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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 755/98
of 3 April 1998
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 4 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 325, 14. 12. 1996, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 3 April 1998 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 00	052	99,7
	204	87,9
	212	108,5
	624	190,6
	999	121,7
0707 00 05	052	112,5
	999	112,5
0709 10 00	220	174,9
	999	174,9
0709 90 70	052	102,3
	204	98,9
	999	100,6
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	39,8
	204	35,5
	212	42,8
	400	46,3
	600	38,5
	624	50,7
	999	42,3
0805 30 10	600	77,4
	999	77,4
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	052	44,7
	060	43,8
	388	92,9
	400	101,2
	404	99,6
	508	84,2
	512	94,8
	524	97,7
	528	97,7
	804	109,6
	999	86,6
	388	68,1
0808 20 50	508	73,7
	512	76,8
	528	90,9
	999	77,4

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2317/97 (OJ L 321, 22. 11. 1997, p. 19). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 756/98**of 3 April 1998****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export of husked long grain rice to the island of Réunion referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2094/97**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 laying down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2094/97 ⁽⁴⁾ opens an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion;

Whereas Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award;

Whereas on the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89, a maximum subsidy should not be fixed;

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

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 30 March to 2 April 1998 in response to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2094/97 for the subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1 006 20 98.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 29, 7. 9. 1989, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 14.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 757/98
of 3 April 1998
on the issue of system B export licences in the fruit and vegetables sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 213/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 (5) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 520/98 ⁽³⁾ fixes the indicative quantities for system B export licences other than those sought in the context of food aid;

Whereas, in the light of the information available to the Commission today, there is a risk that the indicative quantities laid down for the current export period for shelled almonds will shortly be exceeded; whereas this

overrun will prejudice the proper working of the export refund scheme in the fruit and vegetables sector;

Whereas, to avoid this situation, applications for system B licences for shelled almonds exported after 3 April 1998 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B licences for shelled almonds submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 520/98, export declarations for which are accepted after 3 April and before 20 May 1998, are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15. 11. 1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 22, 29. 1. 1998, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 66, 6. 3. 1998, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 758/98**of 3 April 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 2300/97 on detailed rules to implement Council Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 laying down general rules for the application of measures to improve the production and the marketing of honey**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 of 25 June 1997 laying down general rules for the application of measures to improve the production and marketing of honey⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2300/97⁽²⁾, lays down provisions for the implementation of measures to improve the production and the marketing of honey;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 lays down the limit date of 15 October of each year by which expenditure concerning measures included in national programmes must be made; whereas, as from the second year and in order to allow paying agencies accredited by each Member State to respect this time limit, provision should be made to advance the notification date of programmes and to establish the limit date for execution of programme measures;

Whereas, by Decision 94/805/EC⁽³⁾, the Council adopted a specific programme of research in the field of agriculture and fisheries (including agro-industry, food technologies, forestry, aquaculture and rural development); whereas, pursuant to the provisions of Annex III to the programme, on specific rules for its implementation, concerted action No FAIR5-PL97-3686, entitled 'Coordination in Europe of research on integrated control of Varroa mites in honey bee colonies', has been implemented; whereas the results of the applied research in the field of the control of varroasis financed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 should therefore be sent to the Commission so that they can be incorporated in this concerted action;

Whereas consistency between measures of national programmes and other measures under the various Community policies, in particular Council Regulations (EC) No 950/97 of 20 May 1997 on improving the effi-

ency of agricultural structures⁽⁴⁾, (EC) No 951/97 of 20 May 1997 on improving the processing and marketing conditions for agricultural products⁽⁵⁾ and (EC) No 952/97 of 20 May 1997 on producer groups and associations thereof⁽⁶⁾, must be ensured during the implementation of national programmes; whereas, in particular, any over-compensation owing to the combination of aid and any other inconsistency in the definition of measures must be avoided;

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

Regulation (EC) No 2300/97 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

1. Member States shall notify their programmes to the Commission before 15 April of each year. For the first year this date shall be 15 December 1997. For the second year this date shall be 15 May 1998.

