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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 508/97

of 20 March 1997

opening distillation as referred to in Article 41 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87
for the 1996/97 wine year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 41 (2) and 41 (10) and Article 83 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2181/91 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules for voluntary distillation as provided for in Articles 38, 41 and 42 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87; whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1650/96 ⁽⁵⁾ fixes the prices and the aid as also certain other elements applicable to distillation as referred to in Article 41 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 for the 1996/97 wine year;

Whereas the situation on the market in wine in the 1996/97 wine year does not justify the opening of compulsory distillation; whereas, however, on the market in certain categories of product problems of imbalance exist which cannot be overcome by a single preventive distillation measure; whereas these problems should be solved by applying an appropriate measure; whereas such a measure could take the form of a specific type of distillation; whereas, for reasons of efficiency, this type of intervention should be restricted solely to white wines whose prices fell considerably and, in the case of France, in addition, to certain regions experiencing market diffi-

culties; whereas an overall volume should be fixed for Community production regions likely to benefit from the distillation in question and that volume should be broken down by region;

Whereas, in the circumstances, the measure in question should apply only to those producers who have already made an effort by entering into contracts for the purposes of preventive distillation as provided for in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2177/96 ⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas, if the overall volume applied for exceeds the quantities contemplated, provision should be made for a correction mechanism to be applied by Member States in respect of all the contracts submitted;

Whereas, for the purposes of sound management of the volumes in question, it is necessary to derogate from certain specific provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The distillation of table wines referred to in Article 41 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 shall be opened for the 1996/97 wine year. Such distillation, to be opened for all white table wines obtained from the production regions referred to in Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 441/88 ⁽⁷⁾, shall be limited to 555 000 hl.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 241, 1. 9. 1988, p. 88.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 202, 25. 7. 1991, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 207, 17. 8. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 291, 14. 11. 1996, p. 17.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 45, 18. 2. 1988, p. 15.

2. This quantity shall be broken down by the production regions referred to above as follows:

— region 3 (France):	300 000 hl
— region 4 (Italy):	100 000 hl
— region 5 (Greece):	25 000 hl
— region 6 (Spain):	100 000 hl
— region 7 (Portugal):	30 000 hl.

For region 3, France, distillation shall be reserved for white table wines produced in the demarcated region of Cognac, the geographical area of the controlled designation of origin Armagnac and the vineyards of Val de Loire.

3. For the purposes of Article 41 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, every producer of the aforementioned wines who has signed contracts under preventive distillation as referred to in Article 38 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 for the 1996/97 wine year, opened under Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2177/96 may, until 25 April 1997 at the latest, sign a distillation contract or declaration with the competent authorities of the Member States.

4. The distillation contract or declaration shall be accompanied by a copy of the preventive distillation contract or declaration approved by the competent authorities for the 1996/97 wine year.

5. Member States may limit the number of contracts a producer may enter into for the distillation operation in question.

6. Member States shall determine the reduction rate to be applied to contracts and declarations if the overall volume of contracts or declarations exceeds that pre-established per region. They shall take the administrative steps required to approve, by 23 May 1997 at the latest, the aforementioned contracts or declarations, with an indication of the reduction rate applied and the volume of wine agreed per contract or declaration. Member States shall notify the quantities of those wines, under contract, before 30 May 1997.

7. The quantities agreed per contract or declaration must be delivered for distillation not later than 15 July 1997.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 shall apply with the exception of Articles 3 and 6 (1) and 6 (4).

Article 3

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, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 509/97
of 20 March 1997

laying down procedures for applying in the poultrymeat sector the Interim Agreement on trade and accompanying measures between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 410/97 of 24 February 1997 on certain arrangements for the application of the Interim Agreement on trade and accompanying measures between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat⁽²⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas an Interim Agreement on trade and accompanying measures between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', signed in Brussels on 11 November 1996⁽⁴⁾, provides that, pending the entry into force of the Europe Agreement, the provisions of the latter Agreement as regards trade and accompanying measures are to enter into force, and whereas those provisions are to apply temporarily from 1 January 1997;

