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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, ECSC, EURATOM) No 212/2000
of 24 January 2000**

adjusting the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission in Austria, Finland and Sweden laid down in Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 283 thereof,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities laid down by Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) ECSC No 2700/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations and Articles 22 and 67 of the Conditions of Employment,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the rates of the daily subsistence allowance for officials on mission should be adjusted in order to take account of the changes in prices and exchange rates recorded in Austria, Finland and Sweden since 1991,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations shall be amended as follows:

1. The amounts for Austria, Finland and Sweden in the scale in paragraph 1(a) shall be replaced by the following:

(in EUR)

Member States	I	II	III
	Grades A1 to A3 and LA3	Grades A4 to A8, LA4 to LA8 and B grades	Other grades
Austria	74,47	121,81	121,81
Finland	92,34	155,60	155,60
Sweden	92,91	156,54	156,54

2. The amounts for Austria, Finland and Sweden in the first sentence in paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

EUR 128,58 for Austria;
EUR 140,98 for Finland;
EUR 141,77 for Sweden.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

L. CAPOULAS SANTOS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 213/2000**of 24 January 2000****adopting autonomous and transitional measures concerning the importation of certain processed agricultural products originating in Latvia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 26/1999⁽¹⁾ was adopted pending adaptation of the respective Protocols 2 of the Europe Agreements concluded with the Baltic States in order to maintain until 31 December 1999 the degree of preference already granted following the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of negotiations in the agriculture sector;
- (2) The procedures for formal adoption of the Adaptation Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Europe Agreement with Latvia, hereinafter referred to as the 'Adaptation Protocol', may not be completed in time for it to enter into force on 1 January 2000; it is therefore necessary to provide for the extension of the concessions made to Latvia on an autonomous basis until 31 December 2000;
- (3) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation in the event of suspension should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁽²⁾;
- (4) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93⁽³⁾ consolidated the arrangements for managing tariff quotas, which are to be used in the chronological order of the dates of acceptance of the declarations for release for free circulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 2000 the goods originating in Latvia in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to the annual tariff quotas and preferential customs duties indicated in

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 26/1999 of 21 December 1998 adopting autonomous and transitional measures for Europe Agreements with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in certain processed agricultural products (OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽³⁾ Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/99 (OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p. 25).

that Annex. The basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable to imports into the Community are given in Annex II.

Article 2

If Latvia discontinues the application of the reciprocal measures in favour of the Community, the Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3 of this Regulation, suspend application of the measures provided for in Article 1.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee referred to in Article 15 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93⁽⁴⁾.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 4

1. The concessions applying to trade in processed agricultural products provided for in the Adaptation Protocol concluded with Latvia shall replace the concessions provided for in the respective Annexes to this Regulation:

(a) as from 1 January 2000, if the Adaptation Protocol is in force on that date, or

(b) as from the date of entry into force of the Adaptation Protocol, if the latter enters into force after 1 January 2000.

2. The detailed rules implementing the measures provided for in this Regulation shall also apply in respect of the corresponding measures provided for in the Adaptation Protocol.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 (OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28).

Article 5

The quotas referred to in Annex I to this Regulation shall be managed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Articles 308a to 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

Article 6

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

It shall apply as from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

ANNEX I

Order No	CN code	Description	2000 quota (tonnes)	Preference	
				from 1.1 to 30.6.2000	from 1.7 to 31.12.2000
09.6535	1704 90 30	Sugar confectionery	350	EAR	EAR
	1704 90 51				
	1704 90 55				
	1704 90 61				
	1704 90 65				
	1704 90 71				
	1704 90 75				
	1704 90 81				
	1704 90 99				
09.6536	1806 31 00	Chocolate	700	EAR	EAR
	1806 32 10				
	1806 32 90				
	1806 90				
09.6537	1901 90 11	Food preparations	280	EAR	EAR
	1901 90 19			EAR	EAR
	1901 90 91			7,0 %	6,4 %
	1901 90 99			EAR	EAR
09.6538	1905 30	Biscuits	280	EAR	EAR
09.6527	2104 10	Soups and broths	39	4,9 %	4,5 %
09.6513	2105	Ice-cream	40	EAR	EAR
09.6528	2203 00	Beer	650	2,6 %	0 %

ANNEX II

Basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating agricultural components and additional duties

	from 1.1 to 30.6.2000	from 1.7 to 31.12.2000
	EUR/100 kg	
Trigo blando — Blød hvede — Weichweizen — Μαλακό σιτάρι — Common wheat — Blé tendre — Grano tenero — Zachte tarwe — Trigo mole — Tavallinen vehnä — Vete	7,277	6,653
Trigo duro — Hård hvede — Hartweizen — Σκληρό σιτάρι — Durum wheat — Blé dur — Grano duro — Durum tarwe — Trigo duro — Durumvehnä — Durumvete	11,295	10,326
Centeno — Rug — Roggen — Σίκαλη — Rye — Seigle — Segala — Rogge — Centeio — Ruis — Råg	7,090	6,483
Cebada — Byg — Gerste — Κριθάρι — Barley — Orge — Orzo — Gerst — Cevada — Ohra — Korn	7,090	6,483
Maíz — Majs — Mais — Καλαμπόκι — Maize — Maïs — Granturco — Maïs — Milho — Maissi — Majs	7,193	6,577
Arroz descascarillado de grano largo — Ris, afskallet, langkornet — Reis, langkörnig, geschält — Αποφλοιωμένο ρύζι μακρόσπερμο — Long-grain husked rice — Riz décortiqué à grains longs — Riso semigreggio a grani lunghi — Langkorrelige gedopte rijst — Arroz em películas de grãos longos — Pitkäjyväinen esikuorittu riisi — Ris, skalat långkornigt	20,237	18,502
Leche desnatada en polvo — Skummetmælkspulver — Magermilchpulver — Αποβουτυρωμένο γάλα σε σκόνη — Skimmed-milk powder — Lait écrémé en poudre — Latte scremato in polvere — Mageremelkpoeder — Leite desnatado em pó — Rasvaton maitojauhe — Skummjölkspulver	24,750	23,760
Leche entera en polvo — Sødmælkspulver — Vollmilchpulver — Πλήρες γάλα σε σκόνη — Whole-milk powder — Lait entier en poudre — Latte intero in polvere — Vollemelkpoeder — Leite inteiro em pó — Rasvainen maitojauhe — Mjölkspulver	28,532	26,086
Mantequilla — Smør — Butter — Βούτυρο — Butter — Beurre — Burro — Boter — Manteiga — Voi — Smör	41,467	37,912
Azúcar blanco — Hvidt sukker — Weißzucker — Λευκή ζάχαρη — White sugar — Sucre blanc — Zucchero bianco — Witte suiker — Açúcar branco — Valkoinen sokeri — Vitt socker	30,573	29,350

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 214/2000
of 24 January 2000
on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland

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,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The programmes of the International Fund for Ireland (hereinafter referred to as 'the Fund') encourage cross-border and cross-community cooperation and thereby promote dialogue and reconciliation between nationalists and unionists;
- (2) The Fund is an example of successful Anglo-Irish cooperation in promoting reconciliation between the two communities and their economic and social progress;
- (3) ECU 15 million a year has been provided from the general budget of the European Communities from 1989 until 1995 to support projects of the Fund which have a genuine additional impact in the areas concerned;
- (4) On 31 October 1994 the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 2687/94 on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland ⁽²⁾ for 1995, 1996 and 1997;
- (5) Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2687/94, the amount established as part of the budgetary procedure for each of the years 1995, 1996 and 1997 has been ECU 20 million;
- (6) Pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 2614/97 of 15 December 1997 on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland ⁽³⁾, the amount established as part of the budgetary procedure for each of the years 1998 and 1999 has been ECU 17 million;
- (7) The assessments carried out in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2614/97 have confirmed that the Community's contribution has been used in accordance with the objectives of the Fund and the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of the said Regulation;
- (8) Regulation (EC) No 2614/97 expires on 31 December 1999;
- (9) The peace process in Northern Ireland requires a continuation of Community support beyond that date;

