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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 61/2000
of 12 January 2000
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 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 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 13 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 12 January 2000 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	204	58,2
	624	99,6
	999	78,9
0707 00 05	052	116,8
	999	116,8
0709 90 70	052	125,3
	204	99,0
	999	112,2
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	56,6
	204	40,9
	212	44,5
	220	24,3
	624	38,0
	999	40,9
0805 20 10	052	74,1
	204	47,4
	999	60,8
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	72,6
	204	71,4
	464	100,4
	624	61,4
	999	76,5
0805 30 10	052	64,7
	600	76,5
	624	91,6
	999	77,6
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	400	87,5
	404	91,8
	720	96,3
	728	66,1
	999	85,4
0808 20 50	052	142,9
	064	64,6
	400	102,1
	720	111,3
	999	105,2

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2645/98 (OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p. 22). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 62/2000**of 12 January 2000****fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for molasses in the sugar sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organization of the market in sugar ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for imports of molasses in the sugar sector and amending Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 1(2) and 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 stipulates that the cif import price for molasses, hereinafter referred to as the 'representative price', should be set in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽³⁾; that price should be fixed for the standard quality defined in Article 1 of the above Regulation;
- (2) the representative price for molasses is calculated at the frontier crossing point into the Community, in this case Amsterdam; that price must be based on the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market established on the basis of the quotations or prices on that market adjusted for any deviations from the standard quality; the standard quality for molasses is defined in Regulation (EEC) No 785/68;
- (3) when the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market are being established, account must be taken of all available information on offers on the world market, on the prices recorded on important third-country markets and on sales concluded in international trade of which the Commission is aware, either directly or through the Member States; under Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68, the Commission may for this purpose take an average of several prices as a basis, provided that this average is representative of actual market trends;
- (4) the information must be disregarded if the goods concerned are not of sound and fair marketable quality or if the price quoted in the offer relates only to a small

quantity that is not representative of the market; offer prices which can be regarded as not representative of actual market trends must also be disregarded;

- (5) if information on molasses of the standard quality is to be comparable, prices must, depending on the quality of the molasses offered, be increased or reduced in the light of the results achieved by applying Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68;
- (6) a representative price may be left unchanged by way of exception for a limited period if the offer price which served as a basis for the previous calculation of the representative price is not available to the Commission and if the offer prices which are available and which appear not to be sufficiently representative of actual market trends would entail sudden and considerable changes in the representative price;
- (7) where there is a difference between the trigger price for the product in question and the representative price, additional import duties should be fixed under the conditions set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95; should the import duties be suspended pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, specific amounts for these duties should be fixed;
- (8) application of these provisions will have the effect of fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for the products in question as set out in the Annex to this Regulation;
- (9) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and the additional duties applying to imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 January 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 12.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 27.6.1968, p. 12.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

fixing the representative prices and additional import duties applying to imports of molasses in the sugar sector

(in EUR)

CN code	Amount of the representative price in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the additional duty in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the duty to be applied to imports in 100 kg net of the product in question because of suspension as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 ⁽²⁾
1703 10 00 ⁽¹⁾	6,63	0,14	—
1703 90 00 ⁽¹⁾	7,07	0,09	—

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.

⁽²⁾ This amount replaces, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, the rate of the Common Customs Tariff duty fixed for these products.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 63/2000**of 12 January 2000****fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar for the 22nd partial invitation to tender issued within the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 of 7 July 1999 on a standing invitation to tender to determine levies and/or refunds on exports of white sugar ⁽²⁾, requires partial invitations to tender to be issued for the export of this sugar;
- (2) pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 a maximum export refund shall be fixed, as the case may be, account being taken in particular of the state and foreseeable development of the Community

and world markets in sugar, for the partial invitation to tender in question;

- (3) following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the 22nd partial invitation to tender, the provisions set out in Article 1 should be adopted;
- (4) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 22nd partial invitation to tender for white sugar issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 the maximum amount of the export refund is fixed at EUR 52,940/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 172, 8.7.1999, p. 27.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 64/2000
of 12 January 2000
altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 14/2000 ⁽²⁾;
- (2) Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 14/2000 to the information known to the Commission that the export

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, undenatured and exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 14/2000 are hereby altered to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission
Margot WALLSTRÖM
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 3, 6.1.2000, p. 4.

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to the Commission Regulation of 12 January 2000 altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

Product code	Amount of refund
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 11 90 9100	43,38 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	43,72 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9950	⁽²⁾
1701 12 90 9100	43,38 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	43,72 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9950	⁽²⁾
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 91 00 9000	0,4716
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 99 10 9100	47,16
1701 99 10 9910	49,75
1701 99 10 9950	47,53
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 99 90 9100	0,4716

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %; if the yield is other than 92 %, the refund applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999.

⁽²⁾ Fixing suspended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2689/85 (OJ L 255, 26. 9. 1985, p. 12), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3251/85 (OJ L 309, 21. 11. 1985, p. 14).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 65/2000
of 12 January 2000
on the issuing of import licences for bananas under the tariff quotas and for traditional ACP
bananas for the first quarter of 2000 (second period)
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 of 13 February 1993 on the common organisation of the market in bananas ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2362/98 of 28 October 1998 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 regarding imports of bananas into the Community ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 756/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 18(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of, and the Annex to, Commission Regulation (EC) No 2697/1999 ⁽⁵⁾ fix the quantities available for the first quarter of 2000 under the second period for the submission of applications provided for in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2362/98;
- (2) pursuant to Article 18(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2362/98, on the basis of applications submitted during the second period, the quantities for which licences may be

issued for the origins concerned should be determined forthwith;

- (3) this Regulation should apply immediately to permit licences to be issued as quickly as possible,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences shall be issued under the arrangements for the importation of bananas, tariff quotas arrangements and arrangements for traditional ACP bananas for the first quarter of 2000 (second period) in respect of new applications as referred to in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2362/98:

1. for the quantity indicated in the licence application multiplied, for the origin 'Panama', by the reduction coefficient 0,3606;
2. for the quantity indicated in the licence application for an origin other than that mentioned in point 1.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 47, 25.2.1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 293, 31.10.1998, p. 32.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 98, 13.4.1999, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 326, 18.12.1999, p. 47.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 66/2000
of 12 January 2000
fixing the export refunds on olive oil