Whereas provision should be made for the administration of the said arrangements to be by means of import licences; whereas, to that end, notwithstanding Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 of 16 November 1988 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance-fixing certificates for agricultural products⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2402/96⁽⁶⁾, detailed rules for submission of the applications and the particulars which should appear in applications and licences should be laid down; whereas, in addition, provision should be made for licences to be issued after a period of consideration, applying, where necessary, a single acceptance rate;

Whereas, in order to ensure regular imports, the quantities laid down in Annex I to this Regulation should be staggered over the year;

Whereas, in order to ensure proper administration of the system, the security for import licences under the said system should be fixed at ECU 20 per 100 kilograms; whereas, in view of the likelihood of speculation inherent in the system in the poultrymeat sector, precise conditions governing access by traders to the said system should be laid down;

Whereas the attention of traders should be drawn to the fact that licences may be used only for products that comply with all the veterinary requirements in force in the Community;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

All imports into the Community under the arrangements provided for in Protocol 1 to the Interim Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Slovenia of products in the groups referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the presentation of an import licence.

The quantities of products to which those arrangements apply and the rates of customs duty shall be those listed in Annex I.

Article 2

The quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be staggered as follows:

- 25 % in the period 1 January to 31 March,
- 25 % in the period 1 April to 30 June,
- 25 % in the period 1 July to 30 September,
- 25 % in the period 1 October to 31 December.

Article 3

The import licences provided for in Article 1 shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) applicants for import licences must be natural or legal persons who, at the time applications are submitted, can prove to the satisfaction of the competent authorities of the Member States that they have imported or exported not less than 50 tonnes of products falling

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 62, 4. 3. 1997, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 77.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 305, 19. 12. 1995, p. 49.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 344, 31. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 331, 2. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 327, 18. 12. 1996, p. 14.

under Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 in each of the two calendar years preceding the year in which the licence application is lodged. However, retail establishments or restaurants selling their products to final consumers are excluded from this system;

- (b) the licence application may mention only one of the group numbers defined in Annex I hereto; it may involve several products covered by different CN codes. In such cases, all the CN codes shall be indicated in section 16 and their description in section 15.

A licence application must relate to at least one tonne and to a maximum of 10 % of the quantity available for the group concerned and the period as specified in Article 2;

- (c) section 8 of licence applications and licences shall indicate the country of origin; licences shall entail an obligation to import from the country indicated;

- (d) section 20 of licence applications and licences shall show one of the following:

— Reglamento (CE) n° 509/97
 — Forordning (EF) nr. 509/97
 — Verordnung (EG) Nr. 509/97
 — Κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 509/97
 — Regulation (EC) No 509/97
 — Règlement (CE) n° 509/97
 — Regulamento (CE) n. 509/97
 — Verordening (EG) nr. 509/97
 — Regulamento (CE) n° 509/97
 — Asetus (EY) N:o 509/97
 — Förordning (EG) nr 509/97;

- (e) section 24 of licences shall show one of the following:

CCT duty as provided for in:

— Reglamento (CE) n° 509/97
 — Forordning (EF) nr. 509/97
 — Verordnung (EG) Nr. 509/97
 — Κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 509/97
 — Regulation (EC) No 509/97
 — Règlement (CE) n° 509/97
 — Regulamento (CE) n. 509/97
 — Verordening (EG) nr. 509/97
 — Regulamento (CE) n° 509/97
 — Asetus (EY) N:o 509/97
 — Förordning (EG) nr 509/97.

Article 4

1. Licence applications may be submitted only during the first ten days of each period specified in Article 2.

However, for the quantities available for the first two periods in 1997 referred to in Article 2, licence applications may be submitted only during the first ten days of April 1997.

2. Licence applications shall be admissible only where the applicant declares in writing that he has not submitted and undertakes not to submit any applications, in respect of the current period, concerning products in the same group in the Member State in which his application is lodged or in other Member States.

Where the same applicant submits more than one application relating to products in the same group, all applications from that person shall be inadmissible.

3. A security of ECU 20 per 100 kilograms shall be lodged for import licence applications for all products referred to in Article 1.

4. The Member States shall notify the Commission on the fifth working day following the end of the application submission period of applications submitted for each of the products in the group. Such notification shall include a list of applicants and a statement of the quantities applied for in the group.