- (10) At its meeting in Berlin on 24 to 25 March 1999, the European Council decided that support for the Fund would be continued for three more years (2000 to 2002) to the amount of EUR 15 million for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 expressed in current values;
- (11) At the said meeting, the European Council decided that the PEACE programme in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland would be continued for five years (2000 to 2004), with an amount of EUR 500 million;
- (12) The Community contribution should be used by the Fund in accordance with the Agreement under which it was established and in priority for projects that are consistent with the activities funded by the PEACE programme for the period 2000 to 2004;
- (13) Such support should take the form of financial contributions for a period of three more years;
- (14) It is vital to ensure proper coordination between the Fund's activities and those financed under Community structural policies;
- (15) Fund assistance will be effective only in so far as it is additional to, and not a substitute for, other public or private expenditure;
- (16) An assessment reviewing the Fund's performance and the need for further support will be drawn up before 1 April 2001;
- (17) This support will contribute to reinforcing the solidarity between the Member States and between their peoples;
- (18) The Treaty provides no powers other than those in Article 308 for the adoption of this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Subject to the annual budget procedure, and in the framework of the EUR 45 million for the period 2000 to 2002, an annual contribution of EUR 15 million shall be made to the fund, for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, in accordance with the second subparagraph of point 34 of 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 ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament delivered on 17 December 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 286, 5.11.1994, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 353, 24.12.1997, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

Article 2

The contribution shall be used by the Fund in accordance with the Agreement under which it was established, in priority for projects of a cross-border or cross-community nature, in particular those consistent with the objectives of the PEACE programme and other operations supported by the Structural Funds.

The contributions shall be used in such a way that they have genuine additional impact on the areas concerned and should not therefore be used as a substitute for other public and private expenditure.

The Commission shall be represented by an observer at the Board meetings of the Fund.

Article 3

The Commission shall ensure coordination between the Fund's activities and those financed by Community structural policies. The Commission shall keep the relevant monitoring committees informed of the activities of the Fund.

Article 4

The Commission shall, in cooperation with the board of the Fund, determine appropriate publicity and information procedures in order to publicise the Community's participation in the projects financed by the Fund.

Article 5

The Commission shall administer the contributions.

The Commission shall submit not later than 1 April 2001 a report to the Budgetary Authority assessing the need for

continuing contributions beyond 2002. This report will cover, *inter alia*, the following matters:

- a survey of the Fund's activities,
- a list of projects which have received aid,
- an assessment of the nature and impact of the interventions, in respect, in particular, of the objectives of the Fund and the criteria laid down in the first and second subparagraphs of Article 2 and in Article 3,
- an annex containing the results of the verifications and controls carried out by the Commission representative or its agents, particularly as regards the modalities of the coordination of the Fund's activities with those carried out under Community structural policies.

Article 6

The annual contribution shall be paid in two parts as follows:

- an advance of 80 % will be paid over after the Chairman of the Board of the Fund has signed the Commission's relevant undertaking relating to grants and has undertaken to use the contribution in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 and after the Commission has received and accepted the annual activity report of the fund and audited accounts in respect of the previous year,
- the remaining 20 % will be paid over after the Commission has received and accepted the annual activity report of the Fund and audited accounts relating to the year for which the Community contribution was made.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000 and shall remain in force until 31 December 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 215/2000**of 24 January 2000****renewing for 2000 the measures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain processed agricultural products**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

1. The measures provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1416/95 shall be renewed to cover 2000.

Whereas:

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 shall be replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 ⁽¹⁾ opened tariff quotas for 1995 in favour of Switzerland and Norway in accordance with the conditions set out in Annexes I and II thereto;

2. If Switzerland and Norway discontinue the application of the reciprocal measures in favour of the Community, the Commission may, in accordance with the management procedure laid down in Article 2(2) of this Regulation, suspend application of the measures provided for in paragraph 1.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 was renewed for 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 by Regulations (EC) No 102/96 ⁽²⁾, No 306/97 ⁽³⁾, No 560/98 ⁽⁴⁾ and No 2847/98 ⁽⁵⁾ respectively;

Article 2

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 ⁽⁶⁾.

(3) It was not possible to conclude additional Protocols before 1 January 2000; in these circumstances and pursuant to Articles 76, 102 and 128 of the 1994 Act of Accession, the Community must adopt the measures required to remedy the situation; therefore, it is necessary to renew the measures provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 for 2000;

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

(4) The measures necessary for the suspension of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Article 2 of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽⁶⁾;

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 3

The Community tariff quotas referred to in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 shall be administered in accordance with Articles 308a to 308c of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

(5) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽⁷⁾ consolidated the arrangements for managing the tariff quotas to be used in chronological order of the dates of acceptance of the declarations for release for free circulation,

Article 4

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 19, 25.1.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 51, 21.2.1997, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 76, 13.3.1998, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 14.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/1999 (OJ L 197, 29.7.1999, p. 25).

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 (OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28).

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

ANNEX I

Preferential tariff quotas opened for 2000

SWITZERLAND

Order No	CN code	Description	Autonomous quotas	Rate of duty applicable
09.0911	1 302 20 10	Pectic substances, pectinates and pectates. Dry	550 tonnes	free
09.0912	2101 11 11	Extracts, essences and concentrates with a coffee-based dry matter content of 95 % or more by weight	1 700 tonnes	free
09.0913	2101 20 20	Extracts, essences and concentrates of tea or maté	120 tonnes	free
09.0914	2106 90 92	Food preparations/other, containing no milk fats, sucrose, isoglucose, glucose or starch or containing, by weight, less than 1,5 % milk fat, 5 % sucrose or isoglucose, 5 % glucose or starch	850 tonnes	free

ANNEX II

Preferential tariff quotas opened for 2000

NORWAY

Order number	CN code	Description	Autonomous quotas	Rate of duty applicable
09.0765	1517 10 90	Margarine, excluding liquid margarine Other	2 470 tonnes	free
09.0766	2102 30 00	Prepared baking powders	150 tonnes	free
09.0767	ex 2103 90 90 (Taric code 90/ 10-90/89)	Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings of CN code 2103 90 90, other than mayonnaise	130 tonnes	free
09.0768	2104 10	Soups and broths and preparations therefor	390 tonnes	free
09.0769	2106 90 92	Food preparations/other, containing no milk fats, sucrose, isoglucose, glucose or starch or containing less than 1,5 % milk fat, 5 % sucrose or isoglucose, 5 % glucose or starch	510 tonnes	free
09.0770	2203 00	Beer made from malt	4 800 hectolitres	free
09.0771	ex 2207 10 00 (Taric code 90)	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcohol strength by volume of 80 % vol. or higher/other than that obtained from agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty	134 000 hectolitres	free
09.0772	ex 2207 20 00 (Taric code 90)	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength/other than those obtained from agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty	3 340 hectolitres	free
09.0773	ex 2208 90 57 (Taric code 20)	Aquavit	300 hectolitres	free
09.0774	2403 10	Smoking tobacco, whether or not containing tobacco substitutes in any proportion	370 tonnes	free

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 216/2000

of 26 January 2000

amending Regulation (EC) No 1407/1999 laying down the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable from 1 July to 31 December 1999 to the importation into the Community of goods covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 under Agreements with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

tion (EC) No 26/1999 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1999.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1407/1999 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2185/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, laid down the reduced agricultural components and additional duties applicable from 1 July to 31 December 1999 to the importation into the Community of goods covered by Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 under Agreements with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

(2) Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 213/2000 of 24 January 2000 adopting autonomous and transitional measures concerning the importation of certain processed agricultural products originating in Latvia ⁽⁵⁾ lays down the basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components applicable on importation from Latvia from 1 January to 30 June 2000, identical to those laid down by Council Regulation (EC) No 26/1999 ⁽⁶⁾ for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1999.

