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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 942/98
of 20 April 1998
amending Regulation (EC) No 724/97 determining measures and compensation
relating to appreciable revaluations that affect farm incomes

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 724/97 ⁽²⁾ determines measures and compensation relating to appreciable revaluations of the agricultural conversion rate that affect farm incomes; whereas that Regulation does not apply to appreciable revaluations that may occur after 30 April 1998; whereas it should therefore be amended to cover any revaluations which may occur in the period up to the introduction of the single currency;

Whereas Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 724/97 provides that the maximum amount of aid shall be reduced or cancelled if necessary as a function of the effect on income of the development of agricultural conversion rates recorded during a certain observation period; whereas, in order to avoid compensation which is excessive in relation to the loss of income actually incurred, it is also necessary to take account of the market situation;

Whereas the introduction of the single currency on 1 January 1999 will put an end to fluctuations in agricultural conversion rates for the Member States participating in the euro; whereas it is therefore appropriate to end the observation period for those Member States on 31 December 1998;

Whereas the observation period for the other Member States may extend beyond 31 December 1998; whereas, since the market situation is to be taken into account, it is

helpful to extend the observation period to nine months instead of six, and to provide for a further extension if a subsequent appreciable revaluation occurs during the observation period for the preceding appreciable revaluation;

Whereas application of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 means that the agricultural conversion rate may not decline by less than 2,56 %; whereas, to limit the risk of excessive compensation in cases of small appreciable revaluations, aid should not be granted for the amount corresponding to an appreciable part of less than 2,6 %;

Whereas decisions to reduce or cancel the second and third tranches should also be taken in the light of the market situation;

Whereas the method of taking the market situation into account should be defined; whereas this method may involve, on the one hand, comparing the development of market prices in the Member State whose currency has been appreciably revalued with that in the Member States whose currencies have not been appreciably revalued during the observation period and, on the other, considering how far operative events in the various sectors have already occurred on the date of the appreciable revaluation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 724/97 is hereby amended as follows:

1. the first subparagraph of Article 1(1) shall be replaced by the following:

‘1. This Regulation shall apply in the event of appreciable revaluations occurring from 1 January 1997 and before 1 January 1999.’;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 (OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 25. 4. 1997, p. 9.

2. Article 4 shall be amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

‘3. The maximum amount referred to in paragraph 2 shall be reduced or cancelled if necessary as a function of the effect on income of the development of agricultural conversion rates recorded during a certain observation period and taking account, in the amount calculated in accordance with the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, of the market situation during that period.

For the currencies of the Member States which adopt the single currency pursuant to the Treaty, the observation period shall expire on 31 December 1998. For the other currencies, it shall expire at the end of the ninth month following that of the appreciable revaluation. However, where an appreciable revaluation occurs in the course of the observation period for an earlier appreciable revaluation, the entire observation period shall not expire until the end of the third month following that of the last revaluation.

However, no aid shall be granted for that portion of the amount calculated in accordance with the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 and the first subparagraph of this paragraph equal to not more than 2,6 % in total of the appreciable revaluation occurring between 1 May 1998 and 31 December 1998.’;

(b) paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

‘4. The amounts paid out under the second and third tranches shall each be reduced, *vis-à-vis* the level of the previous tranche, by at least a third of the amount paid out in the first tranche. However, in cases where the amount of the first tranche of aid is calculated by applying paragraph 4a, second subparagraph, section (b), the reduction of at least one third shall be calculated on the basis of the amount of the first tranche which would have been granted had paragraph 4a, second subparagraph, section (b), not been applied.

The amounts paid out under the second and third tranches of compensatory aid shall be reduced or cancelled as a function of the effect on incomes of the development of agricultural conversion rates

recorded until the beginning of the month preceding the first month of the relevant tranche and, in the case of appreciable revaluation occurring from 1 May 1998, taking account, in the amount calculated in accordance with the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, of the market situation during that period.’;

(c) the following paragraph shall be inserted:

‘4a. In the case of appreciable revaluation occurring from 1 May 1998, the market situation shall be taken into account pursuant to the first subparagraph of paragraph 3 and the second subparagraph of paragraph 4 in accordance with the following method.

The amount of one or more tranches in one or more sectors may be reduced when it has been observed that:

(a) over the observation period referred to in paragraph 3 or over the period between the beginning of the preceding tranche and the beginning of the month preceding the first month of the tranche concerned, the market price for the Member State concerned was on average equal to, or higher than, the average market prices in the Member States whose currencies had not been appreciably revalued during the same period. Market prices shall be compared using an index of base 100 for market prices in national currency on the date of the appreciable revaluation;

or

(b) the relation between the dates of operative events in the sector concerned and the date of the appreciable revaluation is such that there is no justification for concluding that the revaluation had an impact throughout the period considered.’.