All notifications, including nil returns, shall be made by telex or fax on the working day stipulated, using the model in Annex II to this Regulation in cases where no application has been submitted and the models in Annexes II and III in cases where applications have been submitted.

5. The Commission shall decide as quickly as possible to what extent quantities may be awarded in respect of the applications referred to in Article 3.

If quantities in respect of which licences have been applied for exceed the quantities available, the Commission shall fix a single acceptance rate as a percentage of quantities applied for.

If the overall quantity for which applications have been submitted is less than the quantity available, the Commission shall calculate the quantity remaining, which shall be added to the quantity available in respect of the following period.

6. Licences shall be issued as quickly as possible after the Commission has taken its decision.

7. Licences may be used only for products complying with all the veterinary requirements in force in the Community.

Article 5

For the purposes of Article 21 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88, import licences shall be valid for 150 days from the date of actual issue.

Import licences issued pursuant to this Regulation shall not be transferable.

Article 6

Without prejudice to the provisions of this Regulation, Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall apply.

However, notwithstanding Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 the quantity imported under this

Regulation may not exceed that shown in sections 17 and 18 of the import licence. The figure '0' shall accordingly be entered in section 19 of licences.

Article 7

The imported products shall be placed in free circulation on presentation of a movement certificate EUR 1 issued by the exporting country in accordance with Protocol 4 annexed to the Interim Agreement.

Article 8

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, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

80 % REDUCTION IN DUTY FIXED BY THE COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF

Group number	CN code	Tariff quotas (tonnes)					
		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Following years
80	0207 11 10 0207 11 30 0207 11 90 0207 12 10 0207 12 90	1 200	1 320	1 440	1 560	1 680	1 800
90	0207 13 20 0207 13 30 0207 13 40 0207 13 50 0207 13 60 0207 13 70 0207 14 20 0207 14 30 0207 14 40 0207 14 50 0207 14 60 0207 14 70	1 000	1 100	1 200	1 300	1 400	1 500
100	1602 32 19 1602 39 29	1 200	1 320	1 440	1 560	1 680	1 800

ANNEX II

APPLICATION OF REGULATION (EC) No 509/97

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES — DG VI D 3

Poultrymeat sector

Application for import licences at reduced rate of duty
Slovenia

Date:

Period:

Member State:

Sender:

Responsible contact person:

Telephone:

Fax:

Addressee: DG VI D 3

Fax: (32-2) 296 62 79 or 296 12 27

Group number	Quantity applied for (in tonnes)
80	
90	
100	

ANNEX III

APPLICATION OF REGULATION (EC) No 509/97

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES — DG VI D 3

Poultrymeat sector

Application for import licences at reduced rate of duty
Slovenia

Date:

Period:

Member State:

Group number	CN code	Applicant (Name and address)	Quantity (tonnes)
		Total in tonnes by group number	

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 510/97
of 20 March 1997

**amending Regulation (EC) No 2177/96 introducing preventive distillation as
provided for in Article 38 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 for the 1996/97
wine year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 38 ⁽⁵⁾ thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2181/91 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules for voluntary distillation as provided for in Articles 38, 41 and 42 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87; whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1650/96 ⁽⁵⁾ fixes the prices, the aid and certain other factors applicable to preventive distillation for the 1996/97 marketing year;

Whereas since preventive distillation was introduced, the market situations for red and white table wines have diverged, being far more favourable for red wines than for white wines; whereas, under the circumstances, large quantities of red wines should not be distilled; whereas producers of red wine who have signed delivery contracts for this distillation should therefore be allowed to transfer their contractual rights and obligations to producers of white wine; whereas the ceilings laid down in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2177/96 ⁽⁶⁾ should not be applied to the quantities which the producers of white wine can have distilled; whereas new Articles must therefore be added to the above Regulation;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 2177/96 introduces preventive distillation for the 1996/97 wine year; whereas the distillation contracts had to be signed by 25 January 1997 at the latest;

Whereas the preventive distillation as introduced, while having significant results, has nevertheless missed some wines that are unsuitable for the market and which adversely affect it; whereas, under the circumstances, these wines should be withdrawn from the market by reintroducing preventive distillation for a limited volume restricted

to table wine with a view to improving in this manner the quality of the wines that should remain on the market;