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Article 3 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that, where prices within the Community are higher than world market prices, the difference between these prices may be covered by a refund when olive oil is exported to third countries;
- (2) Whereas the detailed rules for fixing and granting export refunds on olive oil are contained in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 616/72 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2962/77 ⁽⁴⁾;
- (3) Whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that the refund must be the same for the whole Community;
- (4) Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (4) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the refund for olive oil must be fixed in the light of the existing situation and outlook in relation to olive oil prices and availability on the Community market and olive oil prices on the world market; whereas, however, where the world market situation is such that the most favourable olive oil prices cannot be determined, account may be taken of the price of the main competing vegetable oils on the world market and the difference recorded between that price and the price of olive oil during a representative period; whereas the amount of the refund may not exceed the difference between the price of olive oil in the Community and that on the world market, adjusted, where appropriate,

to take account of export costs for the products on the world market;

- (5) Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (3) third indent, point (b) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, it may be decided that the refund shall be fixed by tender; whereas the tendering procedure should cover the amount of the refund and may be limited to certain countries of destination, quantities, qualities and presentations;
- (6) Whereas the second indent of Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that the refund on olive oil may be varied according to destination where the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets make this necessary;
- (7) Whereas the refund must be fixed at least once every month; whereas it may, if necessary, be altered in the intervening period;
- (8) Whereas it follows from applying these detailed rules to the present situation on the market in olive oil and in particular to olive oil prices within the Community and on the markets of third countries that the refund should be as set out in the Annex hereto;
- (9) Whereas the Management Committee for Oils and Fats has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 (2) (c) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 78, 31.3.1972, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 348, 30.12.1977, p. 53.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 12 January 2000 fixing the export refunds on olive oil

(EUR/100 kg)

Product code	Amount of refund ⁽¹⁾
1509 10 90 9100	0,00
1509 10 90 9900	0,00
1509 90 00 9100	0,00
1509 90 00 9900	0,00
1510 00 90 9100	0,00
1510 00 90 9900	0,00

⁽¹⁾ For destinations mentioned in Article 34 of amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87 (OJ L 351, 14.12.1987, p. 1), as well as for exports to third countries.

NB: The product codes and the footnotes are defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 67/2000
of 12 January 2000
fixing export refunds on fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 35(3) thereof,

(1) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1303/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules on export refunds on fruit and vegetables;

(2) Whereas Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, provides that, to the extent necessary for economically significant quantities of the products listed in that Article to be exported, the difference between the international market prices for those products and their prices in the Community may be covered by export refunds;

(3) Whereas Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that refunds must be fixed in the light of the existing situation or the outlook for fruit and vegetable prices on the Community market and supplies available on the one hand, and prices on the international market on the other hand; whereas account must also be taken of the costs referred to in Article 35(4)(b) of that Regulation and of the economic aspect of the exports planned;

(4) Whereas, pursuant to Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, refunds are to be set with due regard to the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty;

(5) Whereas, in accordance with Article 35(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, prices on the Community market are to be established in the light of the most favourable prices from the export standpoint; whereas international trade prices are to be established in the light of the prices referred to in the second subparagraph of that paragraph;

(6) Whereas the international trade situation or the special requirements of certain markets may call for the refund on a given product to vary according to its destination;

(7) Whereas tomatoes, lemons, oranges of classes Extra, I and II of the common quality standards, shelled almonds, hazelnuts and walnuts in shell can currently be exported in economically significant quantities;

(8) Whereas the application of the abovementioned rules to the present and forecast market situation, and in particular to fruit and vegetable prices in the Community and international trade, gives the refund rates set out in the Annex hereto;

(9) Whereas, pursuant to Article 35(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, the resources available should be used as efficiently as possible while avoiding discrimination between traders; whereas, therefore, care should be taken not to disturb the trade flows previously induced by the refund arrangements; whereas, for those reasons and because of the seasonal nature of exports of fruit and vegetables, quotas should be fixed for each product;

(10) Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2765/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, establishes an agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds;

(11) Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/1999 ⁽⁸⁾, lays down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products;

(12) Whereas, owing to the market situation, in order to make the most efficient use of the resources available and given the structure of Community exports, the most appropriate method should be selected for export refunds on certain products and certain destinations and consequently refunds under the A1 and A2 licence arrangements referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 should not be fixed simultaneously for the export period in question;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 155, 22.6.1999, p. 29.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 338, 30.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 48.

- (13) Whereas the quantities laid down for the various products should be distributed in accordance with the different systems for the grant of the refund, taking account in particular of their perishability;
- (14) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,
2. Quantities covered by licences issued for food aid as referred to in Article 14a of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall not count against the eligible quantities covered by the Annex.
3. Without prejudice to the application of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, the term of validity of A1 and A2 licences shall be two months.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The export refunds on fruit and vegetables shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 17 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

EXPORT REFUNDS ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Product (full definitions of eligible products are given in the 'Fruit and vegetables' sector of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 amended)	Product code	Destination or destination group ⁽¹⁾	System Application periods					
			A1 17.1 to 9.3.2000		A2 18 to 20.1.2000		B 24.1 to 16.3.2000	
			Refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)
Tomatoes	0702 00 00 9100	A00	20		20	5 750	20	4 395
Shelled almonds	0802 12 90 9000	A00	50	215			50	349
Hazelnuts in shell	0802 21 00 9000	A00	59	12				
Shelled hazelnuts	0802 22 00 9000	A00	114	997			114	1 195
Walnuts in shell	0802 31 00 9000	A00	73	86			73	7
Oranges	0805 10 10 9100 0805 10 30 9100 0805 10 50 9100	A00	50		50	49 614	50	103 469
Lemons	0805 30 10 9100	A00	45		45	19 856	45	20 086

⁽¹⁾ The destination codes are defined as follows:

A00: All destinations.

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 1999/98/EC**of 15 December 1999****adapting to technical progress Directive 96/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the protection of occupants of motor vehicles in the event of a frontal impact****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/156/EEC of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailer ⁽¹⁾ as, last amended by Directive 98/91/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 13 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Directive 96/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on the protection of occupants, of motor vehicles in the event of a frontal impact and amending Directive 70/156/EEC ⁽³⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 96/79/EC is one of the separate directives under the Community approval procedure introduced by Council Directive 70/156/EEC. The provisions of Directive 70/156/EEC concerning vehicle systems, components and separate technical units thus apply to the present Directive.
- (2) In implementation of Article 4(b) of Directive 96/79/EC, the Commission was to re-examine and, if appropriate, amend Appendix 7 to Annex II to that same Directive in order to take account of the assessment tests on the heel of the Hybrid III dummy, including the tests on vehicles.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Adaptation to Technical Progress set up by Directive 70/156/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex II to Directive 96/79/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. From 1 October 2000, Member States may not, for reasons relating to the tests to assess the heel of the Hybrid III dummy:

- either refuse EC approval for a new type of vehicle,
- or prohibit the registration, sale or placing in service of a vehicle,

if the tests to assess the heel of the Hybrid III dummy meet the requirements of Directive 96/79/EC, as amended by this Directive.