2. As from the second year, the programme measure shall be entirely executed before 31 August of the year following that of notification of the programme. Payments shall be carried out before 15 October of the same year.

3. The results of the applied research studies into varroasis prevention shall be sent to the Commission two months after the date laid down in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 so that they can be included in the exchange of information on concerted action No FAIR5-PL97-3686 applying point 3 of

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 1. 7. 1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 319, 21. 11. 1997, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 334, 22. 12. 1994, p. 73.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 142, 2. 6. 1997, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 142, 2. 6. 1997, p. 22.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 142, 2. 6. 1997, p. 30.

Annex III to Council Decision 94/805/EC of 23 November 1994 adopting a specific programme of research, technological development and demonstration in the field of agriculture and fisheries, including agro-industry, food technologies, forestry, aquaculture and rural development (1994 to 1998) (*).

(*) OJ L 334, 22. 12. 1994, p. 73.’;

2. In Article 4, the following paragraph is added:

‘3. The same measure may not be the subject of payments simultaneously pursuant to Regulation (EC)

No 1221/97 and pursuant to another Community aid scheme in respect of Council Regulations (EC) No 950/97 (*), (EC) No 951/97 (**) and (EC) 952/97 (***).

(*) OJ L 142, 2. 6. 1997, p. 1.

(**) OJ L 142, 2. 6. 1997, p. 22.

(***) OJ L 142, 2. 6. 1997, p. 30.’

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, 3 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 759/98**of 3 April 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 on rules of application for import and export licences in the beef and veal sector**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2634/97⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 9 and 13 thereof,

Whereas Article 7 of 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⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 260/98⁽⁴⁾, provides that export licences must be issued for all products exported from 2 January 1998;

Whereas Article 5(1) 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 1404/97⁽⁶⁾, provides that no export licence is required for products where no refund is applied for and in quantities such that the security for any licence would have been ECU 5 or less;

Whereas, in the case of beef and veal, that limit of ECU 5 corresponds to one head of livestock or 200 kilograms of meat; whereas that limit has proved much too low, in particular for certain traditional transborder trade flows;

whereas a derogation from Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 should accordingly be provided for to increase that amount to ECU 60;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph is hereby added to Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1445/95:

‘However, notwithstanding the fourth indent of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88, no export licence shall be required for products covered by the second indent of Article 8(2) in quantities such that the security for any licence would have been ECU 60 or less. If the licence is issued per head and if the amount of ECU 60 does not correspond to a whole number of head, the security shall be deemed to correspond to that for the next higher whole number of head.’

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, 3 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 356, 31. 12. 1997, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 143, 27. 6. 1995, p. 35.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 25, 31. 1. 1998, p. 42.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 331, 2. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 194, 23. 7. 1997, p. 5.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 760/98

of 3 April 1998

amending Regulation (EC) No 658/96 on certain conditions for granting compensatory payments under the support system for producers of certain arable crops

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 of 30 June 1992 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2309/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 11(1) and 12 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 abolished the arrangements based on the register of individual rights for durum wheat and provided for the supplement to the cereals compensatory payment referred to in Title I of that Regulation to be paid to producers of durum wheat in the traditional production zones within the limit of a maximum guaranteed area for each Member State concerned; whereas that maximum area may be distributed among production regions; whereas a *de minimis* rule on the size of production regions should be introduced to prevent the fragmentation of production regions and comply with the principle of proportionality in the application of any penalties incurred for overshoots; whereas the maximum area was fixed for Italy taking account of the areas subject to five-year set aside; whereas these areas should also be taken into account when determining any breakdown of the maximum area;

Whereas the method for calculating any overshoots of the maximum area and a date for communication of such overshoots should be specified; whereas, because of the change in the system, for the first two marketing years for which the new arrangements apply the deadline for notifying the definitive percentage overshoot to the Commission should be postponed;