Article 2

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

It shall apply to appreciable revaluations occurring from 1 May 1998.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 20 April 1998.

For the Council

The President

J. CUNNINGHAM

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 943/98
of 5 May 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 6 May 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 May 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 5 May 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
0707 00 05	052	109,7
	999	109,7
0709 90 70	052	77,4
	999	77,4
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	34,4
	204	33,9
	212	62,2
	600	53,0
	624	44,2
	999	45,5
0805 30 10	388	66,8
	600	83,0
	999	74,9
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	060	43,8
	388	87,7
	400	93,3
	404	100,8
	508	94,7
	512	81,8
	524	76,6
	528	79,9
	720	138,0
	804	106,8
	999	90,3

⁽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 944/98
of 5 May 1998

fixing Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses with a view to the application of the arrangements governing imports of certain floricultural products originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

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, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 (2) (a) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (2) and Article 3 of above-mentioned Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87, Community import and producer prices are fixed each fortnight for uniflorous (bloom) carnations, multiflorous (spray) carnations, large-flowered roses and small-flowered roses and apply for two-weekly periods; whereas, pursuant to Article 1b of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 of 17 March 1988 laying down detailed rules for the application of the arrangements for the import into the Community of certain floricultural products originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/

97 ⁽⁴⁾, those prices are determined for fortnightly periods on the basis of weighted prices provided by the Member States; whereas those prices should be fixed immediately so the customs duties applicable can be determined; whereas, to that end, provision should be made for this Regulation to enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Community producer and import prices for uniflorous (bloom) carnations, multiflorous (spray) carnations, large-flowered roses and small-flowered roses as referred to in Article 1b of Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 for a fortnightly period shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 May 1998.

It shall apply from 6 to 19 May 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 May 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31. 12. 1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5. 7. 1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 72, 18. 3. 1988, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 289, 22. 10. 1997, p. 1.

ANNEX

(ECU/100 pieces)

Period from 6 to 19 May 1998				
Community producer price	Uniflorous (bloom) carnations	Multiflorous (spray) carnations	Large-flowered roses	Small-flowered roses
	17,16	14,23	33,31	16,37
Community import prices	Uniflorous (bloom) carnations	Multiflorous (spray) carnations	Large-flowered roses	Small-flowered roses
Israel	9,89	10,84	13,46	12,81
Morocco	15,94	13,41	—	—
Cyprus	—	—	—	—
Jordan	—	—	—	—
West Bank and Gaza Strip	—	—	—	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 945/98

of 5 May 1998

suspending the preferential customs duties and re-establishing the Common Customs Tariff duty on imports of multiflorous (spray) 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 and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(b) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 lays down the conditions for applying a preferential 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 into the Community of fresh cut flowers;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 650/98 ⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for cut flowers and flower buds, fresh, originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Malta, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 944/98 ⁽⁵⁾ fixes the Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses for the application of the import arrangements;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/97 ⁽⁷⁾, lays down the detailed rules for the application of the 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, on the basis of prices recorded pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88, it must be concluded that the conditions laid down in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 for suspension of the preferential customs duty are met for multiflorous (spray) carnations originating in Israel; whereas the Common Customs Tariff duty should be re-established;

Whereas the quota for the products in question covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1998; whereas, as a result, the suspension of the preferential duty and the reintroduction of the Common Customs Tariff duty apply up to the end of that period at the latest;

Whereas, in between meetings of the Management Committee, the Commission must adopt such measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For imports of multiflorous (spray) carnations (CN codes ex 0603 10 13 and ex 0603 10 53) originating in Israel, the preferential customs duty fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 is hereby suspended and the Common Customs Tariff duty is hereby re-established.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 May 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31. 12. 1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5. 7. 1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 199, 2. 8. 1994, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 88, 24. 3. 1998, p. 8.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 5 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 72, 18. 3. 1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 289, 22. 10. 1997, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 22.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 May 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 946/98

of 5 May 1998

suspending the preferential customs duties and re-establishing the Common Customs Tariff duty on imports of uniflorous (bloom) 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 and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1300/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2)(b) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 lays down the conditions for applying a preferential 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 into the Community of fresh cut flowers;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 650/98 ⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for cut flowers and flower buds, fresh, originating in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Malta, Morocco and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 944/98 ⁽⁵⁾ fixes the Community producer and import prices for carnations and roses for the application of the import arrangements;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2062/97 ⁽⁷⁾, lays down the detailed rules for the application of the 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, on the basis of prices recorded pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88, it must be concluded that the conditions laid down in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 for suspension of the preferential customs duty are met for uniflorous (bloom) carnations originating in Israel; whereas the Common Customs Tariff duty should be re-established;