(3) Protocol 2 on trade in processed agricultural products, as amended by the protocol amending the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Estonia ⁽⁷⁾, which entered into force on 1 September 1999, lays down the basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components applicable on importation from Estonia from 1 January to 30 June 2000, identical to those laid down by Council Regula-

(4) Protocol 2 on trade in processed agricultural products, as amended by the protocol amending the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Lithuania ⁽⁸⁾, which entered into force on 1 September 1999, lays down the basic amounts to be taken into consideration in calculating the reduced agricultural components applicable on importation from Lithuania from 1 January to 30 June 2000, identical to those laid down by Regulation (EC) No 26/1999 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1999.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 213/2000 provides for application of reduced agricultural components to imports of certain processed agricultural products, as provided for in draft Protocol 2 to the Europe Agreement with Latvia, currently awaiting formal adoption.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 1407/1999 must therefore be amended in order to extend the reduced agricultural components and additional duties for the three Baltic countries until 30 June 2000 and to set the reduced agricultural components and additional duties for certain processed agricultural products for Latvia.

(7) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1460/96 ⁽⁹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2495/97 ⁽¹⁰⁾, establishes the detailed rules for implementing the preferential trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, as provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1407/1999 shall be amended as follows:

1. In Articles 1 and 3 and Annexes I to VI, the date '31 December 1999' shall be replaced by '30 June 2000'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 164, 30.6.1999, p. 25.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 267, 5.10.1999, p. 27.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 3 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 29, 3.2.1999, p. 9.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 321, 30.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 187, 26.7.1996, p. 18.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 343, 13.12.1997, p. 18.

2. In Annex III, Part 1, the following text shall be inserted:

'CN code	EUR/100 kg
1704 90 30	19,46
1704 90 51	(*)
1704 90 55	(*)
1704 90 61	(*)
1704 90 81	(*)
1704 90 99	(*)
1806 90 31	(*)
1806 90 39	(*)
1806 90 50	(*)
1806 90 60	(*)
1806 90 70	(*)
1806 90 90	(*)'

3. In Annex IV, Part 1, the following text shall be inserted:

'CN code	AD S/Z	AD F/M
	EUR/100 kg	EUR/100 kg
1704 90 30	13,76	
1704 90 51	(*)	
1704 90 55	(*)	
1704 90 61	(*)	
1704 90 81	(*)	
1704 90 99	(*)	
1806 90 31	(*)	
1806 90 39	(*)	
1806 90 50	(*)	
1806 90 60	(*)	
1806 90 70	(*)	
1806 90 90	(*)'	

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January to 30 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 January 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 217/2000**of 28 January 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 3/2000 and increasing to 350 000 tonnes the amount of barley held by the Spanish intervention agency for which a standing invitation to tender for resale on the internal market has been opened**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 39/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the procedure and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by the intervention agencies;
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 3/2000 ⁽⁵⁾ opened a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 150 000 tonnes of barley held by the Spanish intervention agency;

- (3) In the present situation on the market the quantities of barley held by the Spanish intervention agency put up for sale on the internal market of the Community should be increased to 350 000 tonnes;

- (4) 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

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 3/2000, '150 000 tonnes' is replaced by '350 000 tonnes'.

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, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 64.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 1, 4.1.2000, p. 9.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 218/2000**of 28 January 2000****derogating from Article 20(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of production aid for olive oil for the 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/01 marketing years**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation No 136/66/EEC of the Council of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 of 20 July 1998 amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 2(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 of 17 July 1984 laying down general rules on the granting of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to olive oil producer organisations ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1639/98 ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 20(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 ⁽⁶⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1273/1999 ⁽⁷⁾, lays down that, before 1 January of each marketing year, producer organisations or, where appropriate, associations thereof are to submit their member's crop declarations and any amendments thereto to the competent agency of the Member State concerned.

- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2711/1999 ⁽⁸⁾ derogating from Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 provides for an extension by 15 day of the deadline for submission of crop declarations by growers for the 1999/2000 marketing year. An extension should also be granted to producer organisations or, where appropriate, associations thereof, to again provide sufficient time for completion of administrative procedures between the lodging of declarations by growers and submission of declarations by producer organisations.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Oils and Fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Notwithstanding Article 20(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98, for the 1999/2000 marketing year producer organisations or, where appropriate, associations thereof may submit their members' crop declarations and any amendments thereto by 12 February 2000.

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 from 1 November 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 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 210, 28.7.1998, p. 32.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 208, 3.8.1984, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 38.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 293, 31.10.1998, p. 50.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 151, 18.6.1999, p. 12.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 27.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 219/2000
of 28 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 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 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 28 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	052	112,9
	204	71,2
	624	198,4
	999	127,5
0707 00 05	628	159,4
	999	159,4
0709 10 00	220	186,7
	999	186,7
0709 90 70	052	124,3
	204	112,4
	628	160,7
	999	132,5
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	61,6
	204	40,0
	212	35,0
	220	26,1
	600	38,1
	624	51,9
	999	42,1
0805 20 10	204	61,0
	999	61,0
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	62,4
	204	65,9
	624	88,8
	999	72,4
0805 30 10	052	63,6
	600	107,3
	624	92,3
	999	87,7
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	039	85,6
	400	95,0
	404	77,7
	720	63,3
	728	68,8
	999	78,1
0808 20 50	064	69,2
	388	121,3
	400	108,7
	720	89,0
	999	97,0

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 220/2000
of 28 January 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products
from the Community to the French overseas departments

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 of 16 December 1991 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2598/95 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 (6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the French overseas departments (FOD) has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2677/1999 ⁽⁴⁾; as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community

and on the world market, the aid for supply to the FOD should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 24.12.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 267, 9.11.1995, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 43, 19.2.1992, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 326, 18.12.1999, p. 10.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the French overseas departments

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid			
	Destination			
	Guadeloupe	Martinique	French Guiana	Réunion
Common wheat (1001 90 99)	39,50	39,50	39,50	42,50
Barley (1003 00 90)	33,00	33,00	33,00	36,00
Maize (1005 90 00)	42,00	42,00	42,00	45,00
Durum wheat (1001 10 00)	12,00	12,00	12,00	16,00
Oats (1004 00 00)	67,00	67,00	—	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 221/2000
of 28 January 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals
products from the Community to the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 ⁽⁴⁾ thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the Canary Islands has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2679/1999 ⁽⁴⁾; as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community and on the

world market, the aid for supply to the Canary Islands should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11.12.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 185, 4.7.1992, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 326, 18.12.1999, p. 14.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the Canary Islands

		(EUR/t)
Product (CN code)		Amount of aid
Common wheat	(1001 90 99)	36,50
Barley	(1003 00 90)	30,00
Maize	(1005 90 00)	39,00
Durum wheat	(1001 10 00)	8,00
Oats	(1004 00 00)	64,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 222/2000
of 28 January 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals
products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Azores and Madeira ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 562/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the Azores and Madeira has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2678/1999 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community and on the world market, the aid for supply to the Azores and

Madeira should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 76, 13.3.1998, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 185, 4.7.1992, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 326, 18.12.1999, p. 12.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

		(EUR/t)	
Product (CN code)		Amount of aid	
		Destination	
		Azores	Madeira
Common wheat	(1001 90 99)	36,50	36,50
Barley	(1003 00 90)	30,00	30,00
Maize	(1005 90 00)	39,00	39,00
Durum wheat	(1001 10 00)	8,00	8,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 223/2000
of 28 January 2000
fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 (8) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that the export refund applicable to cereals on the day on which application for an export licence is made must be applied on request to exports to be effected during the period of validity of the export licence; whereas, in this case, a corrective amount may be applied to the refund.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, allows for the fixing of a corrective amount for the products listed in Article 1(1) (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92; that corrective amount must be calculated taking account of the factors referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.

