2,0 %
Great Britain	36,9 %
Greece	16,4 %
France	19,4 %
Ireland	4,2 %
Italy	17,7 %
Luxembourg	—
Netherlands	1,5 %
Northern Ireland	1,6 %
	<u>100,0 %</u>

*ANNEX II***Factors entering into the determination of prices recorded on the representative markets of the Community****C. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY****1. Representative market : Federal Republic of Germany**

The prices recorded on this market are the weighted average of the prices recorded in the following regions :

	Weighting coefficients
Bayern	25,6 %
Nordrhein-Westfalen	69,5 %
Niedersachsen	3,0 %
Saarland	1,9 %

H. ITALY**1. Representative markets**

	Weighting coefficients
(a) Roma and Foggia	50,0 %
(b) Other markets :	50,0 %
Avellino	8,8 %
Firenze	8,8 %
Noci	8,8 %
Nuoro	23,6 %

I. NETHERLANDS**1. Representative markets**

Bodegraven
Breukelen
Harlingen
Hoorn
Nieuwekerk a/d IJssel

Weighting coefficients

The prices recorded in each slaughterhouse are to be weighted by means of coefficients which are variable each week and reflect the relative importance of the number of animals slaughtered in each slaughterhouse compared with the national total.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 890/85

of 2 April 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 772/85 adopting exceptional support measures
for the market in pigmeat

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organi-
zation of the market in pigmeat ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 2966/80 ⁽²⁾, and in particular
Article 20 thereof,

Whereas, in the light of the health situation in the
stockfarming sector in Belgium, provision is made in
Commission Regulation (EEC) No 686/85 ⁽³⁾ and
772/85 ⁽⁴⁾ for exceptional support measures for the
market in pigmeat in that Member State;

Whereas it is not yet certain that the outbreak of
African swine fever in Belgium has been contained;
whereas this could adversely affect the disposal of
pigmeat now in storage; whereas the financial risk to
operators taking part in the private storage aid scheme
should be limited by providing, in the case of zone I,
for the taking over by the Belgian intervention agency,
of meat which is likely to be affected by the epizootic;
consequently, sufficient guarantee can be derived for
the payment of a fair price to producers;

Whereas a buying-in price should be fixed at which
the meat is to be taken over by the intervention
agency; whereas that price should be based on the
market price recorded in Belgium within the meaning
of Council Regulation (EEC) No 43/81 of 1 January
1981 establishing a list of representative markets for
pigmeat in the Community ⁽⁵⁾ and should take account
of the actual quality of pigmeat carcasses sold on the
Belgian market, the price being derived from those for
grade II carcasses within the meaning of the Commu-
nity scale for grading pig carcasses laid down in
Council Regulation (EEC) No 2760/75 ⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas in cases where the meat is taken over by the
intervention agency for the purposes of further proces-
sing the financial risk to operators should no longer be
covered in respect of aids which were fixed earlier for
that purpose; whereas accordingly provision should be

made for reducing the aid where the meat is bought
in;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation
are in accordance with the opinion of the Management
Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Articles 4a and 4b are hereby inserted
in Regulation (EEC) No 772/85:

Article 4a

In addition to the information required by Article
3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1092/80, private
storage contracts shall also indicate the producer or
producers who supplied the pigs of which the meat
is stored under the contract.

Article 4b

1. Where, following a decision by the national
health authorities, meat cannot be released for
consumption until it has undergone sufficient heat
treatment to prevent any further spread of the
epizootic or where it must be destroyed because of
the risk of the latter, the Belgian intervention
agency shall, at the request of the party concerned,
buy in the products covered by a storage contract
concluded before 15 April 1985 which are offered
to it.

In such cases the buying-in price for carcasses shall
be the grade II market price in Belgium within the
meaning of Council Regulations (EEC) No
2760/75 ⁽¹⁾ and (EEC) No 43/81 ⁽²⁾ recorded during
the week in which the contract was concluded,
plus 10 %. In the case of other products, the
buying-in price shall be determined on the basis of
the carcass price, using the coefficients referred to
in Article 10 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75.
However, the buying-in price shall be reduced by
an amount corresponding to 30 % of the final
amount of aid granted to the storer.