2. From 1 April 2001, Member States may no longer grant EC approval for a type of vehicle in pursuance of Article 4 of Directive 70/156/EEC if the provisions of Directive 96/79/EC, as amended by this Directive, are not complied with.

Article 3

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary in order to comply with this Directive by 30 September 2000 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive

Article 4

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

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 December 1999.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 42, 23.2.1970, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 11, 16.1.1999, p. 25.
⁽³⁾ OJ L 18, 21.1.1997, p. 7.

ANNEX

Annex II to Directive 96/79/EC is amended as follows:

1. Item 2.9.2 of Appendix 3 shall be replaced by the following:

‘2.9.2. A size 11XW shoe, which meets the configuration size, sole and heel thickness specifications of the US military standard MIL-S 13192, change “P” and whose weight is $0,57 \pm 0,1$ kg, shall be placed and fastened on each foot of the test dummies.’

2. Appendix 7 shall be replaced by the following:

‘Appendix 7

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE DUMMY LOWER LEG AND FOOT

1. UPPER FOOT IMPACT TEST

- 1.1. The objective of this test is to measure the response of the Hybrid III foot and ankle to well-defined, hard faced pendulum impacts.

- 1.2. The complete Hybrid III lower leg assembly, left (86-5001-001) and right (86-5001-002), equipped with the foot and ankle assembly, left (78051-614) and right (78051-615), shall be used, including the knee assembly. The load cell simulator (78051-319 Rev A) shall be used to secure the knee assembly (78051-16 Rev B) to the test fixture.

1.3. Test procedure

- 1.3.1. Each leg assembly shall be maintained (soaked) for four hours prior to the test at a temperature of $22^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $40 (\pm 30 \%)$. The soak period shall not include the time required to reach steady state conditions.

- 1.3.2. Clean the impact surface of the skin and also the impactor face with isopropyl alcohol or equivalent prior to the test. Dust with talc.

- 1.3.3. Align the impactor accelerometer with its sensitive axis parallel to the direction of impact at contact with the foot.

- 1.3.4. Mount the leg assembly to the fixture shown in Figure 1. The test fixture shall be rigidly secured to prevent movement during impact. The centre line of the femur load cell simulator (78051-319) shall be vertical ($\pm 0,5^{\circ}$). Adjust the mount such that the line joining the knee clevis joint and the ankle attachment bolt is horizontal ($\pm 3^{\circ}$) with the heel resting on two sheets of a flat low friction (PTFE sheet) surface. Ensure that the tibia flesh is located fully towards the knee end of the tibia. Adjust the ankle such that the plane of the underside of the foot is vertical and perpendicular to the direction of impact ($\pm 3^{\circ}$) and such that the mid sagittal plane of the foot is aligned with the pendulum arm. Adjust the knee joint to $1,5 (\pm 0,5)$ g range before each test. Adjust the ankle joint so that it is free and then tighten just sufficiently to keep the foot stable on the PTFE sheet.

- 1.3.5. The rigid impactor comprises a horizontal cylinder diameter $50 (\pm 2)$ mm and a pendulum support arm diameter 19 ± 1 mm (Figure 4). The cylinder has a mass of $1,25 (\pm 0,02)$ kg including instrumentation and any part of the support arm within the cylinder. The pendulum arm has a mass of $285 (\pm 5)$ g. The mass of any rotating part of the axle to which the support arm is attached should not be greater than 100 g. The length between the central horizontal axis of the impactor cylinder and the axis of rotation of the whole pendulum shall be $125 (\pm 1)$ mm. The impact cylinder is mounted with its longitudinal axis horizontal and perpendicular to the direction of impact. The pendulum shall impact the underside of the foot, at a distance of $185 (\pm 2)$ mm from the base of the heel resting on the rigid horizontal platform, so that the longitudinal centre line of the pendulum arm falls within 1° of a vertical line at impact. The impactor shall be guided to exclude significant lateral, vertical or rotational movement.

- 1.3.6. Allow a period of at least 30 minutes between successive tests on the same leg.

- 1.3.7. The data acquisition system, including transducers, shall conform to the specifications for CFC 600, as described in Appendix 5 of this Annex.

1.4. Performance specification

- 1.4.1. When each ball of the foot is impacted at $6,7 (\pm 0,1)$ m/s in accordance with paragraph 1.3, the maximum lower tibia bending momentum about the y-axis (M_y) shall be 120 ± 25 Nm.

2. LOWER FOOT IMPACT TEST WITHOUT SHOE

- 2.1. The objective of this test is to measure the response of the Hybrid III foot skin and insert to well-defined, hard faced pendulum impacts.

- 2.2. The complete Hybrid III lower leg assembly, left (86-5001-001) and right (86-5001-002), equipped with the foot and ankle assembly, left (78051-614) and right (78051-615), shall be used, including the knee assembly. The load cell simulator (78051-319 Rev A) shall be used to secure the knee assembly (78051-16 Rev B) to the test fixture.

2.3. Test procedure

- 2.3.1. Each leg assembly shall be maintained (soaked) for four hours prior to the test at a temperature of $22 (\pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $40 (\pm 30) \%$. The soak period shall not include the time required to reach steady state conditions.
- 2.3.2. Clean the impact surface of the skin and also the impactor face with isopropyl alcohol or equivalent prior to the test. Dust with talc. Check that there is no visible damage to the energy absorbing insert to the heel.
- 2.3.3. Align the impactor accelerometer with its sensitive axis parallel to the impactor longitudinal centre line.
- 2.3.4. Mount the leg assembly to the fixture shown in Figure 2. The test fixture shall be rigidly secured to prevent movement during impact. The centre line of the femur load cell simulator (78051-319) shall be vertical ($\pm 0,5^\circ$). Adjust the mount such that the line joining the knee clevis joint and the ankle attachment bolt is horizontal ($\pm 3^\circ$) with the heel resting on two sheets of a flat low friction (PTFE sheet) surface. Ensure that the tibia flesh is located fully towards the knee end of the tibia. Adjust the ankle such that the plane of the underside of the foot is vertical and perpendicular to the direction of impact and such that the mid sagittal plane of the foot is aligned with the pendulum arm. Adjust the knee joint to $1,5 (\pm 0,5) \text{ g}$ range before each test. Adjust the ankle joint so that it is free and then tighten just sufficiently to keep the foot stable on the PTFE sheet.
- 2.3.5. The rigid impactor comprises a horizontal cylinder diameter $50 (\pm 2) \text{ mm}$ and a pendulum support arm diameter $19 (\pm 1) \text{ mm}$ (Figure 4). The cylinder has a mass of $1,25 (\pm 0,02) \text{ kg}$ including instrumentation and any part of the support arm within the cylinder. The pendulum arm has a mass of $285 (\pm 5) \text{ g}$. The mass of any rotating part of the axle to which the support arm is attached should not be greater than 100 g . The length between the central horizontal axis of the impactor cylinder and the axis of rotation of the whole pendulum shall be $1\,250 (\pm 1) \text{ mm}$. The impact cylinder is mounted with its longitudinal axis horizontal and perpendicular to the direction of impact. The pendulum shall impact the underside of the foot, at a distance of $62 (\pm 2) \text{ mm}$ from the base of the heel resting on the rigid horizontal platform, so that the longitudinal centre line of the pendulum arm falls within 1° of a vertical line at impact. The impactor shall be guided to exclude significant lateral, vertical or rotational movement.
- 2.3.6. Allow a period of at least 30 minutes between successive tests on the same leg.
- 2.3.7. The data acquisition system, including transducers, shall conform to the specifications for CFC 600, as described in Appendix 5 of this Annex.