- (3) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the corrective amount according to destination.
- (4) The corrective amount must be fixed at the same time as the refund and according to the same procedure; it may be altered in the period between fixings.
- (5) It follows from applying the provisions set out above that the corrective amount must be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The corrective amount referred to in Article 1(1) (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 which is applicable to export refunds fixed in advance except for malt shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

(EUR/t)

Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Current 2	1st period 3	2nd period 4	3rd period 5	4th period 6	5th period 7	6th period 8
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	-4,00	—	—
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 90 99 9000	03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	02	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1002 00 00 9000	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	01	0	0	0	0	-15,00	—	—
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 90 00 9000	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 11 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 15 9100	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1101 00 15 9130	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1101 00 15 9150	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1101 00 15 9170	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1101 00 15 9180	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1101 00 15 9190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1102 10 00 9500	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1102 10 00 9700	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1102 10 00 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 10 9200	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 10 9400	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 10 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 90 9200	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 90 9800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(¹) The destinations are identified as follows:

01 all third countries,

02 other third countries,

03 Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Chad, Central African Republic, Benin, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé and Príncipe, Gabon, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland, Seychelles, The Comoros, Madagascar, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Mauritius.

NB: The zones are those defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2145/92 (OJ L 214, 30.7.1992, p. 20).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 224/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the maximum aid for concentrated butter for the 218th special invitation to tender opened under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 429/90**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 429/90 of 20 February 1990 on the granting by invitation to tender of an aid for concentrated butter intended for direct consumption in the Community ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 124/1999 ⁽³⁾, the intervention agencies are opening a standing invitation to tender for the granting of aid for concentrated butter; Article 6 of that Regulation provides that in the light of the tenders received in response to each special invitation to tender, a maximum amount of aid is to be fixed for concentrated butter with a minimum fat content of 96 % or a decision is to be taken to make no award; whereas the end-use security must be fixed accordingly;

- (2) in the light of the tenders received, the maximum aid should be fixed at the level specified below and the end-use security determined accordingly;
- (3) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 218th special invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender opened by Regulation (EEC) No 429/90, the maximum aid and the amount of the end-use security shall be as follows:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| — maximum aid: | 117 EUR/100 kg |
| — end-use security: | 129 EUR/100 kg. |

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 45, 21.2.1990, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 16, 21.1.1999, p. 19.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 225/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the minimum selling prices for butter and the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the 46th individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) the intervention agencies are, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 of 15 December 1997 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 494/1999 ⁽³⁾, to sell by invitation to tender certain quantities of butter that they hold and to grant aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter; whereas Article 18 of that Regulation stipulates that in the light of the tenders received in response to each individual invitation to tender a minimum selling price shall be fixed for butter and maximum aid shall be fixed for cream, butter and concentrated butter; whereas it is further stipulated

that the price or aid may vary according to the intended use of the butter, its fat content and the incorporation procedure, and that a decision may also be taken to make no award in response to the tenders submitted; the amount(s) of the processing securities must be fixed accordingly;

- (2) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum aid and processing securities applying for the 46th individual invitation to tender, under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97, shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 350, 20.12.1997, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 59, 6.3.1999, p. 17.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 fixing the minimum selling prices for butter and the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the 46th individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97

(EUR/100 kg)

Formula			A		B	
Incorporation procedure			With tracers	Without tracers	With tracers	Without tracers
Minimum selling price	Butter ≥ 82 %	Unaltered	—	—	—	—
		Concentrated	—	—	—	—
Processing security		Unaltered	—	—	—	—
		Concentrated	—	—	—	—
Maximum aid	Butter ≥ 82 %		95	91	95	91
	Butter < 82 %		92	88	—	88
	Concentrated butter		117	113	117	113
	Cream		—	—	40	38
Processing security	Butter		105	—	105	—
	Concentrated butter		129	—	129	—
	Cream		—	—	44	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 226/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the minimum selling price for skimmed-milk powder for the 2nd individual invitation to tender issued under the standing invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2799/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) pursuant to Article 26 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2799/1999 of 17 December 1999 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards the grant of aid for skimmed milk and skimmed-milk powder intended for animal feed and the sale of such skimmed-milk powder ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 88/2000 ⁽³⁾, intervention agencies have put up for sale by standing invitation to tender certain quantities of skimmed-milk powder held by them;
- (2) according to Article 30 of the said Regulation, in the light of the tenders received in response to each individual invitation to tender a minimum selling price shall be fixed or a decision shall be taken to make no award; whereas the amount of the processing security shall also be fixed taking account of the difference between the

market price of skimmed-milk powder and the minimum selling price;

- (3) in the light of the tenders received, the minimum selling price should be fixed at the level specified below and the processing security determined accordingly;
- (4) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 2nd individual invitation to tender pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2799/1999, in respect of which the time limit for the submission of tenders expired on 25 January 2000, the minimum selling price and the processing security are fixed as follows:

- minimum selling price: EUR 201,52/100 kg,
— processing security: EUR 40,00/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 340, 31.12.1999, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 11, 15.1.2000, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 227/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the export refunds on rice and broken rice and suspending the issue of export licences**

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 organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 13(3) and (15) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Article 13(4) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95, provides that when refunds are being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of rice and broken rice on the Community market on the one hand and prices for rice and broken rice on the world market on the other; the same Article provides that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on the rice market and, furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports and the need to avoid disturbances of the Community market with limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

(3) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1361/76 ⁽³⁾ lays down the maximum percentage of broken rice allowed in rice for which an export refund is fixed and specifies the percentage by which that refund is to be reduced where the proportion of broken rice in the rice exported exceeds that maximum.

(4) Export possibilities exist for a quantity of 6 345 tonnes of rice to certain destinations; the procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1432/1999 ⁽⁵⁾ should be used; account should be taken of this when the refunds are fixed.

(5) Article 13(5) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 defines the specific criteria to be taken into account when the export refund on rice and broken rice is being calculated.

(6) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination.

(7) A separate refund should be fixed for packaged long grain rice to accommodate current demand for the product on certain markets.

(8) The refund must be fixed at least once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period.

(9) It follows from applying these rules and criteria to the present situation on the market in rice and in particular to quotations or prices for rice and broken rice within the Community and on the world market, that the refund should be fixed as set out in the Annex hereto.

(10) For the purposes of administering the volume restrictions resulting from Community commitments in the context of the WTO, the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund should be restricted.

(11) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 with the exception of those listed in paragraph 1(c) of that Article, exported in the natural state, shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

With the exception of the quantity of 6 345 tonnes provided for in the Annex, the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund is suspended.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 154, 15.6.1976, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 117, 24.5.1995, p. 2.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 56.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 fixing the export refunds on rice and broken rice and suspending, the issue of export licences

(EUR/t)			(EUR/t)		
Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refunds	Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refunds
1006 20 11 9000	01	110,00	1006 30 65 9900	01	138,00
1006 20 13 9000	01	110,00		04	142,00
1006 20 15 9000	01	110,00	1006 30 67 9100	05	142,00
1006 20 17 9000	—	—	1006 30 67 9900	—	—
1006 20 92 9000	01	110,00	1006 30 92 9100	01	138,00
1006 20 94 9000	01	110,00		02	142,00 ⁽²⁾
1006 20 96 9000	01	110,00		03	147,00 ⁽²⁾
1006 20 98 9000	—	—		04	142,00
1006 30 21 9000	01	110,00		05	142,00
1006 30 23 9000	01	110,00	1006 30 92 9900	01	138,00
1006 30 25 9000	01	110,00		04	142,00
1006 30 27 9000	—	—	1006 30 94 9100	01	138,00
1006 30 42 9000	01	110,00		02	142,00 ⁽²⁾
1006 30 44 9000	01	110,00		03	147,00 ⁽²⁾
1006 30 46 9000	01	110,00		04	142,00
1006 30 48 9000	—	—		05	142,00
1006 30 61 9100	01	138,00	1006 30 94 9900	01	138,00
	02	142,00 ⁽²⁾		04	142,00
	03	147,00 ⁽²⁾	1006 30 96 9100	01	138,00
	04	142,00		02	142,00 ⁽²⁾
	05	142,00		03	147,00 ⁽²⁾
1006 30 61 9900	01	138,00		04	142,00
	04	142,00		05	142,00
1006 30 63 9100	01	138,00	1006 30 96 9900	01	138,00
	02	142,00 ⁽²⁾		04	142,00
	03	147,00 ⁽²⁾	1006 30 98 9100	05	142,00
	04	142,00	1006 30 98 9900	—	—
	05	142,00	1006 40 00 9000	—	—
1006 30 63 9900	01	138,00			
	04	142,00			
1006 30 65 9100	01	138,00			
	02	142,00 ⁽²⁾			
	03	147,00 ⁽²⁾			
	04	142,00			
	05	142,00			

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are identified as follows:

01 Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia, refunds fixed under the procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 in respect of a total quantity of 3 780 t of wholly milled rice equivalent,

02 Zones I, II, III, VI, excluding Turkey,

03 Zones IV, V, VII (c), Canada and Zone VIII excluding Suriname, Guyana and Madagascar,

04 Destinations mentioned in Article 34 of amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87, refunds fixed under the procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 in respect of a total quantity of 800 t,

05 Ceuta and Melilla, refunds fixed under the procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 in respect of a total quantity of 663 t.