2. Where buying in takes place, the period
covered by the storage contract shall expire on the
day which precedes buying in.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 307, 18. 11. 1980, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 75, 16. 3. 1985, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 86, 27. 3. 1985, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 3, 1. 1. 1981, p. 15.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 10.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 3, 1. 1. 1981, p. 15.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 891/85

of 2 April 1985

fixing for Great Britain the level of the variable slaughter premium for sheep
and the amounts to be charged on products leaving region 5

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
1837/80 of 27 June 1980 on the common organization
of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat⁽¹⁾, as last
amended by Regulation (EEC) No 871/84⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No
1633/84 of 8 June 1984 laying down detailed rules for
applying the variable slaughter premium for sheep and
repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2661/80⁽³⁾, and in
particular Articles 3 (1) and 4 (1) thereof,

Whereas the United Kingdom is the only country
which grants the variable slaughter premium, in region
5, within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Regulation
(EEC) No 1837/80; whereas it is necessary therefore
for the Commission to fix, for the week beginning 11
March 1985, the level of the premium and the amount
to be charged on products leaving that region;

Whereas Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1633/84
stipulates that the level of the variable slaughter
premium is to be fixed each week by the Commis-
sion;

Whereas Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1633/84
lays down that the amount to be charged on products
leaving region 5 shall be fixed weekly by the Commis-
sion;

Whereas it follows from the application of the rules
laid down in Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No
1837/80 and in Article 4 (1) and (3) of Regulation

(EEC) No 1633/84 that the variable slaughter premium
for sheep certified as eligible in the United Kingdom,
and the amounts to be charged on products leaving
region 5 of the aforesaid Member State during the
week beginning 11 March 1985, shall be set out in the
Annexes hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For sheep or sheepmeat certified as eligible in the
United Kingdom in region 5, within the meaning of
Article 3 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80, for the
variable slaughter premium during the week beginning
11 March 1985 the level of the premium shall be
equivalent to the amount fixed in Annex I.

Article 2

For products referred to in Article 1 (a) and (c) of
Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 which left the territory
of region 5 during the week beginning 11 March 1985,
the amounts to be charged shall be equivalent to those
fixed in Annex II hereto.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 11 March 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 183, 16. 7. 1980, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 35.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 154, 9. 6. 1984, p. 27.

ANNEX I

Level of variable slaughter premium for certified sheep in region 5 for the week commencing 11 March 1985

Description	Premium
Certified sheep or sheepmeat	101,519 ECU per 100 kilograms of estimated or actual dressed carcase weight (1)

(1) Within the weight limits laid down by the United Kingdom.

ANNEX II

Amount to be charged for products leaving region 5 during the week commencing
11 March 1985

(ECU/100 kg)

CCT heading No	Description	Charge
01.04 B	Live sheep and goats other than pure-bred breeding animals	Live weight
		47,714
		Net weight
02.01 A IV a)	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh or chilled :	
	1. Carcases or half-carcases	101,519
	2. Short forequarters	71,063
	3. Chines and/or best ends	111,671
	4. Legs	131,975
	5. Other :	
	aa) Unboned (bone-in)	131,975
02.01 A IV b)	bb) Boned or boneless	184,765
	Meat of sheep or goats, frozen :	
	1. Carcases or half-carcases	76,139
	2. Short forequarters	53,297
	3. Chines and/or best ends	83,753
	4. Legs	98,981
	5. Other :	
02.06 C II a)	aa) Unboned (bone-in)	98,981
	bb) Boned or boneless	138,573
	Meat of sheep or goats, salted in brine, dried or smoked :	
ex 16.02 B III b) 2 aa) 11)	1. Unboned (bone-in)	131,975
	2. Boned or boneless	184,765
ex 16.02 B III b) 2 aa) 11)	Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of sheep or goats, uncooked ; mixtures of cooked meat or offal and uncooked meat or offal :	
	— unboned (bone-in)	131,975
	— boned or boneless	184,765

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 892/85

of 2 April 1985

fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common
organization of the markets in the sugar sector⁽¹⁾, as
last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 606/82⁽²⁾, and
in particular Article 16 (8) thereof,

Whereas the import levies on white sugar and raw
sugar were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1854/84⁽³⁾,
as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 880/85⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules
contained in Regulation (EEC) No 1854/84 to the
information known to the Commission that the levies

at present in force should be altered to the amounts
set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import levies referred to in Article 16 (1) of Regu-
lation (EEC) No 1785/81 shall be, in respect of white
sugar and standard quality raw sugar, as set out in the
Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 April 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

- ⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 177, 1. 7. 1981, p. 4.
⁽²⁾ OJ No L 74, 18. 3. 1982, p. 1.
⁽³⁾ OJ No L 172, 30. 6. 1984, p. 53.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 95, 2. 4. 1985, p. 33.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 2 April 1985 fixing the import levies on white sugar and
raw sugar

(ECU/100 kg)		
CCT heading No	Description	Levy
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, in solid form:	
	A. White sugar: flavoured or coloured sugar	47,40
	B. Raw sugar	41,31 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %; if the yield is other than 92 %, the levy applicable
is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 837/68.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 893/85

of 2 April 1985

altering the import levies on products processed from cereals and rice

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1018/84⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 of 21 June 1976 on the common organization of the market in rice⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1025/84⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the advice of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas the import levies on products processed from cereals and rice were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 768/85⁽⁷⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 866/85⁽⁸⁾;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1027/84 of 31 March 1984⁽⁹⁾ amended Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75⁽¹⁰⁾ as regards products falling within sub-heading 23.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, levies should be calculated on the following basis:

— in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2,25 %, a rate of exchange based on their central rate, multiplied by the coefficient provided for in Article 2b (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71⁽¹¹⁾ as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 855/84⁽¹²⁾,

— for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded over a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in the previous indent, and the aforesaid coefficient;

Whereas these exchange rates being those recorded on 1 April 1985;

Whereas the levy on the basic product as last fixed differs from the average levy by more than 3,02 ECU per tonne of basic product; whereas, pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1579/74⁽¹³⁾, the levies at present in force must therefore be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import levies to be charged on products processed from cereals and rice covered by Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1027/84, as fixed in the Annex to amended Regulation (EEC) No 768/85 are hereby altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 April 1985.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 166, 25. 6. 1976, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 13.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 86, 27. 3. 1985, p. 11.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 91, 30. 3. 1985, p. 100.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 15.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 65.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 106, 12. 5. 1971, p. 1.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 1.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ No L 168, 25. 6. 1974, p. 7.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 2 April 1985 altering the import levies on products processed from cereals and rice

(ECU/tonne)

CCT heading No	Import levies	
	Third countries (other than ACP or OCT)	ACP or OCT
07.06 A I	84,90 ⁽¹⁾	83,09 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾
07.06 A II	87,92 ⁽¹⁾	83,09 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾
11.01 C ⁽²⁾	158,86	152,82
11.02 A III ⁽²⁾	158,86	152,82
11.02 B I a) 1 ⁽²⁾	138,86	135,84
11.02 B I b) 1 ⁽²⁾	138,86	135,84
11.02 C III ⁽²⁾	218,29	212,25
11.02 D III ⁽²⁾	89,62	86,60
11.02 E I a) 1 ⁽²⁾	89,62	86,60
11.02 E I b) 1 ⁽²⁾	175,84	169,80
11.02 F III ⁽²⁾	158,86	152,82
11.04 C I	87,92	81,27 ⁽²⁾
11.07 A II a)	162,00 ⁽⁴⁾	151,12
11.07 A II b)	123,80	112,92
11.07 B	142,48 ⁽⁴⁾	131,60

⁽¹⁾ This levy is limited to 6 % of the value for customs purposes, subject to certain conditions.

⁽²⁾ For the purpose of distinguishing between products falling within heading Nos 11.01 and 11.02 and those falling within subheading 23.02 A, products falling within heading Nos 11.01 and 11.02 shall be those meeting the following specifications:

- a starch content (determined by the modified Ewers polarimetric method), referred to dry matter, exceeding 45 % by weight,
- an ash content by weight, referred to dry matter (after deduction of any added minerals), not exceeding 1,6 % for rice, 2,5 % for wheat, 3 % for barley, 4 % for buckwheat, 5 % for oats and 2 % for other cereals.

Germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground, falls in all cases within heading No 11.02.

⁽⁴⁾ In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 1180/77 this levy is reduced by 5,44 ECU/tonne for products originating in Turkey.