2.4. Performance specification

- 2.4.1. When each heel of the foot is impacted at $4,4 \pm 0,1 \text{ m/s}$ in accordance with paragraph 2.3, the maximum impactor acceleration shall be $295 \pm 50 \text{ g}$.

3. LOWER FOOT IMPACT TEST (WITH SHOE)

- 3.1. The objective of this test is to control the response of the Shoe and Hybrid III heel flesh and ankle joint to well-defined hard faced pendulum impacts.
- 3.2. The complete Hybrid III lower leg assembly, left (86-5001-001) and right (86-5001-002), equipped with the foot and ankle assembly, left (78051-614) and right (78051-615), shall be used, including the knee assembly. The load cell simulator (78051-319 Rev A) shall be used to secure the knee assembly (78051-16 Rev B) to the test fixture. The foot shall be fitted with the shoe specified in Annex 2; Appendix 3, paragraph 2.9.2.

3.3. Test procedure

- 3.3.1. Each leg assembly shall be maintained (soaked) for four hours prior to the test at a temperature of $22 (\pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $40 (\pm 30) \%$. The soak period shall not include the time required to reach steady state conditions.
- 3.3.2. Clean the impact surface of the underside of the shoe with a clean cloth and the impactor face with isopropyl alcohol or equivalent prior to the test. Check that there is no visible damage to the energy absorbing insert to the heel.
- 3.3.3. Align the impactor accelerometer with its sensitive axis parallel to the impactor longitudinal centre line.

- 3.3.4. Mount the leg assembly to the fixture shown in Figure 3. The test fixture shall be rigidly secured to prevent movement during impact. The centre line of the femur load cell simulator (78051-319) shall be vertical ($\pm 0,5$). Adjust the mount such that the line joining the knee clevis joint and the ankle attachment bolt is horizontal ($\pm 3^\circ$) with the heel of the shoe resting on two sheets of a flat low friction (PTFE sheet) surface. Ensure that the tibia flesh is located fully towards the knee end of the tibia. Adjust the ankle such that a plane in contact with the heel and sole of the underside of the shoe is vertical and perpendicular to the direction of impact ($\pm 3^\circ$) and such that the mid sagittal plane of the foot, and shoe is aligned with the pendulum arm. Adjust the knee joint to $1,5 (\pm 0,5)$ g range before each test. Adjust the ankle joint so that it is free and then tighten just sufficiently to keep the foot stable on the PTFE sheet.
- 3.3.5. The rigid impactor comprises a horizontal cylinder diameter $50 (\pm 2)$ mm and a pendulum support arm diameter $19 (\pm 1)$ mm (Figure 4). The cylinder has a mass of $1,25 (\pm 0,02)$ kg including instrumentation and any part of the support arm within the cylinder. The pendulum arm has a mass of $285 (\pm 5)$ g. The mass of any rotating part of the axle to which the support arm is attached should not be greater than 100 g. The length between the central horizontal axis of the impactor cylinder and the axis of rotation of the whole pendulum shall be $1\,250 \pm 1$ mm. The impact cylinder is mounted with its longitudinal axis horizontal and perpendicular to the direction of impact. The pendulum shall impact the heel of the shoe in a horizontal plane which is a distance of 62 ± 2 mm above the base of the dummy heel when the shoe is resting on the rigid horizontal platform, so that the longitudinal centre line of the pendulum arm falls within one degree of a vertical line at impact. The impactor shall be guided to exclude.
- 3.3.6. Allow a period of at least 30 minutes between successive tests on the same leg.
- 3.3.7. The data acquisition system, including transducers, shall conform to the specifications for CFC 600, as described in Appendix 5 of this Annex.
- 3.4. **Performance specification**
- 3.4.1. When the heel of the shoe is impacted at $6,7 (\pm 0,1)$ m/s in accordance with paragraph 3.3, the maximum Tibia compressive force (F_z) shall be $3,3 (\pm 0,5)$ kN.