Whereas, where the overall quantity applied for by region exceeds the quantities provided for, the Member States must apply a single rate of reduction for all new contracts submitted;

Whereas, with a view to the sound management of the quantities in question, provision must be made to derogate from specific provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 and the quantities applied for in the contracts or declarations as submitted must be reduced;

Whereas to improve the effectiveness of the measure, distillation should take place over a short time scale, and the Member States should be permitted to impose more restrictive measures, in particular the introduction of a security to accompany the submission of the contract or declaration;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Articles 1a and 1b are hereby inserted in Regulation (EC) No 2177/96:

Article 1a

1. Producers of white table wine may take over from the producers of red table wine holding contracts as referred to in Article 1, submitted for approval on the date indicated in Article 2 (1), the rights and obligations associated with those contracts for all or part of the quantities concerned.
2. This transfer, which must be for the delivery of white table wine, shall be submitted to the intervention agency for approval not later than 18 April 1997.
3. Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 notwithstanding, where producers of white table wine have taken over the rights and obligations under the contracts referred to in paragraph 1, the upper limits laid down in Article 1 (1) shall not apply to the quantities covered by those contracts.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 241, 1. 9. 1988, p. 88.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 202, 25. 7. 1991, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 207, 17. 8. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 291, 14. 11. 1996, p. 17.

Article 1b

1. Preventive distillation of table wine and wine suitable for yielding table wine as referred to in Article 38 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 is hereby reintroduced for the 1996/97 wine year.

The quantity of table wine or wine suitable for yielding table wine that the producers can have distilled in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 shall be no more than 1 820 000 hl. This quantity shall be broken down by production region as referred to in Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 441/88 (*) as follows:

— Region 1 (Germany):	0 hl
— Region 3 (France):	0 hl
— Region 4 (Italy):	700 000 hl
— Region 5 (Greece):	0 hl
— Region 6 (Spain):	1 050 000 hl
— Region 7 (Portugal):	70 000 hl
— Austria:	0 hl.

2. Each producer who has produced table wine or wine suitable for yielding table wine can submit, at the latest by April 18 1997, a preventive distillation contract or declaration to the competent authorities of the Member States, specifying in particular:

- (a) the surname, forename and address of the applicant;
- (b) the quantity of wine he has produced and wants to distill in accordance with the Community rules on the quality of the products to be delivered for distillation;
- (c) the name and address or company name of the distillery.

The distillation contract or declaration shall be accompanied by a copy of the production declaration submitted to the competent authorities for the 1996/97 wine year.

The applicant shall also provide proof that he holds the wine in question and shall specify the quantities already delivered for preventive distillation in the 1996/97 wine year. The Member States may limit the number of distillation contracts that a producer can sign under this Article.

3. The producer Member States shall establish the reduction rate to be applied to the above contracts and declarations if the total quantity of the contracts and declarations exceeds the quantity stipulated for each region. The Member States shall take the administrative measures necessary to approve the above contracts and declarations not later than 16 May 1997, indicating the reduction rate applied and the quantity of wine accepted per contract or declaration. The Member States shall notify the Commission of the quantities contracted for before 23 May 1997.

4. The deliveries to the distilleries must be made no later than 30 June 1997.

5. The Member States may stipulate that the contract or declaration be accompanied by proof of the lodging of a security as provided for in Article 2 (3).

6. Regulation (EEC) No 2721/88 shall apply, except for Article 6 (1) and (4).

(*) OJ No L 45, 18. 2. 1988, p. 15.