⁽²⁾ In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 435/80 the levy shall not be charged on the following products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and in the overseas countries and territories:

- arrowroot falling within subheading ex 07.06 A,
- flours and meal of arrowroot falling within subheading 11.04 C,
- arrowroot starch falling within subheading ex 11.08 A V.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 20 March 1985

on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the lead content of petrol

(85/210/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100 thereof,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas the protection and improvement of public health and of the environment are at present, and will in the future be, one of the items of major concern for all industrialized countries; whereas the effects on public health and the environment of pollution caused by substances emitted in the exhaust gas of vehicles must be regarded as serious owing to the continuous increase in the volume of motor vehicle traffic;

Whereas Council Directive 78/611/EEC of 29 June 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the lead content of petrol ⁽⁴⁾ fixed a maximum value for the permitted lead-compound content of petrol of between 0,40 and 0,15 g/l;

Whereas the third action programme on the environment, the general approach of which was approved in

the resolution of 7 February 1983 ⁽⁵⁾ by the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, provides for further efforts to reduce considerably the present levels of exhaust pollution;

Whereas existing or future disparities in the national laws of the Member States concerning the composition of petrol and in particular the rules governing the limitations on the lead content and on the benzene content of motor vehicle petrol may directly affect the functioning of the common market;

Whereas refining technology allows for a lowering of the lead content of leaded petrol to 0,15 g Pb/l without adverse effects on the quality of petrol;

Whereas the reduction and, ultimately, the elimination of lead in petrol will improve the health protection of the population, particularly in areas with dense traffic; whereas the early introduction of unleaded petrol is also desirable to permit, where appropriate, the application of certain anti-pollution technologies for drastically reducing polluting emissions from motor vehicles, in particular nitrogen oxides and unburned hydrocarbons;

Whereas for a certain time leaded petrol must continue to be available on Member States' markets alongside unleaded petrol, in order to satisfy, given the prevailing economic and technical conditions, the requirements of a large proportion of the existing vehicle fleet;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 178, 6. 7. 1984, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 12, 14. 1. 1985, p. 56.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 25, 28. 1. 1985, p. 46.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 197, 20. 7. 1978, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 46, 17. 2. 1983, p. 1.

Whereas, owing to the importance of preventive measures against adverse effects on public health and the environment, Member States should be enabled to introduce unleaded petrol on to their markets before the compulsory date laid down for the Community as a whole ;

Whereas the protection of public health also requires a limitation on the benzene content of petrol ;

Whereas the quality of unleaded 'premium' petrol in terms of minimum research and motor octane numbers should be guaranteed in order to ensure satisfactory operation throughout the Community of motor vehicles designed to be fuelled by such petrol ;

Whereas it should be possible to market another unleaded 'regular' petrol with lower octane ratings ;

Whereas lead is only an additive to petrol ; whereas the reduction or elimination of lead must not have the effect of significantly increasing other pollutants contained in the exhaust gases of motor vehicles as a consequence of modifications in the composition of petrol ;

Whereas the reduction of lead content and the introduction of unleaded petrol at a given date must in no way affect the free circulation, or the putting on the market, of petrol within the Community ;

Whereas a regular check at the final distribution stage, on the lead and benzene content of petrol is required to ensure that consumers receive the appropriate type of petrol ;

Whereas a certain proportion of the existing motor vehicle fleet could run on unleaded petrol ; whereas the Member States should therefore be requested to take all appropriate measures compatible with the Treaty to promote the widest possible use of unleaded petrol ;

Whereas further examination of some aspects of the measures taken to reduce the concentrations of lead or other polluting substitutes in the atmosphere should be continued at Community level ; whereas Member States should, where appropriate, provide the Commission with all relevant information ;

Whereas the subsequent development of reference methods for measuring the lead and benzene content of petrol and for calculating octane ratings referred to in this Directive may be desirable in the light of scientific and technical progress in this area ; whereas, in order to facilitate implementation of the work necessary to this end, a procedure should be set up to establish close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission within a Committee on Adaptation to Scientific and Technical Progress ;

Whereas, by reason of their geographical position and the possible consequences for their oil markets of applying this Directive, the French overseas departments should be excluded from its scope,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

For the purposes of this Directive :

- (a) 'petrol' shall mean any volatile mineral oil intended for the operation of internal combustion spark-ignited engines used for the propulsion of vehicles ;
- (b) 'unleaded petrol' shall mean any petrol the contamination of which by lead compounds calculated in terms of lead, does not exceed 0,013 g Pb/l ;
- (c) 'leaded petrol' shall mean all petrol other than unleaded petrol. This shall have a maximum permitted lead-compound content, calculated in terms of lead, of not more than 0,40 g Pb/l and not less than 0,15 g Pb/l.