⁽²⁾ For rice of destinations 02 and 03, refunds fixed under the procedure laid down in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 in respect of a total quantity of 1 102 t.
NB: The zones are those defined in the Annex to amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2145/92.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 228/2000**of 28 January 2000****setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Azores and Madeira ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 562/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

- (1) Whereas, pursuant to Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92, the requirements of the Azores and Madeira for rice are to be covered in terms of quantity, price and quality by the mobilization, on disposal terms equivalent to exemption from the levy, of Community rice, which involves the grant of an aid for supplies of Community origin; whereas this aid is to be fixed with particular reference to the costs of the various sources of supply and in particular is to be based on the prices applied to exports to third countries;
- (2) Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1696/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2596/93 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down common detailed rules for implementation of the specific arrangements for the supply of certain agricultural products, including rice, to the Azores and Madeira; whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1983/92 of 16 July 1992 laying down detailed rules for implementation of the specific arrangements for the supply of rice products to the Azores and Madeira and establishing the forecast supply balance for these prod-

ucts ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1683/94 ⁽⁶⁾, lays down detailed rules which complement or derogate from the provisions of the aforementioned Regulation;

- (3) Whereas, as a result of the application of these detailed rules to the current market situation in the rice sector, and in particular to the rates of prices for these products in the European part of the Community and on the world market the aid for supply to the Azores and Madeira should be set at the amounts given in the Annex;
- (4) 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

Pursuant to Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92, the amount of aid for the supply of rice of Community origin under the specific arrangements for the supply of the Azores and Madeira shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 76, 13.3.1998, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 1.7.1992, p. 6.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 238, 23.9.1993, p. 24.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 198, 17.7.1992, p. 37.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 178, 12.7.1994, p. 53.

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**to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products
from the Community to the Azores and Madeira**

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid	
	Destination	
	Azores	Madeira
Milled rice (1006 30)	150,00	150,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 229/2000
of 28 January 2000
setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products from the Community to the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, the requirements of the Canary Islands for rice are to be covered in terms of quantity, price and quality by the mobilisation, on disposal terms equivalent to exemption from the levy, of Community rice, which involves the grant of an aid for supplies of Community origin; this aid is to be fixed with particular reference to the costs of the various sources of supply and in particular is to be based on the prices applied to exports to third countries.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2790/94 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1620/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down common detailed rules for implementation of the

specific arrangements for the supply of certain agricultural products, including rice, to the Canary Islands.

- (3) As a result of the application of these detailed rules to the current market situation in the rice sector, and in particular to the rates of prices for these products in the European part of the Community and on the world market, the aid for supply to the Canary Islands should be set at the amounts given in the Annex.
- (4) 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

Pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, the amount of aid for the supply of rice of Community origin under the specific arrangements for the supply of the Canary Islands shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11.12.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 296, 17.11.1994, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 19.

ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of rice products
from the Community to the Canary Islands**

(EUR/t)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid
Milled rice (1006 30)	150,00
Broken rice (1006 40)	33,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 230/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain, medium grain and long grain A rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2179/1999**

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 organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

(1) Whereas an invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2179/1999 ⁽³⁾;

(2) Whereas Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund; whereas in fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account; whereas a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund;

(3) Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled grain, medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2179/1999 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 21 to 27 January 2000 at 152,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 267, 15.10.1999, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 231/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2180/1999**

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 last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2180/1999 ⁽³⁾.

(2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund; whereas in fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account; whereas a contract is awarded to any tenderer

whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2180/1999 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 21 to 27 January 2000 at 150,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 267, 15.10.1999, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 232/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2176/1999**

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 organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2176/1999 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund; whereas in fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account; whereas a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 30 67 to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2176/1999 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 21 to 27 January 2000 at 254,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 267, 15.10.1999, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 233/2000**of 28 January 2000****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 2177/1999**

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 organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽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⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1453/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2177/1999 ⁽⁵⁾ opens an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion.
- (2) 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.

- (3) 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.
- (4) 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 24 to 27 January 2000 in response to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2177/1999 for the subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 261, 7.9.1989, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 267, 15.10.1999, p. 7.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 234/2000**of 28 January 2000****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third European countries of wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice issued in Regulation (EC) No 2178/1999**

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 organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 ⁽³⁾ thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2178/99 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, 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.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed.

(4) 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 21 to 27 January 2000 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice to certain third European countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2178/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 267, 15.10.1999, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 235/2000
of 28 January 2000
suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999 of 16 December 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards intervention on the market in butter and cream ⁽²⁾ lays down the criteria for opening or suspending the buying-in of butter by invitation to tender in the Member States.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2505/1999 of 26 November 1999 suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States ⁽³⁾ establishes the list of Member States in which intervention is suspended. As a result of the market prices communicated by the United Kingdom, intervention must no longer be suspended in

that country and the list of Member States established by Regulation (EC) No 2505/1999 adjusted accordingly.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Buying-in of butter by invitation to tender as provided for in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1255/1999 is hereby suspended in Germany, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Austria, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 2505/1999 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 304, 27.11.1999, p. 17.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 236/2000**of 28 January 2000****fixing the maximum purchasing price for butter for the 2nd invitation to tender carried out under the standing invitation to tender governed by Regulation (EEC) No 2771/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2771/1999 of 16 December 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards intervention on the market in butter and cream ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 88/2000 ⁽³⁾, provides that, in the light of the tenders received for each invitation to tender, a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed in relation to the intervention price applicable and that it may also be decided not to proceed with the invitation to tender;

- (2) As a result of the tenders received, the maximum buying-in price should be fixed as set out below.

- (3) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 2nd invitation to tender issued under Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999, for which tenders had to be submitted not later than 25 January 2000, the maximum buying-in price is fixed at 295,38 EUR/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 11, 15.1.2000, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 237/2000
of 28 January 2000
fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 13(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2681/74 of 21 October 1974 on Community financing of expenditure incurred in respect of the supply of agricultural products as food aid ⁽⁵⁾ lays down that the portion of the expenditure corresponding to the export refunds on the products in question fixed under Community rules is to be charged to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.
- (2) In order to make it easier to draw up and manage the budget for Community food aid actions and to enable the Member States to know the extent of Community participation in the financing of national food aid

actions, the level of the refunds granted for these actions should be determined.