Whereas the quota for the products in question covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1998; whereas, as a result, the suspension of the preferential duty and the reintroduction of the Common Customs Tariff duty apply up to the end of that period at the latest;

Whereas, in between meetings of the Management Committee, the Commission must adopt such measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For imports of uniflorous (bloom) carnations (CN codes ex 0603 10 13 and ex 0603 10 53) originating in Israel, the preferential customs duty fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 is hereby suspended and the Common Customs Tariff duty is hereby re-established.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 May 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 382, 31. 12. 1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 177, 5. 7. 1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 199, 2. 8. 1994, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 88, 24. 3. 1998, p. 8.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 5 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 72, 18. 3. 1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 289, 22. 10. 1997, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 22.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 May 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 947/98**of 5 May 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 1556/96 introducing a system of import licences
for certain fruit and vegetables imported from third countries**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2520/97⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1556/96⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 855/98⁽⁴⁾, introduced a system of import licences for certain fruit and vegetables imported from third countries and set the list of products covered;

Whereas examination of the market situation for these products indicates that the list should be amended by abolishing the licence requirement for tomatoes, cherries and apples;

Whereas the period for apples is 1 May to 30 June; whereas if that requirement is abolished by this Regula-

tion it will be necessary to make this Regulation applicable from 1 May 1998;

Whereas the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1556/96 is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 May 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 May 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21. 11. 1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 346, 17. 12. 1997, p. 41.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 193, 3. 8. 1996, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 122, 24. 4. 1998, p. 9.

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CN code	Period	Description
ex 0707 00 05	1 November to 30 April	Cucumbers
ex 0805 10 10	1 December to 31 May	Oranges
ex 0805 10 30		
ex 0805 10 50		
ex 0805 20 30	1 November to end February	Mandarins, including tangerines, satsumas, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids
ex 0805 20 50		
ex 0805 20 70		
ex 0805 20 90		
ex 0805 30 10	1 September to 31 May	Lemons
ex 0806 10 10	21 July to 20 November	'Table grapes'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 948/98**of 5 May 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 tomatoes and apples for destination group X 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 tomatoes and apples for destination group X exported after 5 May 1998 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B licences for tomatoes and apples for destination group X submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 520/98, export declarations for which are accepted after 5 May and before 20 May 1998, are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 May 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 May 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.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

Information on the entry into force of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part⁽¹⁾

Since the exchange of the instruments of notification of the completion of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 17 July 1995, took place on 26 January 1998, this Agreement will, pursuant to Article 96 thereof, enter into force on 1 March 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 97, 30. 3. 1998, p. 2.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 April 1998

amending Decision 83/471/EEC relating to the Community Inspection Committee on the application of the classification scale for carcasses of adult bovine animals

(98/296/EC)

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1208/81 of 28 April 1981 determining the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1026/91 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the fourth paragraph of Article 5 thereof,

Whereas, in the light of experience gained, the detailed rules covering the membership of the inspection committee provided for in Article 5 of the abovementioned Regulation, the intervals at which on-the-spot inspections are to be carried out and the deadline for the forwarding of inspection reports should be adapted; whereas Commission Decision 83/471/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 95/201/EC ⁽⁴⁾, should be adapted accordingly;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 83/471/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2(2) is replaced by the following:

‘2. On-the-spot inspections shall be carried out in a given Member State by a delegation of the committee comprising at most:

— three Commission experts, one of whom shall act as chairman of the Committee,

— one expert from the Member State concerned,
— eight experts from other Member States.’;

2. the first subparagraph of Article 3(2) is replaced by the following:

‘2. On-the-spot inspections shall be carried out at regular intervals in each Member State and may, where necessary, be followed by additional visits.

In such cases, the membership of the Committee may be reduced.’;

3. Article 4(2) is replaced by the following:

‘2. The Committee chairman shall draw up a report on the inspections conducted and containing the conclusions referred to in paragraph 1. The report shall be sent at the earliest possibility to the Member State inspected and to the other Member States subsequently.’

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 April 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 123, 7. 5. 1981, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 106, 26. 4. 1991, p. 2.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 259, 20. 9. 1983, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 128, 13. 6. 1995, p. 18.