Article 2

1. As from the entry into force of this Directive, and subject to paragraph 2, Member States shall continue to ensure the availability and balanced distribution of leaded petrol within their territories.
2. If, as the result of a sudden change in the supply of crude oil or petroleum products, it becomes difficult for a Member State to apply the limit on the maximum lead content of leaded petrol, that Member State may, after having informed the Commission, authorize a higher limit within its territory for a period of four months. The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, may extend this period.
3. Member States shall, as soon as they consider it appropriate, reduce to 0,15 g Pb/l the permitted lead-compound content, calculated in terms of lead, of leaded petrol put on their markets.

Article 3

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3, Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the availability and balanced distribution within their territories of unleaded petrol from 1 October 1989.

The first subparagraph shall not preclude measures being taken to introduce unleaded petrol on the market of a Member State from a date earlier than 1 October 1989.

2. Member States may, with the Commission's agreement, derogate from the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 for a period of four months if, as a result of a sudden change in the supply of crude oil or petroleum products, it becomes impossible to meet the demand for unleaded petrol of the quality specified in Article 5 (1). However, every effort must be made to maintain a minimum distribution network for unleaded petrol. The period of four months may be extended by the Council acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission.

3. Until 1 April 1990, Member States may, by way of derogation, allow the contamination of unleaded petrol by lead compounds to exceed 0,013 g Pb/l provided it does not exceed 0,020 g Pb/l. Until that date, all pumps carrying unleaded petrol should be clearly labelled to show that the lead content does not exceed either 0,020 or 0,013 g Pb/l, together with any appropriate supplementary advice.

Article 4

From 1 October 1989 the benzene content of leaded petrol and of unleaded petrol shall not exceed 5,0 % by volume.

Where recourse is had to the second subparagraph of Article 3 (1), this benzene limit shall apply to unleaded petrol from the date chosen at national level for the earlier introduction of such petrol.

Article 5

1. Subject to paragraph 2, unleaded petrol made available pursuant to Article 3 of this Directive shall have a minimum motor octane number (MON) of 85,0 and a minimum research octane number (RON) of 95,0 at the pump ('premium').

2. Paragraph 1 shall not preclude the introduction on to the market of a Member State of another unleaded petrol with lower octane numbers than those provided for in paragraph 1 ('regular').

Article 6

Member States shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that neither the reduction of the lead content of petrol nor the introduction of unleaded petrol causes a significant increase in the quality and/or quantity of pollutants in the gases emitted from motor vehicles.

Article 7

1. Subject to paragraph 2, Member States shall not prevent or restrict, on grounds of lead or benzene content, the free circulation and marketing of petrol which complies with this Directive.

2. When a Member State applies Article 2 (3), the maximum permitted lead content of leaded petrol placed on its market shall be fixed at 0,15 g Pb/l.

Article 8

1. Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure compliance, at the final distribution stage, with the provisions relating to the maximum lead and benzene content of petrol, and to the quality of petrol as regards octane rating.

2. Where a Member State establishes that petrol fails to comply with Articles 1, 2, 4 and 5 it shall without undue delay take the necessary measures to ensure compliance with those provisions.

Article 9

1. The lead content of petrol shall be established in accordance with the procedures set out in section I of the Annex.

2. The benzene content of leaded and unleaded petrol shall be established in accordance with the procedure set out in Section II of the Annex.

3. The octane ratings (MON and RON) of unleaded petrol shall be determined in accordance with the procedure set out in Section III of the Annex.

Article 10

The procedures laid down in Articles 11 and 12 for the adaptation of this Directive to technical progress shall cover the subsequent development of the reference methods of analysis referred to in the Annex, taking into account in particular other equivalent methods.

Such adaptation must not result in any direct or indirect modification of the limit values laid down in this Directive.

Article 11

1. For the purposes of applying Article 10, a Committee on the adaptation of this Directive to scientific and technical progress, hereinafter called 'the Committee', shall be set up; it shall consist of representatives of the Member States, with a Commission representative as chairman.

2. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 12

1. Where the procedure laid down in this Article is invoked, the Committee shall be convened by the chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

2. The Commission representative shall submit a draft of the measures to be taken to the Committee. The Committee shall give its opinion on the draft within a time limit set by the chairman having regard to the urgency of the matter. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of 45 votes, the votes of the Member States being weighted as provided in Article 148 (2) of the Treaty. The chairman shall not vote.

3. The Commission shall adopt the proposed measures if they are consistent with the opinion of the Committee,

Where the proposed measures are not consistent with the opinion of the Committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall without delay submit to the Council a proposal on the measures to be taken. The Council shall decide by a qualified majority.

If, within three months of the proposal being submitted to it, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.