- (3) The general and implementing rules provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on export refunds are applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the abovementioned operations.
- (4) The specific criteria to be used for calculating the export refund on rice are set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.
- (5) The measures provided for this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For Community and national food aid operations under international agreements or other supplementary programmes, and other Community free supply measures, the refunds applicable to cereals and rice sector products shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 288, 25.10.1974, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 28 January 2000 fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

(EUR/t)

Product code	Refund
1001 10 00 9400	0,00
1001 90 99 9000	33,50
1002 00 00 9000	67,00
1003 00 90 9000	27,00
1004 00 00 9400	61,00
1005 90 00 9000	36,00
1006 30 92 9100	154,00
1006 30 92 9900	154,00
1006 30 94 9100	154,00
1006 30 94 9900	154,00
1006 30 96 9100	154,00
1006 30 96 9900	154,00
1006 30 98 9100	154,00
1006 30 98 9900	154,00
1006 30 65 9900	154,00
1006 40 00 9000	—
1007 00 90 9000	36,00
1101 00 15 9100	46,00
1101 00 15 9130	46,00
1102 20 10 9200	51,39
1102 20 10 9400	44,05
1102 30 00 9000	—
1102 90 10 9100	41,75
1103 11 10 9200	7,50
1103 11 90 9200	7,50
1103 13 10 9100	66,08
1103 14 00 9000	—
1104 12 90 9100	96,28
1104 21 50 9100	55,66

NB: The product codes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), amended.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 238/2000**of 28 January 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is necessary to clarify the provisions of Articles 6, 6a to 6i and 7 of, and Annex F to, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 of 30 May 1994 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1702/1999 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) It is expedient to stipulate that the certificate provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 is not transferable.
- (3) In order to ensure that certificates relating to goods exported during a transitional period of seven months from 1 March 2000 to 30 September 2000 are administered on a sound basis, only one advance fixing should be allowed per certificate during that period. Moreover, it should be stated that this advance fixing applies to all rates in force on the date of the application.
- (4) The conditions for the release of the security pertaining to certificates subject to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85 of 22 July 1985 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of securities for agricultural products ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1932/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, should be clarified.
- (5) During the transitional period, the Commission must be able to take measures if it considers that there is a danger that the European Union will not meet its international obligations.

- (6) Certain phrases should be rewarded, certain methods of calculation and regulatory references concerning certificates should be revised, and it should be stipulated that certain paragraphs do not apply to the transitional period. A clear distinction should also be made between the various statistical communications. Moreover, detailed rules on applying for and issuing certificates and extracts thereof should be laid down.
- (7) The conditions under which refunds can be paid for exports not covered by a certificate should be specified.
- (8) In order to enable the Commission to ensure that the international commitments of the European Union, as currently notified, cannot be exceeded, the procedure whereby the certificates are discharged should be stipulated.
- (9) With a view to harmonising the use of certificates within the European Union, certain of their characteristics should be specified particularly as regards the application 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 ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/1999 ⁽⁸⁾.
- (10) The Management Committee on horizontal questions concerning trade in processed agricultural products not listed in Annex I did not deliver an opinion within the time limit laid down by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In the second subparagraph of Article 6(1) and the second subparagraph of Article 6h(1), 'food aid operation' is replaced by 'international food aid operation within the meaning of Article 10(4) of the Agreement on Agriculture under the Uruguay Round'. In the first paragraph of Article 6d 'food aid operations' is replaced by 'international food aid operations within the meaning of Article 10(4) of the Agreement on Agriculture under the Uruguay Round'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 136, 30.5.1994, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 201, 31.7.1999, p. 30.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 205, 3.8.1985, p. 5.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 240, 10.9.1999, p. 11.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 48.

2. Article 6(3) is replaced by the following:

'3. The certificate shall not be transferable. It shall be used by the holder.'

3. Article 6a(2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The party concerned may request advance fixing of the refund rates in force on the day of lodging of the application. In that case, the advance fixing concerns all the applicable refund rates. The application for advance fixing may be lodged under the conditions in Annex F either at the time of application for the certificate or on or after the day of issue of the certificate but before the last day of validity thereof.

The advance fixing shall not apply to goods exported before the date of the application.'

4. Article 6a(4) is replaced by the following:

'4. The obligations referred to in paragraph 3 shall be primary requirements for the purposes of Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85.

The primary requirement shall be considered to have been fulfilled if the exporter has transmitted the specific application(s) relating to goods exported during the period of validity of the certificate in accordance with the conditions laid down in Section VI of Annex F. Where the specific application is not the export declaration, it must be lodged within three months of the date of acceptance of the export declaration, except in case of *force majeure*.

Proof that the primary requirement has been fulfilled shall be provided by means of the presentation to the competent authority of copy 1 of the duly recorded certificate, in accordance with the provisions of Section VI of Annex F. This proof must be presented by the end of the ninth month following the end of the period of validity of the certificate.'

5. Article 6b(3)(f) is replaced by the following:

'(f) the amounts for which certificates valid during the budget period concerned have been issued.'

6. The first subparagraph of Article 6b(6) is replaced by the following:

'6. If a reduction coefficient is set by the Commission, certificates may be issued for the amount requested multiplied by 1 minus the reduction coefficient set, as provided for in paragraph 5.'

7. The following subparagraph is added to Article 6b(8):

'Where the Commission considers that there is a danger that the European Union may not meet its international commitments, it may suspend the issue of certificates and,

if necessary, apply a reduction coefficient to applications for certificates already lodged.'

8. Article 6b(11) is replaced by the following:

'11. The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 5, 9 and 10 shall apply from 15 July 2000.'

9. The following two subparagraphs are added to Article 6b(2):

'Where the rates of refund for goods exported after 1 March 2000 and before 30 September 2000 are fixed in advance, those rates shall apply until the end of the period of validity of the certificate.

Applications for advance fixing shall be made in accordance with section II of Annex F.'

10. In the last paragraph of Article 6d, 'the day determined by Article 10a(2) of Regulation (EC) No 174/1999' is replaced by 'the day determined by Article 13(2) of Regulation (EC) No 174/1999'.

11. In Article 6f(1), 'multiplied by a coefficient equal to 1 minus the reduction coefficient' is replaced by 'multiplied by the reduction coefficient'.

12. In Article 6g(2), 'and the amounts granted after 1 January for exports in previous budget periods' is replaced by 'and the amounts granted for exports in previous budget periods not previously notified'.

13. Article 6g(4) is replaced by the following:

'4. Before the 15th day of each month the Member States shall notify the Commission of:

(a) the amounts for which certificates were returned during the previous month in accordance with Article 6f(5);

(b) the amounts for which certificates were returned or reduced during the previous month in accordance with Article 6f(6);

(c) the amounts for which unused certificates expired;

(d) certificates issued during the previous month as referred to in Article 6d.'

14. The first subparagraph of Article 6h(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. From 1 March to 30 September 2000 and for each budget period from 1 October 2000, exports not covered by a certificate may be eligible for payment of a refund within the limit of a total reserve of EUR 15 million for each budget year.'