Whereas new areas have been allocated to certain Member States in non-traditional zones; whereas, therefore, the regions in those Member States in which such areas may be located should be defined, as should the method for calculating overshoots;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 provides that certified seed must be used; whereas specific measures should be taken to ensure that such seed is used; whereas,

in order to avoid supply difficulties and disturbances on the market in certified seed, a minimum quantity should be fixed, as well as a transitional period for attaining that quantity; whereas, in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, in view of agronomic diversity in the Member States and regions within the Member States, the Member States concerned should be left to fix the minimum quantity and adopt any transitional measures needed;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 658/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1779/97 ⁽⁴⁾, fixes, for the purposes of Article 4(3) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, certain conditions for entitlement to the supplement to the compensatory payment and the special aid for durum wheat;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 658/96 restricts eligibility for compensatory payments in respect of rape seed to producers who have sown certain varieties and qualities of seed; whereas the moisture content of seeds should be specified for the test to measure the glucosinolate content;

Whereas producers can now obtain new varieties of rape seed which meet the eligibility criteria; whereas such varieties should be included in the list;

Whereas Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 requires producers of cereals, oil seed and protein crops to have sown their crops by 15 May at the latest; whereas it is necessary to establish a later sowing date for oil seeds; whereas in certain cases the sowing of crops may be delayed beyond 15 May by climatic conditions; whereas it is appropriate to defer the latest sowing date for certain crops in certain areas;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 658/96 lays down a list of those regions; whereas experience has shown that, in the case of France, it is necessary to modify that list;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 658/96 should therefore be amended accordingly;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Joint Management Committee for Cereals, Oils and Fats and Dried Fodder,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 321, 22. 11. 1997, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 91, 12. 4. 1996, p. 46.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 252, 16. 9. 1997, p. 18.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 658/96 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 4 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Member States shall put into practice a quality policy for rape seed and colza seed by restricting access to the compensatory payments to double zero (00) varieties of rape seed and colza seed. Double zero varieties are those varieties demonstrated to produce seed which has a maximum glucosinolate content of 25 µmol/gram for a moisture content of 9 %, determined in accordance with EN ISO 9167-1: 1995, and an erucic acid content of not more than 2 % of total fatty acid content, as determined in accordance with EN ISO 5508: 1995;'

(b) paragraph 3(b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) seed being the product of the harvest obtained from the planting of certified seed of a variety listed in Annex II on the same holding, which is shown, by analysis of a representative sample taken by an appointed agent of the competent national authority, to have a glucosinolate content no greater than 18,0 µmol/gram for a moisture content of 9 %;'

2. Article 6 is replaced by the following:

Article 6

1. For the purposes of Article 4(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, producers in the regions referred to in Annex II to that Regulation shall receive the supplement to the compensatory payment for no more than the number of hectares referred to in Annex III to that Regulation.

This supplement shall be granted, in Austria, for the zones in Pannonia listed in Annex Va.

2. Where the maximum guaranteed area is distributed among the production regions as specified in the third subparagraph of Article 4(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92:

- (a) if the area of a production region is less than 500 ha, the Member States concerned may join the region in question to an adjacent production region;
- (b) Italy may take account of the areas traditionally sown to durum wheat subject to the five-year set-aside scheme during 1993 to 1997;
- (c) the Member States concerned shall inform producers and the Commission of the distribution of the maximum guaranteed area not later than 30

September of the marketing year preceding that for which the compensatory payment is applied for.

3. To determine whether the maximum guaranteed area has been exceeded, the competent authority of the Member State shall take account, firstly, of the maximum guaranteed area fixed in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, distributed among regions where applicable, and, secondly, of the sum of areas for which the supplement to the compensatory payment for durum wheat has been applied for, as adjusted in accordance with Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2836/93 (*). The areas eligible for the supplement shall be reduced proportionately after application of the first indent of Article 2(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92.

If an overshoot is noted, the Member State shall immediately inform the Commission, not later than 30 September, of the percentage of the overshoot and, where applicable, its distribution among the production regions.

For the 1999/2000 and 2000/01 marketing years and by way of derogation from the second subparagraph, the Member State shall inform the Commission not later than 30 September of the forecast percentage overshoot and, where applicable, its distribution among the production regions and not later than 31 December of the definitive percentage overshoot and, where applicable, its distribution among the production regions.