Figure 1
Upper foot impact test
Test set-up specifications

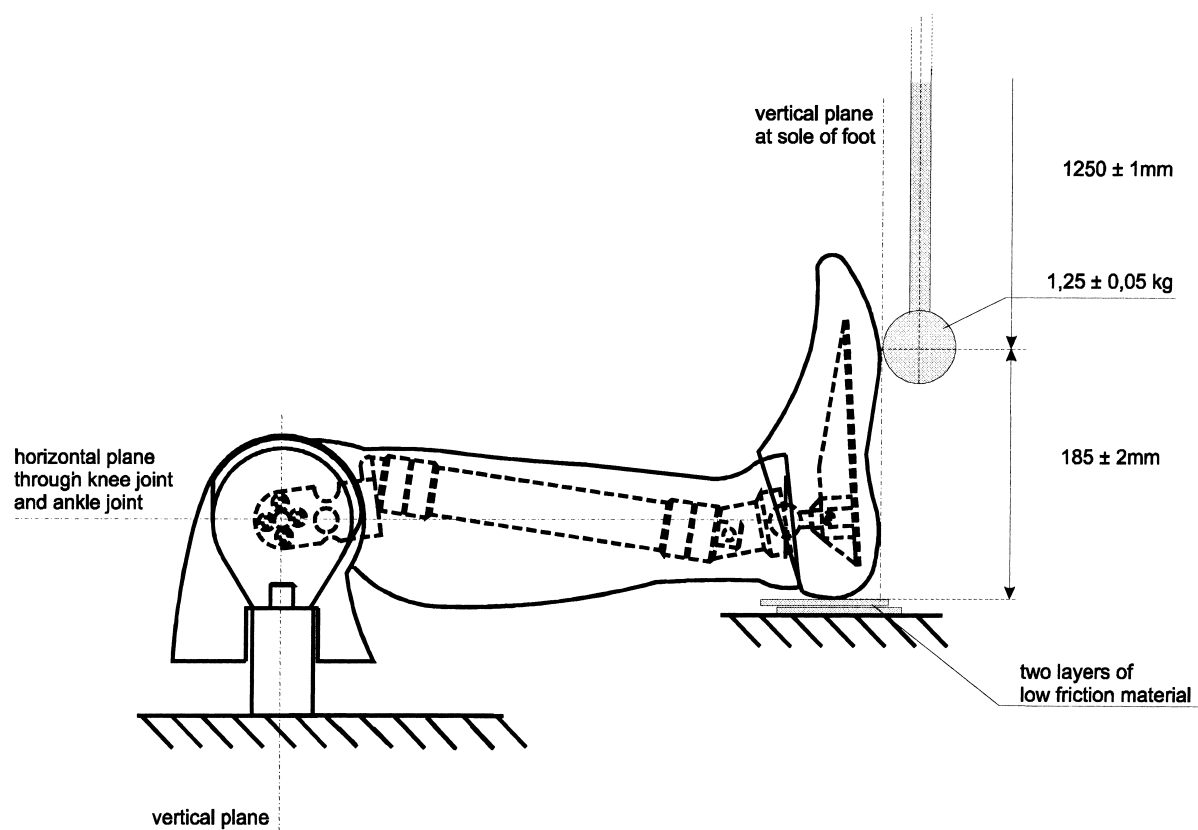


Figure 2

Lower foot impact test (without shoe)

Test set-up specifications

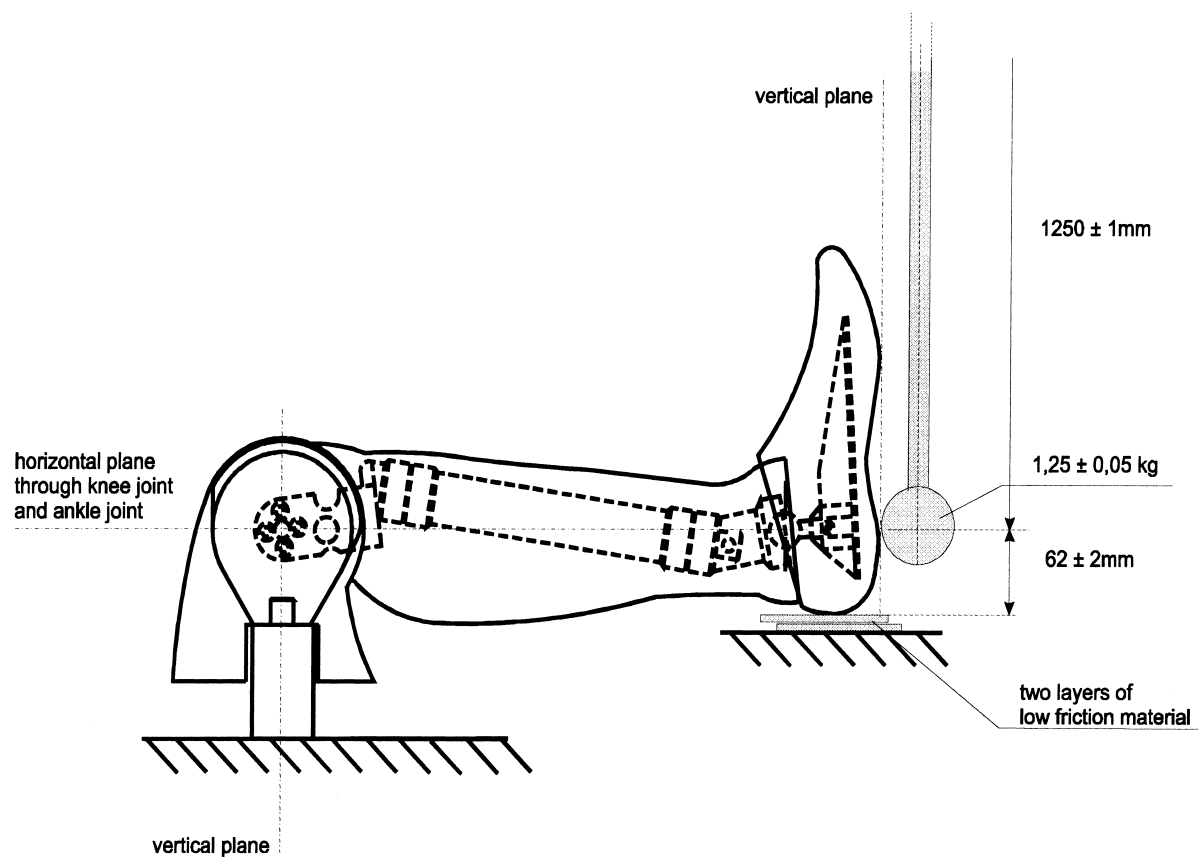


Figure 3

Lower foot impact test (with shoe)