15. The first subparagraph of Article 6h(2) is replaced by the following:
- ‘2. The provisions of this Article shall apply to exports by exporters who have not held a certificate since the beginning of the budget period in question and who do not hold a certificate on the date of export and whose total applications during the budget year in question are less than EUR 20 000.’
16. In the second subparagraph of Article 6(h)3, ‘the Commission shall suspend the application of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article’ is replaced by ‘the Commission shall suspend the application of paragraphs 1 and 2 to exports not covered by a certificate.’
17. Article 6i(3) is deleted.
18. Article 7(7) is replaced by the following:
- ‘7. Refunds in respect of goods exported between 1 October and 15 October of each year may not be paid before 16 October.’
19. The first subparagraph of point I(2) of Annex F is replaced by the following:
- ‘2. Applicants must complete boxes 4, 8, 17 and 18 and, where appropriate, 7.’
20. The first indent of point I(3) of Annex F is deleted.
21. The second indent of point I(3) of Annex F is replaced by the following:
- where advance fixing has been applied for, this shall be indicated in box 8,
- the applicant shall indicate in box 20 whether the certificate is to be used solely for export via that Member State.’
22. In point II(2) of Annex F, the last subparagraph is replaced by the following:
- in box 8, the box yes must be ticked.’
23. In point II(3) of Annex F, ‘balance available under the original certificate’ is replaced by ‘amount not yet recorded on the original certificate on the date on which the extract is issued’.
24. In point III(1) of Annex F, the first sentence is replaced by the following:
- ‘1. Copies 1 and 2 must be issued, based on the models annexed, and are light blue in colour.’
25. In point III(1)(a) of Annex F, the first sentence is replaced by the following:
- ‘(a) Box 1 must indicate the name and address of the body issuing the certificate. Box 2 or Box 23 must indicate the number of the certificate allocated by the body issuing it.’
26. In point III(1)(d) of Annex F, ‘original’ is deleted.
27. In point IV of Annex F, the third paragraph is replaced by the following:
- ‘Should the holder of such a certificate subsequently request advance fixing of the refund rates, the holder must return the original certificate and any extracts already issued. “Refund valid on... (date), advance fixing on... (date), valid until... (date)”, completed as appropriate, shall be entered in box 20 of the certificate.
- Extracts may not be the subject of advance fixing independently of the certificate from which they are taken.’
28. Points VI(2), (3) and (4) of Annex F are replaced by the following:
- ‘2. Each exporter must complete a specific application for payment within the meaning of Article 49(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 (*). It must be presented to the body responsible for payment, accompanied by the corresponding certificate or certificates except in the case of electronic registration of the certificate or certificates.
- The competent authority may consider the specific application not to be the payment documents referred to in Article 49(2) of Regulation (EC) No 800/1999.
- The competent authority may consider the specific application to be the export declaration within the meaning of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 800/1999. In this case, the date of receipt of the specific application by the body responsible for payment referred to in paragraph 3 shall be the date on which that body received the export declaration. In all other cases, the specific application must contain particulars of the export declaration.
3. The body responsible for payment shall determine the amount requested on the basis of the information contained in the specific application, taking as sole basis the quantity and nature of the basic product(s) exported and the applicable refund rate(s). These three elements must be indicated or referred to clearly in the export declaration.
- The body responsible for payment shall record this amount on the certificate within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the specific application.
- (*) OJ L 102, 17.4.1999, p. 11.’
29. In Section VI of Annex F, paragraphs 5 and 6 are renumbered paragraphs 4 and 5 respectively.
30. The models of applications for certificates and the copies for the holder and issuing body are replaced by the models annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply to goods exported on or after 1 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 January 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

‘EUROPEAN COMMUNITY — REFUND CERTIFICATE — “NON-ANNEX I GOODS”

D	1. Body issuing the certificate (name and address)		2.	No
			3.	
	4. Holder (name, full address and Member State)		5.	
	6. XX		7. Destination	
			Mandatory ☐ YES ☐ NO	
APPLICATION			8. Advance fixing requested ☐ YES ☐ NO	
			11. Total amount of the security	
	12. First day of validity		13. Last day of validity	
	17. Amount covered (in figures) (in euro)		18. Amount (in letters)	
20. Specific comments				
22. Special conditions				
☐ Certificate for export of goods from the issuing Member State ☐ Certificate for export of goods from all Member States				
			24. Place and date	
			Signature of applicant	

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY — REFUND CERTIFICATE — “NON-ANNEX I GOODS”

1 COPY FOR HOLDER	1. Body issuing the certificate (name and address)		2. Stamp and perforation mark of the body issuing the certificate	No
			3.	
	4. Holder (name, full address and Member State)		5.	
	6. XX		7. Destination Mandatory ☐ YES ☐ NO	
			8.	
			10. Date of submission of the application for the certificate	
			11. Total amount of the security	
1	12. First day of validity		13. Last day of validity	
17. Amount covered (in figures) (in euros)		18. Amount (in letters)		19.
20. Specific comments				
21. Refund valid on Advance fixing Valid until				
22. Special conditions				
23. Issued at				
Date		No		
Signature and stamp of the body issuing the certificate				

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY — REFUND CERTIFICATE — “NON-ANNEX I GOODS”

2 COPY FOR ISSUING BODY	1. Body issuing the certificate (name and address)		2. Stamp and perforation mark of the body issuing the certificate	No
			3.	
	4. Holder (name, full address and Member State)		5.	
	6. XX			
			7. Destination Mandatory ☐ Yes ☐ NO	
			8.	
			10. Date of submission of the application for the certificate	
		11. Total amount of the security		
2	12. First day of validity		13. Last day of validity	
17. Amount covered (in figures) (in euros)		18. Amount (in letters)	19.	
20. Specific comments				
21. Refund valid on Advance fixing Valid until				
22. Special conditions				
23. Issued at				
Date		No		
Signature and stamp of the body issuing the certificate				

RECORD SHEET

Date of export	Export document	Amount granted	Balance signature
		Amount	Amount
		Date	Signature
		Amount	Amount
		Date	Signature
		Amount	Amount
		Date	Signature
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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 December 1999

concerning a specific financial contribution by the Community relating to epidemiological surveillance of certain animal diseases in areas at risk in Greece

(notified under document number C(1999) 4680)

(Only the Greek text is authentic)

(2000/71/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Council Decision 94/370/EC ⁽²⁾ and, in particular, Article 6 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) in 1994 and in 1996 the foot-and-mouth disease virus was introduced into Greece from abroad;
- (2) in 1996, 1997 and 1998 sheep pox was introduced into Greece from abroad;
- (3) in 1998 and in 1999 bluetongue entered Greece from abroad;
- (4) viral diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, bluetongue and small ruminant pest should be considered as exotic diseases on the territory of the Member States of the EU;
- (5) the appearance of exotic diseases is a serious threat to the Community's livestock and the presence of these diseases causes obstacles to trade at national and international level;
- (6) the Community has the possibility of providing financial assistance to Member States in order to rapidly eradicate certain animal diseases including foot-and-mouth

disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, bluetongue and small ruminant pest;

- (7) it is necessary that Greece has a high level of disease surveillance and preparedness for the eradication of exotic diseases and in particular in areas considered to be at a special epidemiological risk;
- (8) an epidermo-surveillance programme entitled EVROS (Epidemo-vigilance rotational system), designed to detect foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, bluetongue and small ruminant pest, for areas of Greece considered as special risk areas, has been prepared by Greece;
- (9) the said programme when carried out can provide valuable information on the disease situation in the areas covered by the programme;
- (10) the programme has been designed for implementation in special epidemiological risk areas;
- (11) in the light of the importance of a high level of preparedness at all levels engaged in disease surveillance and eradication it is appropriate to provide financial assistance to cover certain costs incurred by Greece;
- (12) for budgetary reasons this Decision shall consider financial aspects for a period of 12 months;
- (13) the financial assistance provided shall be up to a maximum of EUR 300 000;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 168, 2.7.1994, p. 31.

- (14) a financial contribution from the Community shall be granted in so far as the actions provided for are carried out and provided that the authorities furnish all the necessary information within the time limits provided for;
- (15) for supervisory purposes Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 ⁽²⁾, should apply;
- (16) the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The epidemio-surveillance programme for foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, bluetongue and small ruminant pest presented by Greece is hereby approved for a period of twelve months starting on 1 January 2000. The objective and the main elements of the programme are shown in Annex I.

2. The financial assistance from the Community for the programme referred to in paragraph 1 shall be 70 % of the costs incurred by Greece and up to a maximum of EUR 300 000. The financial assistance shall be provided for actions listed in Annex II.

Article 2

The financial assistance referred to under Article 1(2) shall be granted to Greece subject to:

- (a) bringing into force by 1 January 2000 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the programme;

- (b) forwarding a report to the Commission every three months on the progress of the programme and the costs incurred. The information provided in the report shall cover the points shown in Annex III.
- (c) forwarding a final report on the technical execution of the programme accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs incurred by 1 April 2001 at the latest, and provided that Community veterinary legislation has been respected.

Article 3

1. The Commission, in collaboration with the competent national authorities, may carry out on-the-spot checks to ensure that the measures and assisted expenditure have been carried out.

The Commission shall inform the Member States of the outcome of the checks.

2. Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

3. The financial contribution of the Community may only be granted if the programme has been implemented in line with Community rules.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to Greece.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1999.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

ANNEX I

Epidemio-surveillance programme for foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, bluetongue and small ruminant pest in certain areas of Greece**Objective**

The epidemio-surveillance programme referred to in Article 1(1) has the objective:

- to enhance disease surveillance in certain geographical areas of Greece considered to be special epidemiological risk areas
- to initiate early and rapid disease control measures when deemed necessary.