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, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 511/97
of 20 March 1997

**re-establishing the preferential customs duty on imports of single-flower
 (standard) carnations originating in Israel**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 of 21 December 1987 fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Morocco⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 539/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 (2) (b) thereof,

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

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2397/96⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for cut flowers and flower buds, fresh, originating in Cyprus, Jordan, Morocco and Israel;

Whereas Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 stipulates that the preferential customs duty shall be reintroduced for a given product of a given origin if the prices of the imported product (full rate customs duty not deducted) are, for at least 70 % of the quantities for which prices are available on representative Community import markets, not less than 85 % of the Community producer price for a period, calculated from the actual date of suspension of the actual preferential customs duty,

- of two successive market days, after suspension under Article 2 (2) (a) of that Regulation,
- of three successive market days, after suspension under Article 2 (2) (b) of that Regulation;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1985/96⁽⁵⁾ fixed Community producer prices for carnations and roses for application of the arrangements for importation from the countries in question;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2917/93⁽⁷⁾, laid

down detailed rules for the application of these arrangements;

Whereas the representative market rates defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95⁽⁹⁾, are used to convert amounts expressed in third country currencies and are used as the basis for determining the agricultural conversion rates of the Member States' currencies; whereas detailed rules on the application and determination of these conversions were set by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1482/96⁽¹¹⁾;

Whereas the preferential customs duty fixed for single-flower (standard) carnations originating in Israel by Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 was suspended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 473/97⁽¹²⁾;

Whereas on the basis of price recordings made as specified in Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88 it must be concluded that the requirement for reintroduction of the preferential customs duty laid down in the last indent of Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 is met for single-flower (standard) carnations originating in Israel; whereas the preferential customs duty should be reintroduced,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For imports of single-flower (standard) carnations (CN codes ex 0603 10 13 and ex 0603 10 53) originating in Israel the preferential customs duty set by amended Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 is reintroduced.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 March 1997.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 382, 31. 12. 1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 79, 29. 3. 1996, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 199, 2. 8. 1994, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 327, 18. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 264, 17. 10. 1996, p. 14.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 72, 18. 3. 1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 264, 23. 10. 1993, p. 33.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 22.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ No L 71, 13. 3. 1997, p. 25.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 512/97
of 20 March 1997

**establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of
certain fruit and vegetables**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2375/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commis-

sion fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

Whereas, in compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 March 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 325, 14. 12. 1996, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 March 1997 establishing the standard import values
for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(ECU/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 15	204	61,8
	212	102,9
	624	129,8
	999	98,2
0707 00 15	052	128,0
	999	128,0
0709 10 10	220	138,2
	999	138,2
0709 90 73	052	69,4
	204	86,0
	999	77,7
0805 10 01, 0805 10 05, 0805 10 09	052	53,5
	204	44,1
	212	47,6
	448	24,9
	600	38,6
	624	49,3
	999	43,0
	999	90,7
0805 30 20	600	90,7
	999	90,7
0808 10 51, 0808 10 53, 0808 10 59	060	58,3
	388	100,3
	400	90,5
	404	102,4
	508	85,2
	512	92,6
	524	80,1
	528	78,4
	999	86,0
	999	75,4
0808 20 31	388	63,2
	400	82,0
	512	72,4
	528	67,4
	999	72,1
	999	72,1

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 68/96 (OJ No L 14, 19. 1. 1996, p. 6). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 513/97
of 20 March 1997**

**laying down to what extent applications for issue of export licences submitted
during March 1997 for beef and veal products which may benefit from special
import treatment in Canada may be accepted**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 of 26 June 1995 on rules of application for import and export licences in the beef and veal sector and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2377/80⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 266/97⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12 (a) (8) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 lays down, in Article 12 (a), detailed rules for export licence applications for the products referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2051/96⁽³⁾, laying down certain detailed rules for granting of assistance for the export of beef and veal which may benefit from a special import treatment in Canada, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2333/96⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 2051/96 fixed the quantities of meat which might be exported on special terms for the year 1997, whereas no applications were submitted for export licences for beef and veal,

Article 1

No applications for export licences were lodged for the beef and veal referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2051/96 for the month of March 1997.