4. The special aid referred to in Article 4(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 shall be granted, in the zones referred to in Annex VI to this Regulation, within the limit of the number of hectares indicated in Annex IIIa to Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, in respect of all parcels eligible for the compensatory payment for arable crops referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 sown to durum wheat and situated in one of the zones in question.

If the sum of the areas under durum wheat for which applications have been submitted for special aid, as adjusted in accordance with Article 1(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2836/93, exceeds the limits referred to in the first subparagraph, the areas eligible for the special aid shall be reduced proportionally after application of the first indent of Article 2(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92. The Member State shall immediately inform the Commission, not later than 30 September, of the percentage of the overshoot.

For the 1999/2000 and 2000/01 marketing years and by way of derogation from the second subparagraph, the Member State shall inform the Commission before 30 September of the forecast percentage overshoot and not later than 31 December of the definitive percentage overshoot.

5. For the purpose of granting the aid for durum wheat referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4, the 'area' aid application referred to in Article 4 of Commission

Regulation (EEC) No 3887/92^(*) must give all the particulars needed to identify the plots sown to durum wheat and be accompanied by proof that certified seed has been used.

The application for aid for durum wheat shall be subject to:

- (a) an application for a compensatory payment for the same number of hectares under durum wheat;
- (b) use of seed certified in accordance with Council Directive 66/402/EEC^(**).

The varieties not eligible for production aid for durum wheat for the 1992/93 marketing year shall not be eligible pursuant to this Article.

6. Member States shall fix the minimum quantity of certified seed to be used in accordance with current agronomic practice in the Member State concerned.

If specific measures are needed to facilitate introduction of this obligation, the Member States may provide for a transitional period of not more than three years for attainment of this quantity.

They shall inform the Commission by 30 June 1998 at the latest of any measures taken, particularly those involving the minimum quantity and the proof that certified seed has been used.

7. The supplement and the special aid for durum wheat shall be paid at the same time as the compensatory payment.

(*) OJ L 260, 19. 10. 1993, p. 3.

(**) OJ L 391, 31. 12. 1992, p. 36.

(***) OJ 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66;

3. Annex II is amended as follows:

- (a) the following varieties are added to the list:
'Adder, Adelie, Alba, Alexis, Angus, Basun, Belmondo, Booster, Boston, Britta, Buffalo, Campus, Canary, Captain, Cleo, Cocoon, Colibri,

Colonel, Colosse, Colyse, Comando, Comet, Complex, Concept, Corlee, Corona, Coronet, Corsair, Cosmic, CSH 09, CSH 17, CSH 18, Diego, Eden, Eliot, Elite, Embleme, Enrico, Epik, Erik, Evora, Fimbul, Focus, Folck, Kanela, Kutiba, H3, H4, Harp, Ibrix, Impulse, ISH 95-11, Laser, Leopard, Liratun, Lisabeth, Lorbas, Lucia, Madrigal, Mammut, Maximus, Maximus VA 75, Mocco, Mondea, Morgan, Mustang, Orient, Partner, Pirate, Pluto, Poseidon, Praska, Quantum, Rock, RPC 550, Sandra, Savoy, Savoy VA 75, SH 5005/94, Skye, SPE 520, Superior, Tecu, Terra, Troika, Zebra, Zenith.';

- (b) the variety 'Maplus' is deleted from the list;

4. the title of Annex Va is replaced by the following:

'Zones referred to in Article 6(1), second subparagraph';

5. Annex VI is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation;

6. in Annex IX, the region 'Franche-Comté' is added to the list of French regions within which the latest sowing date for maize is 31 May.

Article 2

The 1998/99 marketing year shall be the last in which the variety 'Maplus' shall be eligible for compensatory payments.