Test set-up specifications

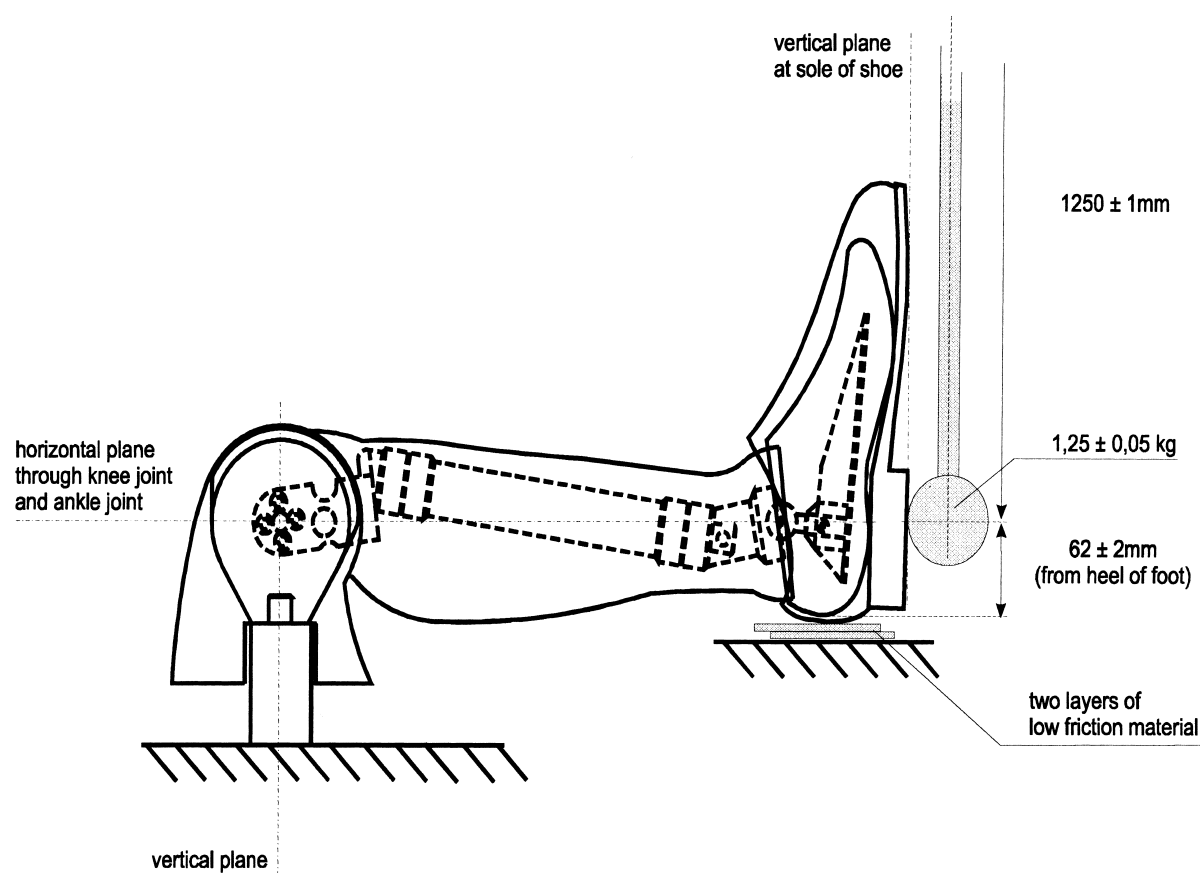
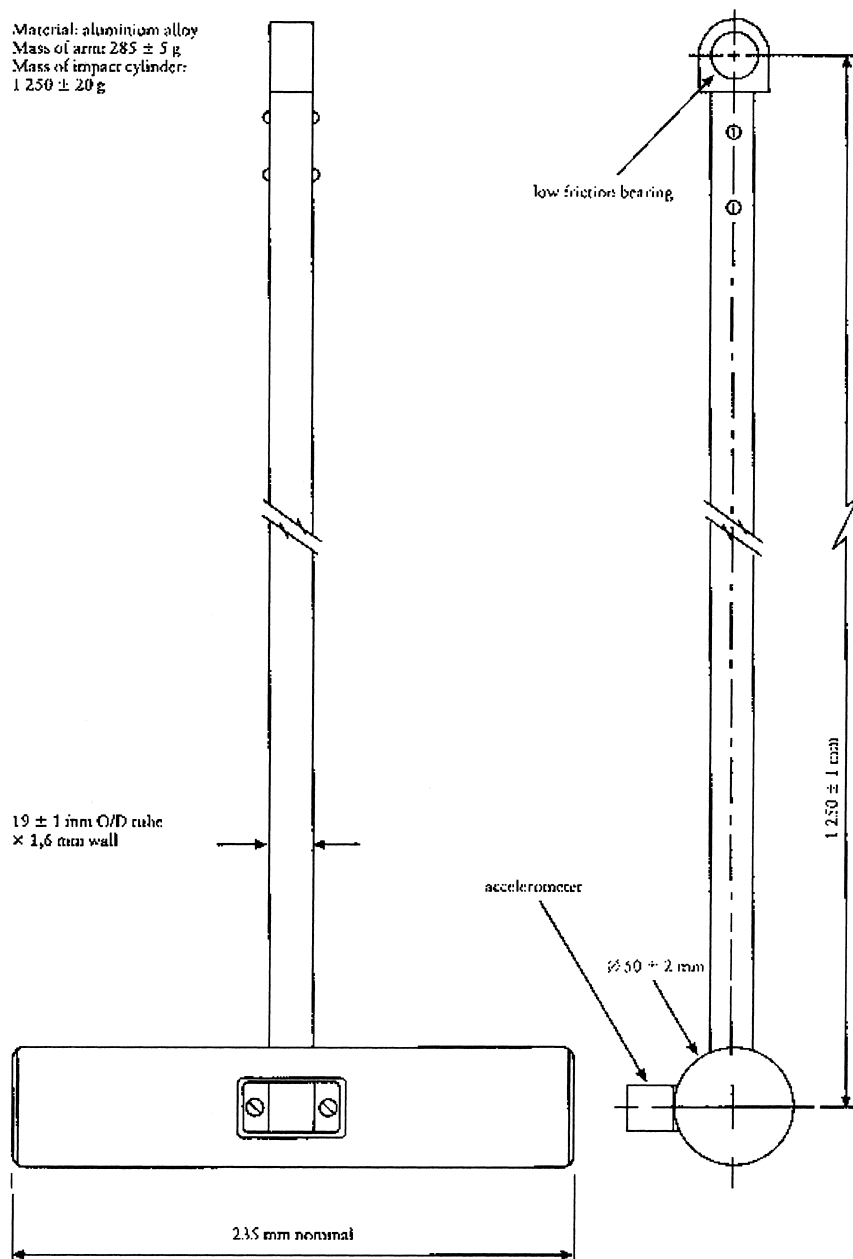


Figure 4

Pendulum impactor

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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 December 1999

on the improvement of information on the Council's legislative activities and the public register of Council documents

(2000/23/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to its Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Article 1

Whereas:

The General Secretariat of the Council shall make accessible to the public a list of the items on the provisional agendas of meetings of the Council and its preparatory bodies referring to cases where the Council acts in its legislative capacity, as defined in Article 6 of its Rules of Procedure.

(1) Openness is vital for democracy and accountability within the European Union and information to the public is one of the instruments to enhance such openness;

This list shall include references to the documents considered in respect of those items. It shall be available in advance of the respective meeting and be updated in case of any changes.