Article 13

Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure as far as possible that leaded petrol is not used in motor vehicles designed to run on unleaded petrol.

Article 14

Member States are invited, for the purpose of applying Article 3, to promote the widest possible use of unleaded petrol in all existing vehicles capable of running on such fuel. To that end, they are invited to take such measures as they consider appropriate which are compatible with the Treaty.

Article 15

1. Member States shall supply the Commission, as early as possible, with information on:

- the date of introduction of unleaded petrol on the market in accordance with Article 3,
- the measures envisaged pursuant to Article 14.

2. At the request of the Commission, Member States shall supply:

- (a) information which they have available on the annual quantities of leaded and unleaded petrol supplied to the internal Community market;

- (b) a summary of the results of the measures taken in accordance with Article 8 (1);

- (c) information which they have available on the effects on the application of this Directive, and in particular Article 6, on:

- the development of the concentrations of lead and polluting substitutes in the atmosphere,
- energy policy, in particular in the refinery and distribution sector.

Article 16

1. Member States shall take the measures necessary to comply with this Directive at the latest on 1 January 1986. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2. Member States shall ensure that they communicate to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 17

Directive 78/611/EEC shall cease to be applicable on 31 December 1985.

Article 18

This Directive shall not apply to the French overseas departments.

Article 19

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1985.

For the Council

The President

A. BIONDI

*ANNEX***REFERENCE METHODS**

As regards the reference methods, the versions in the various languages published by ISO and ASTM respectively shall be authentic, as shall other language versions which the Commission certifies as conforming to them.

I. Reference method for measuring the lead content of petrol**A. *Leaded petrol***

For the measurement of the lead content of petrol, the reference method shall be that laid down in ISO 3830 (edition approved in 1981).

B. *Unleaded petrol*

For the measurement of the trace lead content of petrol, the reference method shall be that laid down in ASTM D. 3237 (approved edition dated 31 August 1979) using atomic absorption spectrometry.

II. Reference method for measuring the benzene content of petrol

For the measurement of the benzene content of petrol, the reference method shall be that laid down in ASTM D. 2267 (edition approved in 1978) using gas chromatographic determination with polar column and internal standard.

III. Reference methods for the determination of octane ratings

The octane ratings (motor octane number and research octane number) shall be determined by the methods described in ISO 5164 and ISO 5163 respectively (editions approved in 1977).

IV. Interpretation of results

The results of individual measurements shall be interpreted on the basis of the method described in ISO 4259 (published in 1979).

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 March 1985

concerning the conclusion of an exchange of letters extending the arrangement relating to clause 2 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat

(85/211/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in the voluntary restraint Agreement concluded with the Community in the sector of sheepmeat and goatmeat and of live sheep and goats, Romania undertook, by an exchange of letters, to limit its exports to certain Community markets regarded as sensitive areas; whereas, however, this undertaking did not extend beyond 31 March 1984;

Whereas the conditions which led to the designation of the said areas have not changed and the arrangement regarding the restriction of exports to these areas ought therefore to be extended;

Whereas the Commission has conducted negotiations to this end with Romania and these negotiations have resulted in agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The exchange of letters extending the arrangements relating to clause 2 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the exchange of letters is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the exchange of letters referred to in Article 1 in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1985.

For the Council

The President

F. M. PANDOLFI

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

extending the Arrangement relating to clause 2 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat

Letter No 1

Sir,

With reference to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the European Economic Community on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat signed on 28 April 1981 and, in particular, to the discussions held between the two sides pursuant to clause 14 of that Agreement, I have the honour to inform you that, for the duration of the Agreement, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania will continue to ensure that Romanian products are marketed within the Community in such a way that there is no change in the traditional pattern of trade with France and Ireland.

In particular, the competent Romanian authorities will ensure that exports to France and Ireland are restricted each year to the following quantities :

- France : 144 tonnes, expressed in carcase weight,
- Ireland : nil.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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

*For the Government
of the Socialist Republic of Romania*

Letter No 2

Sir,

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

'With reference to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the European Economic Community on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat signed on 28 April 1981 and, in particular, to the discussions held between the two sides pursuant to clause 14 of that Agreement, I have the honour to inform you that, for the duration of the Agreement, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania will continue to ensure that Romanian products are marketed within the Community in such a way that there is no change in the traditional pattern of trade with France and Ireland.

In particular, the competent Romanian authorities will ensure that exports to France and Ireland are restricted each year to the following quantities :

- France : 144 tonnes, expressed in carcase weight,
- Ireland : nil.