Article 3

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

Points 2, 3(b) and 5 of Article 1 shall apply from the 1999/2000 marketing year.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

ANNEX VI

ZONES ELIGIBLE FOR THE SPECIAL AID FOR DURUM WHEAT

GERMANY

Kreise

Baden-Württemberg:

Stadt Stuttgart, Ludwigsburg, Rems-Murr-Kreis, Stadt Heilbronn, Heilbronn, Hohenlohekreis, Main-Tauber-Kreis, Stadt Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Stadt Baden-Baden, Rastatt, Stadt Heidelberg, Stadt Mannheim, Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, Stadt Pforzheim, Enzkreis, Ortenaukreis

Bayern:

Stadt Ingolstadt, Dachau, Eichstätt, Freising, Fürstenfeldbrück, Neuburg-Schrobenhausen, Pfaffenhofen a.d.Ilm, Kelheim, Stadt Ansbach, Neustadt-Bad Windsheim, Stadt Aschaffenburg, Aschaffenburg, Bad Kissingen, Rhön-Grabfeld, Haßberge, Kitzingen, Main-Spessart, Stadt Schweinfurt, Schweinfurt, Stadt Würzburg, Würzburg

Rheinland-Pfalz:

Ahrweiler, Stadt Koblenz, Mayen-Koblenz, Bad Kreuznach, Rhein-Lahn-Kreis, Westerwald-Kreis, Bernkastel-Wittlich, Bitburg-Prüm, Daun, Trier-Saarburg, Stadt Trier, Stadt Frankenthal, Landau i.d.P., Ludwigshafen, Mainz, Neustadt/Weinstr., Speyer, Worms, Alzey-Worms, Bad Dürkheim, Donnersbergkreis, Germersheim, Südl. Weinstraße, Ludwigshafen, Mainz-Bingen

Hessen:

Stadt Frankfurt/Main, Wiesbaden, Bergstraße, Stadt Darmstadt, Darmstadt-Dieburg, Groß-Gerau, Hochtaunuskreis, Main-Kinzig-Kreis, Main-Taunus-Kreis, Stadt Offenbach, Offenbach, Rheingau-Taunus-Kreis, Wetteraukreis, Lahn-Dill-Kreis, Limburg-Weilburg

Saarland:

Stadt Saarbrücken, Merzig-Wadern, Neunkirchen, Saarlouis, Sankt Wendel

Sachsen:

Mittweida, Muldentalkreis

Sachsen-Anhalt:

Bernburg, Köthen, Burgenlandkreis, Mansfelder Land, Merseburg-Querfurt, Saalkreis, Sangerhausen, Aschersleben-Straßfurt, Halberstadt, Jerichower Land, Quedlinburg, Schönebeck

Thüringen:

Unstrut-Hainich-Kreis, Kyffhäuserkreis, Gotha, Sömmerda, Hildburghausen, Stadt Weimar, Weimarer Land, Altenburger Land, Stadt Erfurt

SPAIN

Comarcas Agrícolas

Almazán (SO), Bajo Aragón (TE), Campiña (GU), Campo de Gómara (SO), Centro (AB), El Cerrato (P), Hoya de Huesca (HU), La Montaña (A), Las Vegas (M), Logrosán (CC), Monegros (HU), Noroeste (MU), Requena-Utiel (V), Rioja Baja (LO), Segría (L), Sierra Rioja Baja (LO), Sur (VA), Suroeste y Valle de Guadalupe (MU), Trujillo (CC), Urgel (L), Valle de Ayora (V)

FRANCE

Départements

Aisne, Aube, Charente, Charente-Maritime, Cher, Deux-Sèvres, Essonne, Eure, Eure-et-Loir, Indre, Indre-et-Loire, Loir-et-Cher, Loiret, Lot-et-Garonne, Maine-et-Loire, Marne, Nièvre, Orne, Sarthe, Seine-et-Marne, Vendée, Vienne, Yonne, Yvelines

ITALY

Province

Alessandria, Bologna, Brescia, Cremona, Ferrara, Forlì, Gorizia, Mantova, Milano, Modena, Padova, Parma, Pavia, Piacenza, Pordenone, Ravenna, Reggio Emilia, Rimini, Rovigo, Torino, Treviso, Udine, Venezia, Vercelli, Verona, Vicenza

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