(2) Without prejudice to Council Decision 93/731/EC of 20 December 1993 on public access to Council documents⁽¹⁾ and to the principles and limits governing the right of access to documents to be adopted under Article 255 of the Treaty establishing the European Community:

Article 2

- further efforts should be made to improve information on the Council's legislative activities as defined in Article 6 of its Rules of Procedure,
- measures should be taken to enhance further the performance of the public register of Council documents accessible on the Internet (<http://ue.eu.int>) since 1 January 1999,
- the Council's internal procedures for public access to its documents should be further rationalised by using information technologies and avoiding excessive bureaucracy,

The public register of Council documents shall also include references to the document number and the subject matter of classified documents. No reference shall be made to the subject matter if disclosure of this information could undermine:

- the protection of the public interest (public security, international relations, monetary stability, court proceedings, inspections and investigations),
- the protection of the individual and of privacy,
- the protection of commercial and industrial secrecy,
- the protection of the Community's financial interests,
- the protection of confidentiality as requested by the natural or legal person who supplied any of the information contained in the document or as required by the legislation of the Member State which supplied any of that information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 340, 31.12.1993, p. 43. Decision as amended by Decision 96/705/EC, ECSC, Euratom (OJ L 325, 14.12.1996, p. 19).

Article 3

As soon as the necessary technical preparations have been made and at the latest by 1 July 2000, it shall be indicated in the register which documents have already been released to the public, and their content shall be made available on the Internet.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal.

It shall take effect as from 1 January 2000.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

T. HALONEN

**COUNCIL DECISION
of 22 December 1999**

granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects outside the Community (Central and Eastern Europe, Mediterranean countries, Latin America and Asia and the Republic of South Africa)

(2000/24/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 308 thereof,

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

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

Whereas:

- (1) The European Council meeting in Madrid on 15 and 16 December 1995 confirmed the importance of the European Investment Bank, hereinafter referred to as 'the EIB', as an instrument of cooperation between the Community and Latin America and called on the EIB to intensify its activities in the region; whereas these projects should be of interest to both the Community and the countries concerned;
- (2) The European Council meeting in Florence on 21 and 22 June 1996 welcomed the results of the Asia-Europe summit, which marked a turning-point in relations between the two continents;
- (3) The European Council meeting in Amsterdam on 16 and 17 June 1997 welcomed the conclusions adopted at the Second Euro-Mediterranean Conference, which was held at Valletta, Malta, on 15 and 16 April 1997 and reaffirmed the principles and objectives agreed at Barcelona in 1995;
- (4) The European Council meeting in Luxembourg on 12 and 13 December 1997 launched the enlargement process with the Central and Eastern European countries and Cyprus;
- (5) The European Council meeting in Cardiff on 15 and 16 June 1998 welcomed the efforts which the Republic of South Africa was making to modernise its economy and integrate it into the world trading system;
- (6) The EIB is completing the current loan programmes for Central and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean region, Asia and Latin America and the Republic of South Africa pursuant to Decision 97/256/EC ⁽³⁾, as well as the lending that is governed by the Protocol on Financial Cooperation with the Former Yugoslav Republic of

Macedonia, according to Council Decision 98/348/EC ⁽⁴⁾;

- (7) The Council has invited the EIB to start operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina; these operations may be continued, subject to a positive report being drawn up as stipulated in Decision 98/729/EC ⁽⁵⁾;
- (8) Although Bosnia-Herzegovina and FYROM have been included in the Central and Eastern Europe region since the adoption of Decision 97/256/EC, the EIB's total lending effort to applicant countries within this region should increase given the importance of the pre-accession facility the EIB plans to create for EIB lending for projects in these countries without a guarantee from the Community budget or Member States;
- (9) In these circumstances, the EIB should ensure that its guaranteed lending within the Central and Eastern Europe mandate will finance particularly projects in those countries which have fewer projects suitable for financing from the pre-accession facility or projects in non-applicant countries;
- (10) The Cooperation Agreements between the European Community and Nepal, between the European Community and Lao PDR and between the European Community and Yemen entered into force on 1 June 1996, 1 December 1997 and on 1 July 1998 respectively; the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and South Korea was signed on 28 October 1996; whereas Nepal, Yemen, Lao PDR and South Korea should become beneficiaries of EIB funding under the EIB's mandate for Asia and Latin America;
- (11) It is appropriate to make certain improvements in the programmes of operations in respect of duration and country coverage; it is appropriate to adjust the blanket guarantee rate and the portion of lending for which the EIB is invited to cover the commercial risk from non-sovereign guarantees;
- (12) The Council is calling on the EIB to continue its operations in support of investment projects carried out in those countries by offering it the guarantee provided for in this Decision;
- (13) In June 1996, the Commission, in agreement with the EIB, presented to the Council a proposal for a new guarantee system for EIB lending to third countries;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 145, 26.5.1999, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 19 November 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 102, 19.4.1997, p. 33. Decision as last amended by Decision 98/729/EC (OJ L 346, 22.12.1998, p. 54).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 155, 29.5.1998, p. 53.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 346, 22.12.1998, p. 54.

(14) On 2 December 1996 the Council approved conclusions on new guarantee arrangements for EIB lending to third countries, according to which the approach of a global guarantee, without distinguishing between the regions and projects, is approved and a risk-sharing scheme accepted; under the risk-sharing scheme the EIB should secure adequate non-sovereign third-party guarantees for commercial risks, with the budgetary guarantee in that case covering only political risks arising from currency non transfer, expropriation, war or civil disturbance;

(15) The guarantee arrangements should not affect the excellent credit standing of the EIB;

(16) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1149/99 ⁽¹⁾, revised the target amount and the provisioning rate for the Loan Guarantee Fund established by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2728/94 ⁽²⁾;

(17) The financial perspective for the period 2000 to 2006 according to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽³⁾ envisages a ceiling for the loan guarantee reserve in the Community budget of EUR 200 million per annum;

(18) EIB financing in eligible third countries should be managed, in accordance with the EIB's usual criteria and procedures, including appropriate control measures, as well as with the relevant rules and procedures concerning the Court of Auditors and OLAF, in such a way as to support Community policies and to enhance coordination with the Community's other financial instruments; there is regular consultation between the EIB and the Commission to ensure coordination of priorities and activities in these countries and to measure progress towards the fulfilment of the Community's relevant policy objectives; the setting and periodic review of the operation objectives and the measurement of their fulfilment are the responsibility of the EIB's Board of Directors; in particular, EIB financing in the candidate countries should reflect the priorities established in the accession partnerships between the Community and those countries; thus the transparency of the EIB lending under this Decision should be substantially enhanced;

(19) As from the date on which this Decision takes effect, the Community guarantee covering the special earthquake facility for Turkey under Decision 1999/786/EC ⁽⁴⁾ shall take the form of an extension of the global guarantee under this Decision;

(20) The EIB and the Commission will adopt the procedures for granting the said guarantee;

(21) For the purpose of adopting this Decision, the only powers provided for by the Treaty are those set out in Article 308 thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Community shall grant the EIB a global guarantee in respect of all payments not received by it but due in respect of credits opened, in accordance with its usual criteria, and in support of the Community's relevant external policy objectives, for investment projects carried out in Central and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean countries, Latin America and Asia and the Republic of South Africa.