Furthermore, it has the objective to strengthen the lines of communication between staff making observations in the field, staff working in diagnostic laboratories and staff analysing epidemiological data at the national crisis management centre.

Main elements of epidemio-surveillance programme

The epidemio-surveillance programme is designed to detect at farm level clinical signs of exotic diseases (foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, small ruminant pest and bluetongue) and to detect the presence of antibodies for the mentioned diseases in selectively collected blood samples. The programme takes into account that the livestock population subjected to the surveillance for foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox and small ruminant pest, is kept in areas defined as zone A (special epidemiological risk area) and zone B (considerable epidemiological risk area), respectively. The programme for bluetongue surveillance takes into account the biology of potential vectors.

The implementation of the programme shall be based on the actions and measures shown below:

A. Surveillance for foot-and-mouth disease, sheep and goat pox and small ruminant pest

1. In zone A all the villages and settlements will be subjected to a surveillance which includes:
 - (a) clinical inspection of 60 randomly selected sheep or goats from which six (6) animals will be randomly selected and subjected to a thorough clinical examination;
 - (b) clinical inspection of all bovine holdings;
 - (c) collection and serological examination of blood samples obtained from 60 randomly selected sheep and goats;
 - (d) monitoring of animals being moved out of zone A; all bovine, sheep and goats being moved out of zone A for rearing or reproduction purposes shall be subject to a clinical examination prior to movement; sheep and goats shall be subject to a serological test for foot-and-mouth disease, sheep pox and small ruminant pest;
 - (e) monitoring at slaughterhouses situated in zone A; a random sample of 10 % of sheep and goats slaughtered each day shall be subjected to a serological test for foot-and-mouth disease, sheep pox and small ruminant pest.
2. In zone B, the surveillance programme will include that:
 - (a) a random sample of 20 % of the villages and settlements shall be subjected to the measures listed under 1(a), (b) and (c);
 - (b) a random sample of 10 % of the sheep, goats and bovines being moved out of zone B to areas not subjected to the programme for rearing or reproduction purposes shall be subject to the measures shown in 1(d);
 - (c) animals brought to a slaughterhouse situated in zone B are subject to surveillance as listed under 1(e).
3. The measures described under A(1)(a), A(1)(b), A(1)(c) and A(2)(a) shall be carried out at least once every four months.

B. Surveillance for bluetongue

The epidemio-surveillance programme for bluetongue will include:

1. Clinical examination of sheep

Sheep subject to a clinical examination within the framework of Section A, 1(a) and 2(a) will during the months of July to December be examined for signs and symptoms associated with bluetongue infection.

2. Serological testing

Sentinel bovines aged over six (6) months in groups of five to ten animals will during the period July to December be subject to monthly serological tests. The sentinel groups of bovines shall be kept at locations situated in the proximity of likely breeding sites of potential vectors.

3. Collection and identification of potential bluetongue vectors

Insects shall be collected by means of light traps placed near likely potential vector breeding sites. Collections shall be carried out during the months of July to December with intervals of about two weeks. Insects shall be identified and the presence, density and geographical distribution of potential vectors shall be recorded.

Management of the epidemo-surveillance programme

The department of infectious diseases of the Animal Health Directorate, the Ministry of Agriculture shall carry out the management of the epidemo-surveillance programme referred to in Article 1(1) of this Decision.

ANNEX II

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

	(GRD)
1 Virology laboratory, Athen	
1.1. Procurement of consumable materials and reagents	5 000 000
1.2. Maintenance of equipment	5 000 000
1.3. Staff remuneration (12 months × GRD 500 000)	6 000 000
1.4. Staff training	3 000 000
Subtotal 1	19 000 000
2. Foot-and-mouth disease and exotic diseases institute, Athens	
2.1. Procurement of permanent materials and equipment	5 000 000
2.2. Procurement of consumable materials and reagents	5 000 000
2.3. Maintenance of equipment	5 000 000
2.4. Staff remuneration (12 months × GRD 300 000)	3 600 000
2.5. Staff training	3 000 000
Subtotal 2	21 600 000
3. Parasitology and entomology laboratory, Athens	
3.1. Procurement of permanent materials and equipment	5 000 000
3.2. Procurement of consumable materials and reagents	3 000 000
3.3. Maintenance of equipment	1 500 000
3.4. Staff remuneration (12 months × GRD 150 000)	1 800 000
3.5. Staff training	700 000
Subtotal 3	12 000 000
4. Evros, Rodopi, Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Dodekanisa veterinary services	
4.1. Staff remuneration for clinical and epidemiological surveillance (50 persons × GRD 10 000)	60 000 000
4.2. Consumable materials	5 000 000
4.3. Maintenance and technical support of databases	3 000 000
Subtotal 4	68 000 000
5. National crisis management centre	
5.1. Staff remuneration and control of the programme (5 persons × 240 days × GRD 10 000)	12 000 000
5.2. Miscellaneous expenses	1 000 000
Subtotal 5	13 000 000
6. Purchase of hardware and development of software	
6.1. Purchase of PC (13 × GRD 500 000)	6 500 000
6.2. Purchase of printers (13 × GRD 200 000)	2 600 000
6.3. Purchase of modems (13 × GRD 100 000)	1 300 000
6.4. Development and expansion of software	2 500 000
6.5. Training of staff	2 500 000
6.6. Maintenance of equipment	600 000
Sub-total 6	16 000 000
Grand total	149 600 000

ANNEX III

Technical and financial information related to implementation of an epidemio-surveillance programme, Greece

SECTION A

TECHNICAL REPORT ON EPIDEMIO-SURVEILLANCE

Reporting period from to

1. Inspection of animals and insect collections

Place of action	Number of clinical inspections of		Number of insect collections in light traps
	Sheep and goats	Bovines	
Evros: Zone A: Zone B:			
Rodopi			
Lesvos			
Chios			
Samos			
Dodekanisa			
Total			

2. Clinical examination of animals

Place of action	Number of clinical examinations of	
	Randomly selected sheep and goats	Sheep, goats and bovines prior to movement
Evros: Zone A: Zone B:		
Rodopi		
Lesvos		
Chios		
Samos		
Dodekanisa		
Total		

3. Collection of blood samples

Place of action	Number of blood samples collected from			
	Randomly selected sheep and goats	Sentinel bovines	Animals prior to movement	Animals at slaughter-houses
Evros: Zone A: Zone B:				
Rodopi				
Lesvos				
Chios				
Samos				
Dodekanisa				
Total				

4. Examination carried out at diagnostic laboratories

Place of action	Number of blood samples examined for				Number of consignments of insects collected in light traps
	Foot-and-mouth disease	Sheep and goat pox	Small ruminant pest	Blue-tongue	
1. Virology laboratory, Athens					
2. Foot-and-mouth disease and exotic disease institute, Athens					
3. Parasitology and entomology laboratory, Athens					
Total					

5. Description of epidemiological situation (results and analysis of results from clinical inspections, clinical examinations, serological tests and entomological examinations)**6. Name and address of reporting authority:**

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SECTION B

STATEMENT ON COST INCURRED FOR EPIDEMO-SURVEILLANCE ⁽¹⁾

Reporting period from to

Reference number of Commission Decision providing financial assistance:

Costs incurred related to functions at/by	Costs incurred during the reporting period (national currency)
1. Virology laboratory, Athens	
2. Foot-and-mouth disease and exotic disease Institute, Athens	
3. Parasitology and entomology laboratory, Athens	
4. Veterinary services: Evros Rodopi Lesvos Chios Samos Dodekanisa	
5. National crisis management centre	
6. Purchase of hardware and development of software	
Grand total	

⁽¹⁾ When presenting the final report referred to in article 2(c), for each item a listing of all expenditures shall be provided together with the copy of the supporting document.