I should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.'

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

*On behalf of
the Council of the European Communities*

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 March 1985

amending Decision 77/97/EEC on the financing by the Community of certain emergency measures in the field of animal health

(85/212/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Decision 77/97/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 81/177/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, has laid down as an initial step certain measures to be applied in the case of outbreaks of certain exotic diseases including exotic foot-and-mouth disease;

Whereas the extension of these measures to foot-and-mouth disease caused by non-exotic viruses and their rapid and strict application will avert the spread of the disease and increase the guarantees in trade, thereby facilitating the dismantling of trade barriers;

Whereas it is therefore desirable that the Community should participate in financing the implementation of these new emergency measures;

Whereas Community financial aid should be limited to the first 20 outbreaks that occur in the first 30 days in any one single epizootic of non-exotic foot-and-mouth disease in any one Member State and/or to vaccinations that are performed in the first 40 days of this epizootic, because the thoroughness and rapidity of action taken in the initial phase of the disease will determine the extent of the subsequent development thereof;

Whereas the Community must be in a position to ascertain that the provisions adopted by Member States for the implementation of those measures will contribute towards achievement of the objectives thereof; whereas, to this end, provision should be made for a procedure establishing close cooperation between the

Member States and the Commission within the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 77/97/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is amended as follows:

- (a) in paragraph 1, first subparagraph, 'and non-exotic' is added between 'exotic' and 'foot';
- (b) in paragraph 1, first subparagraph, the first indent is replaced by the following:
 - '— the slaughter of animals of susceptible species which are afflicted or infected or suspected of being so, and their destruction in cases where the disease involved is transmissible by meat';
- (c) in paragraph 3, first indent, the following sentence is added:
 - 'However, in the case of outbreaks of non-exotic foot-and-mouth disease, the Community's financial contribution shall be limited to the first 20 outbreaks that occur in the first 30 days in any one Member State, following official confirmation of the first outbreak; such first 20 outbreaks must have been due to a virus of one and the same stereotype and be epidemiologically linked to one another.'
- (d) in paragraph 3, second indent, the following is added:
 - 'However, in the case of outbreaks of non-exotic foot-and-mouth disease, the Community's financial contribution shall be limited to vaccination carried out during the first 40 days following official confirmation of the first outbreak. The official confirmation of the first outbreak must be made by one of the national laboratories listed in the Annex. This list may be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 5.'
- (e) in paragraph 4 the last sentence is deleted;
- (f) a new paragraph 5 is added as follows:
 - '5. Whether or not an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease is to be considered as exotic or

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 327, 8. 12. 1984, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 72, 18. 3. 1985, p. 122.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 78.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 186, 8. 7. 1981, p. 22.

non-exotic shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 5 following laboratory investigations using as guidelines the type and subtype of the causative virus and indications as to whether the current vaccines in general use in the Community would protect against it.'

2. A new Article 4a is inserted as follows:

'Article 4a

The Commission shall make on-the-spot checks to verify from a veterinary viewpoint whether the measures provided for are being applied.

Member States shall take the necessary steps to facilitate these checks and in particular to ensure that the experts are supplied at their request with all the information and documentation needed for assessing the execution of these measures.

The general provisions for implementing this Article, especially as regards the frequency and method of carrying out the checks referred to in the first subparagraph, the rules governing the appointment of the veterinary experts and the procedure which the latter must follow when drawing up their report; shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 5.'

3. The following Annex shall be added:

'ANNEX

NATIONAL FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE LABORATORIES

<i>Belgium and Luxembourg:</i>	Institut national de recherches vétérinaires, Groeselenberg 99, 1180 Bruxelles Nationaal Instituut voor Diergeneeskundig Onderzoek, Groeselenberg 99, 1180 Brussel
<i>Denmark:</i>	Statens veterinære Institut for Virusforskning, Lindholm
<i>Italy:</i>	Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna, Brescia
<i>United Kingdom and Ireland:</i>	Animal Virus Research Institute, Pirbright, Woking, Surrey
<i>France:</i>	Laboratoire national de pathologie bovine, Lyon
<i>Greece:</i>	Ινστιτούτο Αφθώδους Πυρετού, Αγία Παρασκευή Αττικής
<i>Federal Republic of Germany:</i>	Bundesforschungsanstalt für Viruskrankeheiten der Tiere, Tübingen
<i>Netherlands:</i>	Centraal Diergeneeskundig Laboratorium, Lelystad.'