This guarantee shall be restricted to 65 % of the aggregate amount of the credits opened, plus all related sums. The overall ceiling of the credits opened shall be equivalent to EUR 18 410 million, broken down as follows:

- Central and Eastern Europe:
EUR 8 680 million,
- Mediterranean countries:
EUR 6 425 million,
- Latin America and Asia:
EUR 2 480 million,
- Republic of South Africa:
EUR 825 million;

and shall cover a period of seven years beginning on 1 February 2000 for Central and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean countries, Latin America and Asia and beginning on 1 July 2000 for the Republic of South Africa and ending for all regions on 31 January 2007.

The Commission shall report on the application of this Decision at the latest on 31 January 2004, or six months before any new accession treaties enter into force, and make proposals for amendments of this Decision if appropriate. The Council will discuss and act on any proposal with effect from 1 August 2004, or the date of entry into force of any new accession treaty.

If, on expiry of the guaranteed lending period on 31 January 2007, the loans granted by the EIB have not attained the overall amounts referred to in the second paragraph, this period shall be automatically extended by six months.

2. The countries covered by paragraph 1 are:

- *Central and Eastern Europe*: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia;
- *Mediterranean countries*: Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, and Gaza-West Bank;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 2.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 293, 12.11.1994, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 308, 3.12.1999, p. 35.

- *Latin America*: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela;
- *Asia*: Bangladesh, Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and Yemen;
- Republic of South Africa.

3. The EIB is hereby invited to aim to cover the commercial risk on 30 % of its lending under this Decision from non-sovereign guarantees as far as possible on an individual regional mandate basis. This percentage shall be expanded upon whenever possible insofar as the market permits.

Article 2

The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council each year of the loan operations and progress made on risk-sharing under Article 1(3) and shall, at the same time, submit an assessment of the operation of the scheme and of coordination between the financial institutions operating in that area. The Commission information submitted to the European Parliament and the Council shall include an assessment of the contribution of the lending under this Decision to the

fulfilment of the Community's relevant external policy objectives, taking into account the operational objectives and appropriate measurements of their fulfilment to be established by the EIB for lending under this Decision.

For the purposes referred to in the first subparagraph, the EIB shall transmit to the Commission the appropriate information.

Article 3

The EIB and the Commission shall fix the terms on which the guarantee is to be given.

Article 4

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

K. HEMILÄ

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION of 16 December 1999

establishing the detailed rules for the application of Article 9 of Council Directive 97/78/EC concerning the transhipment of products at a Border Inspection Post where the consignments are intended for eventual import into the European Community, and amending Commission Decision 93/14/EEC

(notified under document number C(1999) 4506)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/25/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽¹⁾, and particularly Article 9(2), thereof,

When consignments of products are presented at a border inspection post for subsequent transhipment, the person responsible for the load must notify the official veterinarian responsible at the border inspection post, at the time of arrival and by a means fixed by the competent authority, of the estimated time of unloading of the consignment, the border inspection post of destination, and if necessary the exact location of the consignment.

Article 2

In order to apply Article 9(1)(b)(i) of Directive 97/78/EC:

- (1) Whereas it is important that the official veterinarian responsible at a border inspection post receives appropriate information in the case of consignments of products that are transhipped before being introduced into the EU at another border inspection post;
- (2) Whereas it is appropriate to define the time periods which specify the veterinary checks required to be carried out;
- (3) Whereas it is important to specify that the consignments of products must be submitted to the full range of veterinary checks laid down after the end of the maximum period envisaged;
- (4) Whereas the existing rules for transhipment of consignments at a border inspection post are laid down in Article 4 of Commission Decision 93/14/EEC ⁽²⁾ and must be repealed and replaced by this Decision;

- for an airport the minimum period shall be 12 hours and the maximum period shall be 48 hours;
- for a seaport the minimum period shall be seven days and the maximum period shall be 20 days.

Article 3

In cases where the maximum period defined in Article 2 has elapsed the consignment must be submitted to the checks laid down in Article 4 of Directive 97/78/EC, at the border inspection post of introduction.

Article 4

Article 4 of Decision 93/14/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 5

The present decision shall apply from 1 January 2000.

- (5) Whereas the measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 9, 15.1.1993, p. 42.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 1999.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION
of 21 December 1999
amending Decision 87/293/EEC authorising methods for grading pig carcasses in Ireland

(notified under document number C(1999) 4741)

(Only the English text is authentic)

(2000/26/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in pigment ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission, by Decision 87/293/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 98/284/EC ⁽⁶⁾, has authorised different methods for grading pig carcasses in Ireland.
- (2) The Irish Government has requested the Commission to remove the method 'Introscope/midline' from the list of authorised methods for grading pig carcasses in Ireland, as the said method is no longer used to grade pig carcasses in Ireland.
- (3) Decision 87/293/EEC should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 87/293/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The third indent of Article 1 is deleted.
2. Part 3 of the Annex is deleted.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 301, 20.11.1984, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 146, 6.6.1987, p. 66.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 128, 30.4.1998, p. 69.

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EC) No 1308/1999 of 15 June 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin**

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 156 of 23 June 1999)

On page 3 in Article 1(6), last line of new Article 12:

for: '... Annexes I and II,'

read: '... Annexes I and III.'

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EC) No 1599/1999 of 12 July 1999 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in India and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in the Republic of Korea

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 189 of 22 July 1999)

On page 17, in Article 1(2), first column of the table, third line:

for: '... Reary Road, ...',

read: '... Reay Road, ...';

fifteenth line:

for: '... Taredo Road, ...',

read: '... Tardeo Road, ...';

and nineteenth line:

for: '... 400 001, ...',

read: '... 452 001, ...'.

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EC) No 1600/1999 of 12 July 1999 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in India and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in the Republic of Korea

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 189 of 22 July 1999)

On page 24, in Article 1(2), first column of the table, third line:

for: '... Reary Road, ...',

read: '... Reay Road, ...';

and fifteenth line:

for: '... Taredo Road, ...',

read: '... Tardeo Road, ...'.

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EC) No 1601/1999 of 12 July 1999 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in India and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in the Republic of Korea

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 189 of 22 July 1999)

On page 41, in Article 1(2), first column of the table, tenth line:

for: '... Taredo Road, ...',

read: '... Tardeo Road, ...'.