Article 2

Applications for licences in respect of the meat referred to in Article 1 may be entered in accordance with Article 12a of Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 during the first 5 days of the month of April 1997 the total quantity available being 5 000 tonnes.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 March 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 143, 27. 6. 1995, p. 35.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 45, 15. 2. 1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 274, 26. 10. 1996, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 317, 6. 12. 1996, p. 13.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 514/97

of 20 March 1997

fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products in the Community may be covered by an export refund;

Whereas the refunds must be fixed taking into account the factors referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 95/96⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas export possibilities exist for a quantity of 70 000 tonnes of maize to certain destinations; whereas the procedure laid down in Article 7 (4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1527/96⁽⁶⁾, should be used; whereas account should be taken of this when the refunds are fixed;

Whereas, as far as wheat and rye flour, groats and meal are concerned, when the refund on these products is being calculated, account must be taken of the quantities of

cereals required for their manufacture; whereas these quantities were fixed in Regulation (EC) No 1501/95;

Whereas the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination;

Whereas the refund must be fixed once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period;

Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules set out above to the present situation on the market in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the refunds should be as set out in the Annex hereto;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, excluding malt, exported in the natural state, shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 March 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 147, 30. 6. 1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 18, 24. 1. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 117, 24. 5. 1995, p. 2.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 190, 31. 7. 1996, p. 23.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 March 1997 fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal

(ECU / tonne)			(ECU / tonne)		
Product code	Destination (1)	Amount of refund	Product code	Destination (1)	Amount of refund
0709 90 60	—	—	1008 20 00 9000	—	—
0712 90 19	—	—	1101 00 11 9000	—	—
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	1101 00 15 9100	01	8,00
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	1101 00 15 9130	01	7,50
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	1101 00 15 9150	01	7,00
1001 90 99 9000	01	0	1101 00 15 9170	01	6,50
1002 00 00 9000	03	25,00	1101 00 15 9180	01	6,00
	02	0	1101 00 15 9190	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	1101 00 90 9000	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	03	20,00	1102 10 00 9500	01	41,00
	02	0	1102 10 00 9700	—	—
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	1102 10 00 9900	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	—	—	1103 11 10 9200	01	9,00 (2)
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	1103 11 10 9400	—	— (2)
1005 90 00 9000	03	10,00 (3)	1103 11 10 9900	—	—
	04	20,00 (3)	1103 11 90 9200	01	9,00 (2)
	02	—	1103 11 90 9800	—	—
1007 00 90 9000	—	—			

(1) The destinations are identified as follows:

- 01 All third countries,
- 02 Other third countries,
- 03 Switzerland and Liechtenstein,
- 04 Slovenia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland.

(2) No refund is granted when this product contains compressed meal.

(3) Refund fixed under the procedure laid down in Article 7 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 in respect of a quantity of 70 000 tonnes of maize.

NB: The zones are those defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2145/92 (OJ No L 214, 30. 7. 1992, p. 20).

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 March 1997

authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany to conclude with the Czech Republic two agreements containing measures derogating from Articles 2 and 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes

(97/188/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 30 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, under Article 30 of the Sixth Directive, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, may authorize any Member State to conclude with a non-member country or an international organization an agreement which may contain derogations from the said Directive;

Whereas, by letters officially received by the Secretariat-General of the Commission on 22 August 1995 and 26 March 1996, the German Government requested authorization to conclude two agreements with the Czech Republic which contain derogations from Articles 2 and 3 of the Sixth Directive as regards the construction, repair and renewal of two frontier bridges between the Contracting States;

Whereas the other Member States were informed on 25 April 1996 of the German request;

Whereas, in the absence of derogations, the construction, repair and renewal work carried out on German territory would be subject to value-added tax in Germany while that carried out on Czech territory would lie outside the scope of the Sixth Directive and whereas, in addition, each importation from the Czech Republic into Germany of goods used for the construction, repair and renewal of the two frontier bridges concerned would be subject to value-added tax in Germany;

Whereas the purpose of these derogations is to simplify the rules of taxation for the contractors carrying out the work in question;

Whereas the derogations will have only a negligible effect on the own resources of the European Communities accruing from value-added tax,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Federal Republic of Germany is hereby authorized to conclude two agreements with the Czech Republic containing measures derogating from the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC.

The first agreement concerns the construction of a frontier bridge across the Rehlingbach between Waidhaus and Rozvadov linking the German A 6 motorway, which runs eastwards from Nuremberg, with the Czech D 5 motorway, which runs westwards from Plzen.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 145, 13. 6. 1977, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/95/EC (OJ No L 338, 20. 12. 1996, p. 89).