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1985.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1985.

For the Council

The President

F.M. PANDOLFI

COUNCIL DECISION**of 26 March 1985****on the granting of aid for the distillation of wines obtained from table grapes in Sicily****(85/213/EEC)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 93 (2) thereof,

Whereas provision has been made, at the same time as structural measures have been adopted by the Sicilian region, for a supplementary aid for the buying-in of wine obtained from table grapes of the 'Italia' type, to be delivered for compulsory distillation under Article 40 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organization of the market in wine⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 798/85⁽²⁾;

Whereas with regard to that aid, the Commission has opened the procedure provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 93 (2) of the Treaty and served notice on 23 February 1985 on the interested parties to submit to it their observations⁽³⁾;

Whereas the Italian Republic has applied to the Council in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 93 (2) for it to decide that the aid in question should be considered to be compatible with the common market;

Whereas during discussions in the Council it has appeared that the said aid aims at attaining reform objectives comparable to those pursued within the framework of the Community rules;

Whereas, in view of the large surplus situation on the Community table-wine market, taken together with the fact that the aid in question is accompanied by measures of structural reform exceptional circumstances within the meaning of the third subparagraph of Article 93 (2) do exist which permit a declaration to be made that this aid is compatible with the common market;

Whereas, however, this authorization for regional aid should be limited to the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Regional aid for the distillation of wine obtained from table grapes in Sicily shall be authorized for the duration of the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1985.

For the Council

The President

F. M. PANDOLFI

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 89, 29. 3. 1985, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 51, 23. 2. 1985, p. 2.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 March 1985

concerning the coordination of the activities of the Member States and the Commission related to the implementation of a long-term programme for the use of telematics for Community information systems concerned with imports/exports and the management and financial control of agricultural market organizations

(85/214/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

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

Whereas administration of the customs union and of the common agricultural policy often makes it essential that import/export data and data on the agricultural market and its financial control be rapidly communicated and processed;

Whereas the study of informatics systems instituted by the Council in its Decision 77/619/EEC ⁽³⁾ produced a recommendation for the adoption of a concerted development programme for the next 10 years by the competent administrations of the Community;

Whereas the coordination of the preparatory activities of the Member States and the Commission for the elaboration of a long-term programme for the use of telematics for Community information systems concerned with imports/exports and the management and financial control of agricultural market organizations, as requested by the Council in its Decision 82/607/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, have been carried out;

Whereas, in the light of the results, the Commission has submitted a report and proposals for a long-term development programme for the specification and use of telematic facilities to be implemented in concert with the parties concerned within the framework of the CADDIA (Cooperation in Automation of Data and Documentation for Imports/Exports and Agriculture);

Whereas, since the Commission departments and the competent national administrations will be both the operators and the users of the improved information systems, it is appropriate, in the interests of the proper

working of the Community machinery, to coordinate at Community level future work in the Member States and the Commission with a view to the elaboration and implementation of a development programme;

Whereas the Treaty has not provided the specific powers necessary for this purpose,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Council takes note of the Commission's report and of the proposals made pursuant to Decision 82/607/EEC.

Article 2

The Commission shall be responsible for implementing the coordination measures necessary for the specification, implementation, and use of CADDIA telematic facilities by the Member States and itself. In carrying out its work, the Commission shall be guided by a development programme.

Article 3

The Commission shall be assisted in this task by a Steering Committee chaired by the Commission and composed of representatives of the Member States and of the Commission.

The tasks of the Steering Committee shall be:

- (a) the preparation and updating, as appropriate, of the CADDIA development programme;
- (b) the review of the systems and plans of the Member States in the CADDIA field and, where necessary, the provisions of advice on measures needed to ensure that such systems and plans are compatible with the objectives and technical solutions adopted for CADDIA;
- (c) the review of technical progress reports on all studies and projects carried out under the CADDIA development programme and the provision of advice, where necessary, to ensure the full conformity of such studies and projects with the objectives and technical solutions adopted for CADDIA.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 172, 2. 7. 1984, p. 185.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 248, 17. 9. 1984, p. 17.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 255, 6. 10. 1977, p. 32.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 247, 23. 8. 1982, p. 25.

Article 4

The Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the introduction of CADDIA telematic systems and the implementation of the long-term development programme.

It shall apply for an initial period of two years beginning on that date.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1985.

Article 5

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

For the Council

The President

R. ALTISSIMO