The second agreement concerns the construction of a frontier bridge between Schönberg and Vojtanov extending the E 49 motorway.

The derogations provided for by these agreements are spelt out in Articles 2, 3 and 4 of this Decision.

Article 2

By way of derogation from Article 3 of the Sixth Directive, insofar as they are situated on the territory of the Czech Republic, the area of the construction site for the frontier bridge referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 of this Directive and, after its completion, the frontier bridge itself shall be treated as forming part of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany as regards supplies of goods or services intended for the construction of the frontier bridge or for its repair and renewal.

Article 3

By way of derogation from Article 3 of the Sixth Directive, insofar as they are situated on the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany, the area of the construction site for the frontier bridge referred to in the third paragraph of Article 1 of this Decision and, after its completion, the frontier bridge shall be treated as forming part of

the territory of the Czech Republic as regards supplies of goods or services intended for the construction of the frontier bridge or for its repair and renewal.

Article 4

By way of derogation from Article 2 (2) of the Sixth Directive, the importation of goods into Germany from the Czech Republic shall not be subject to value added tax insofar as those goods are used for the construction, repair or renewal of one of the bridges referred to in the second and third paragraphs of Article 1 of this Decision. However, this derogation shall not apply to goods imported by a public authority for the same purpose.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1997.

For the Council

The President

G. ZALM

COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 March 1997

authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic to apply a measure derogating from Article 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes

(97/189/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 27 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 27 (1) of the Sixth Directive, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, may authorize any Member State to introduce special measures for derogation from that Directive, in order to simplify the procedure for charging the tax or to prevent certain types of tax evasion and avoidance;

Whereas, by letters officially received by the Commission on 13 August and 11 September 1996, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic have requested authorization to introduce a special measure concerning the construction and maintenance of a cross-frontier road bridge over the Rhine between Altenheim, situated on French territory, and Eschau, situated on German territory;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 27 (3) of the Sixth Directive, the other Member States were informed on 10 October 1996 of the requests for authorization received from the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic;

Whereas, for supplies of goods and services, for intra-Community acquisitions and for imports of goods intended for the construction or maintenance of the bridge, the purpose of the special measure is to regard the entire site until acceptance of the bridge and the frontier bridge as from its acceptance and for ten years thereafter as being on French territory;

Whereas, in the absence of a special measure, for each supply of goods and services used for the construction and maintenance of the bridge in question, it would be necessary to ascertain whether the place of taxation was the Federal Republic of Germany or the French Republic;

whereas, therefore, such taxation arrangements would in practice be very complicated for the contractors in charge of the works concerned;

Whereas the purpose of this derogation is to simplify the procedure for charging the tax on the construction and maintenance of the bridge in question;

Whereas this derogation will not affect the amount of tax due at the final consumption state and will not therefore have an adverse effect on the European Communities' own resources arising from value added tax,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 3 of Directive 77/388/EEC, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic are hereby authorized, in respect of the supplies of goods or services, intra-Community acquisitions and imports of goods intended for the construction or maintenance of the road bridge over the Rhine, between Altenheim, situated on French territory, and Eschau, situated on German territory, to regard:

- the whole of the construction site as being on French territory until acceptance of the bridge,
- the frontier bridge as being on French territory as from its acceptance and for 10 years thereafter.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1997.

For the Council

The President

G. ZALM

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 145, 13. 6. 1977, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/95/EC (OJ No L 338, 20. 12. 1996, p. 89).

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

of 17 March 1997

concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) for the financial year 1995

(97/190/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 206 thereof,

Having regard to the Third ACP-EEC Convention, signed at Lomé on 8 December 1984,

Having regard to Council Decision 86/283/EEC of 30 June 1986 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid ⁽²⁾, signed in Brussels on 19 February 1985, as amended by Decision 86/281/EEC ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 29 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 11 November 1986 applicable to the Sixth European Development Fund ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 66 to 73 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) as at 31 December 1995 and the Court of Auditors' report relating to the financial year 1995 together with the Commission's replies ⁽⁵⁾,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 29 (3) of the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the management of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) must be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on a recommendation from the Council;

Whereas the overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) during the financial year 1995 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) for the financial year 1995.

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1997.

For the Council

The President

G. ZALM

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 175, 1. 7. 1986, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 86, 31. 3. 1986, p. 210.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 178, 2. 7. 1986, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 325, 20. 11. 1986, p. 42.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 340, 12. 11. 1996, pp. 290 to 333.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION**of 17 March 1997**

concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) for the financial year 1995

(97/191/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 206 thereof,

Having regard to the Fourth ACP-EEC Convention, signed at Lomé on 15 December 1989,

Having regard to Council Decision 91/482/EEC of 25 July 1991 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid⁽²⁾, signed in Brussels on 16 July 1990, and in particular Article 33 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 29 July 1991 applicable to the Seventh European Development Fund⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 69 to 77 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) as at 31 December 1995 and the Court of Auditors' report relating to the financial year 1995 together with the Commission's replies⁽⁴⁾,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 33 (3) of the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the management of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) must be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on a recommendation from the Council;

Whereas the overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) during the financial year 1995 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) for the financial year 1995.

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1997.

For the Council

The President

G. ZALM

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 229, 17. 8. 1991, p. 288.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 266, 21. 9. 1991, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 340, 12. 11. 1996, pp. 290 to 333.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 March 1997

on protective measures in relation to anthrax in Madagascar

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/192/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Whereas cases of anthrax have been reported in Madagascar;

Whereas the authorities of Madagascar have taken measures to confine the outbreak to 14 communes in the region of Vakinankaratra where the infection originally occurred;

Whereas the authorities of Madagascar should give guarantees that measures have been taken to prevent the disease causing agent being transmitted through animal products;

Whereas in Part I of the Annex to Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1976 drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep, and goats, fresh meat and meat products⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 97/10/EC⁽⁴⁾, Madagascar is listed for the export of certain categories of fresh meat to the Community;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/278/EC⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/344/EC⁽⁶⁾, lays down the list of

third countries authorized to export other products of animal origin;

Whereas Commission Decision 90/156/EEC⁽⁷⁾ lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification requirements for the importation from Madagascar of fresh meat from deboned carcasses of bovine animals;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/187/EC⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/106/EC⁽⁹⁾ lays down the health conditions and certification requirements for the importation from third countries of casings;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/168/EC⁽¹⁰⁾ lays down the health conditions and certification requirements for the importation from third countries of hides and skins;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/446/EC⁽¹¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/106/EC, lays down the health conditions and certification requirements for the importation from third countries of bones and bone products;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/344/EC⁽¹²⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/106/EC, lays down the conditions and certification requirements for the importation from third countries of processed animal protein;

Whereas it seems appropriate to request the competent authorities in Madagascar to implement control measures in order to prevent the transfer of the disease agent through animal products; whereas the respect of such measures should be officially certified by these authorities;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 373, 21. 12. 1990, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 162, 1. 7. 1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 3, 7. 1. 1997, p. 9.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 120, 11. 5. 1994, p. 44.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 133, 4. 6. 1996, p. 28.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 89, 4. 4. 1990, p. 13.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 89, 6. 4. 1994, p. 18.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 24, 31. 1. 1996, p. 34.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 67, 7. 3. 1997, p. 19.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 183, 19. 7. 1994, p. 46.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ No L 154, 21. 6. 1994, p. 45.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States shall ensure that the certificate which must accompany consignments of fresh meat from Madagascar is completed with the following mention:

'Meat from animals which:

- do not originate in the infected communes in the region in Madagascar affected by the outbreaks of anthrax or have not been transported through that region,
- have been submitted to an observation period of at least 7 days prior to slaughter. During this observation period, the animals have been under the supervision of an official veterinarian, and no signs of anthrax have been observed. In addition, no pathological changes due to anthrax have been observed during the post mortem inspection procedures.'

Article 2

Member States shall ensure that the certificate which must accompany hides and skins, casings, bones and bone

products and processed animal proteins from Madagascar is completed with the following mention:

'Products from animals which do not originate in the region in Madagascar affected by anthrax or have not been transported through that region.'

Article 3

Member States shall amend the measures they apply in respect of Madagascar to bring them into line with this Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply until 1 July 1997.

Article 5

The present Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission
