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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 262/2000
of 3 February 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 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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 3 February 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	109,0
	204	59,4
	624	191,3
	999	119,9
0707 00 05	052	137,7
	628	166,1
	999	151,9
0709 10 00	220	182,4
	999	182,4
0709 90 70	052	132,5
	204	94,1
	628	146,6
	999	124,4
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	30,6
	204	40,6
	212	43,9
	600	37,7
	624	62,8
	999	43,1
0805 20 10	204	60,5
	999	60,5
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	45,4
	204	71,4
	464	136,2
	600	75,5
	624	77,8
	999	81,3
0805 30 10	052	54,4
	600	65,6
	624	66,2
	999	62,1
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	039	83,4
	400	80,2
	404	90,9
	720	63,3
	728	73,7
	999	78,3
0808 20 50	064	70,0
	388	109,2
	400	112,8
	528	101,4
	720	89,0
	999	96,5

⁽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 263/2000**of 3 February 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 1772/96 laying down detailed rules for implementation of the specific measures for the supply of seed potatoes 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 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1772/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2754/98 ⁽⁴⁾, fixes the forecast supply balance for seed potatoes and the level of aid for their supply from the rest of the Community to the French Overseas Departments for the 1999 calendar year. The forecast supply balance should be fixed for the 2000 calendar year. The balance must be fixed on the basis of the needs of the Departments. Accordingly, on the basis of the information forwarded by the competent authorities, the quantities for the Department of Réunion should be reduced from 700 tonnes to 500 tonnes and the quantities for the Department of Guadeloupe should be abolished.
- (2) For the purpose of applying Article 2(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91, the level of aid for the supply of seed potatoes from the rest of the Community to the French Overseas Departments should be fixed to ensure that potatoes are supplied under conditions equivalent for the end user to exemption from import duties on seed potatoes from third countries. That aid should be fixed taking account, *inter alia*, of the cost of supply from the world market.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1772/96 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

For the purpose of applying Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91, the forecast supply balance for seed potatoes falling within CN code 0701 10 00 exempt from duty on importation into the French Overseas Departments or, for products from the rest of the Community, eligible for Community aid is hereby set at 500 tonnes for Réunion for the 2000 calendar year.'

2. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

For the purpose of applying Article 2(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91, aid for supplying the Department of Réunion with seed potatoes from the rest of the Community is hereby set, having regard to the forecast supply balance, at EUR 5,430 per 100 kg.'

3. The Annex is deleted.

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 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 24.12.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 232, 13.9.1996, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 345, 19.12.1998, p. 25.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 264/2000
of 3 February 2000
on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to short-term public
finance statistics

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 448/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 104/(2) of the Treaty, the Commission is to monitor the development of the budgetary situation.
- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies ⁽³⁾ considered appropriate to complement the multilateral surveillance procedure of Article 99(3) and (4) of the Treaty with an early warning system, under which the Council will alert a Member State at an early stage to the need to take the necessary budgetary corrective action in order to prevent a government deficit becoming excessive.
- (3) The report of the Ecofin Council on statistical requirements in economic and monetary union, approved on 18 January 1999, outlined in particular the need for common and harmonised short-term public finance statistics for Member States, in particular those who belong to economic and monetary union.
- (4) National accounts rules, especially European System of accounts 1995 (ESA 95) concepts, are regarded as instruments to ensure comparability and transparency of data between Member States.
- (5) A step-by-step approach towards the compilation of a full set of quarterly accounts for the general government sector in the framework of ESA 95 should be followed, starting from 2000 with a first set of components of the general government accounts being available according to ESA 95 concepts.
- (6) Priority should be given to components representing reliable predictors of trend in public finance and regularly available on time.
- (7) Taxes, actual social contributions and social benefits, as the first set of components, will provide early warning signals of possible risks to budgets and useful information on cyclical developments in the economy.

(8) The Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CMFB), set up by Council Decision 91/115/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Decision 96/174/EC ⁽⁵⁾, has been consulted.

(9) The measures provided in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Statistical Programme Committee (SPC), set up by Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom ⁽⁶⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Purpose

The aim of this Regulation is to define the list and the main characteristics of the ESA 95 categories of transactions to be transmitted quarterly by all Member States from the year 2000, in order to make available a set of common and harmonised short-term statistics on public finance.

Article 2

Categories concerned by the transmission of quarterly data

Member States shall transmit to the Commission (Eurostat) quarterly data for the following categories of general government resources and uses, as codified in ESA 95:

on the resource side:

- taxes on production and imports (D.2)
- of which: value-added type taxes (D.211)
- current taxes on income, wealth, etc. (D.5)
- capital taxes (D.91)
- actual social contributions (D.611),

on the use side:

- social benefits other than social transfers in kind (D.62).

Article 3

Sources and methods to compile quarterly data

The compilation of quarterly data for the categories referred to in Article 2 shall respect the following rules:

1. quarterly data shall be based on direct information available from basic sources, such as for example public accounts or administrative sources, representing, for each category, at last 90 % of the amount of the category;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 310, 30.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 58, 27.2.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 59, 6.3.1991, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 51, 1.3.1996, p. 48.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 181, 28.6.1989, p. 47.

2. direct information shall be completed by coverage adjustments, if needed, and by conceptual adjustments in order to bring quarterly data in line with ESA 95 concepts;
3. the quarterly data and the corresponding annual data shall be consistent.

Article 4

Timetable for the transmission of quarterly data

1. Quarterly data shall be delivered to the Commission (Eurostat) within a period which shall not exceed three months from the end of the quarter to which the data relate.
2. Any revision of quarterly data for previous quarters shall be transmitted at the same time.
3. The first transmission of quarterly data shall relate to data for the first quarter of 2000. These data shall be delivered no later than 30 June 2000.

Article 5

Transmission of time-series

1. Member States shall deliver to the Commission (Eurostat) quarterly data for the categories referred to in Article 2 starting from the first quarter of 1991.
2. Backwards data shall be compiled according to sources and methods specified in Article 3(2) and (3).
3. Backwards data from the first quarter of 1998 until the fourth quarter of 1999 shall be transmitted to the Commission (Eurostat) no later than 31 December 2000.
4. Backwards data from the first quarter of 1991 until the fourth quarter of 1997 shall be transmitted to the Commission (Eurostat) no later than 30 June 2002.

Article 6

Transitional provisions

1. Transitional provisions shall concern Member States who are not in the position to transmit, from 2000, quarterly data according to the timetable described in Article 4(1) and according to sources and methods specified in Article 3.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 2000.

2. These Member States shall transmit to the Commission (Eurostat) their 'best quarterly estimates' according to the timetable described in Article 4.

3. They shall at the same time indicate which steps still need to be accomplished in order to comply with the sources and methods specified in Article 3.

4. The period to which the transitional provisions refer shall not exceed the timetable specified in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 7

Implementation of the Regulation

1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with a description of the sources and methods used to compile quarterly data (initial description), no later than March 2000.
2. Any revision to the initial description of the sources and methods used to compile quarterly data shall be provided by Member States to the Commission (Eurostat) when they communicate the revised data.
3. The initial description and the possible revisions shall be subject to agreement between each Member State concerned and the Commission (Eurostat).
4. On the basis of the description(s) provided by Member States, the Commission (Eurostat) shall examine in particular the applicability of the 90 % criterion required in Article 3(1), for the first quarterly estimate concerning each of the categories referred to in Article 2.

If it becomes apparent that a Member State is not able to meet the 90 % criterion under its national conditions, the Commission (Eurostat) may grant a specific derogation to the Member State concerned.

5. The Commission (Eurostat) will keep the SPC and the CMFB informed of the sources and methods used by each Member State.

Article 8

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

For the Commission

Pedro SOLBES MIRA

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Timetable setting out the deadline for the application of the transitional provisions

Article 6(4)

Member State	Taxes on production and imports (D.2) Current taxes on income, wealth, etc. (D.5) Capital taxes (D.91)	Actual social contributions (D.611)	Social benefits other than social transfers in kind (D.62)
Belgium	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Denmark	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Germany	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Greece	1 January 2002	1 January 2003	1 January 2003
Spain	1 January 2002	1 January 2003	1 January 2003
France	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Ireland	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Italy	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Luxembourg	1 January 2002 (D.2) 1 January 2003 (D.5) 1 January 2003 (D.91)	1 January 2003	1 January 2003
Netherlands	1 January 2002	1 January 2003	1 January 2003
Austria	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Portugal	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Finland	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
Sweden	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002
United Kingdom	1 January 2002	1 January 2002	1 January 2002

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 265/2000**of 3 February 2000****determining the extent to which the applications for import licences submitted in January 2000 for certain dairy products under certain tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 can be accepted**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 of 29 June 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements and opening tariff quotas for milk and milk products ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 249/2000 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 14(4) thereof,

Whereas:

Applications lodged for the products referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 concern quantities greater than those available; therefore, the allocation factors should be fixed for the quantities applied for,

Article 1

1. Import licences applied for for products falling within the order numbers in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 listed in Annex I lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 for the period 1 January to 31 March 2000, shall be awarded in accordance with the allocation factors indicated.
2. Import licences applied for for products falling within the order numbers in Annex III B to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 listed in Annex II lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000, shall be awarded in accordance with the allocation factors indicated.
3. Import licences applied for for products falling within the order numbers in Annex III C to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 listed in Annex III lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000, shall be awarded in accordance with the allocation factors indicated.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 185, 30.6.1998, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 26, 2.2.2000, p. 4.

ANNEX I

Order number in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98	TARIC order number	Period: January to March 2000 Allocation factor
36	09.4590	0,0048
37	09.4599	0,0015
39	09.4591	0,1124
40	09.4592	0,0307
41	09.4593	1,0000
42	09.4594	0,0063
44	09.4595	0,0044
47	09.4596	0,0020

ANNEX II

Order number in Annex III B to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98	TARIC order number	Period: January to June 2000 Allocation factor
13	09.4101	—

ANNEX III

Order number in Annex III C to Regulation (EC) No 1374/98	TARIC order number	Period: January to June 2000 Allocation factor
15	09.4151	0,0039

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 266/2000
of 3 February 2000
fixing the export refunds on malt

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 the third subparagraph of Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund;
- (2) the refunds must be fixed taking into account the factors referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾;
- (3) the refund applicable in the case of malts must be calculated with amount taken of the quantity of cereals required to manufacture the products in question;

whereas the said quantities are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1501/95;

- (4) 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;
- (5) the refund must be fixed once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period;
- (6) in follows from applying these rules to the present situation on markets in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the refunds should be as set out in the Annex hereto;
- (7) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on malt listed in Article 1(1)(c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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 3 February 2000 fixing the export refunds on malt

(EUR/t)

Product code	Refund
1107 10 19 9000	40,50
1107 10 99 9000	30,00
1107 20 00 9000	35,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 267/2000**of 3 February 2000****fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products in the Community may be covered by an export refund;
- (2) the refunds must be fixed taking into account the factors referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98⁽⁴⁾;
- (3) as far as wheat and rye flour, groats and meal are concerned, when the refund on these products is being calculated, account must be taken of the quantities of cereals required for their manufacture; whereas these quantities were fixed in Regulation (EC) No 1501/95;

- (4) 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;
- (5) the refund must be fixed once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period;
- (6) it follows from applying the detailed rules set out above to the present situation on the market in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the refunds should be as set out in the Annex hereto;
- (7) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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.

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**to the Commission Regulation of 3 February 2000 fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye
flour, groats and meal**

(EUR/t)			(EUR/t)		
Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund	Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	1101 00 11 9000	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	1101 00 15 9100	01	43,75
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	1101 00 15 9130	01	41,00
1001 90 99 9000	03	22,00	1101 00 15 9150	01	37,75
	02	0	1101 00 15 9170	01	34,75
1002 00 00 9000	03	55,00	1101 00 15 9180	01	32,75
	02	0	1101 00 15 9190	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	1101 00 90 9000	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	03	15,50	1102 10 00 9500	01	87,00
	02	0	1102 10 00 9700	01	68,50
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	1102 10 00 9900	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	—	—	1103 11 10 9200	01	7,50 ⁽²⁾
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	1103 11 10 9400	01	6,75 ⁽²⁾
1005 90 00 9000	03	26,00	1103 11 10 9900	—	—
	02	0	1103 11 90 9200	01	7,50 ⁽²⁾
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	1103 11 90 9800	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—			

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are identified as follows:

- 01 all third countries,
- 02 other third countries,
- 03 Switzerland, Liechtenstein.

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

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 268/2000
of 3 February 2000
fixing the maximum export refund on barley in connection with the invitation to tender issued in
Regulation (EC) No 1701/1999

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) an invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of barley to all third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/1999⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2322/1999⁽⁶⁾;
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix

a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95; whereas in that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund, as well as to any tenderer whose bid relates to an export tax;

- (3) the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal 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

For tenders notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1701/1999, the maximum refund on exportation of barley shall be EUR 25,49/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 201, 31.7.1999, p. 27.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 280, 30.10.1999, p. 77.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 269/2000
of 3 February 2000
concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of rye issued in
Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of rye to all third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92

and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.

- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 a maximum refund or minimum tax 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 notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund or the tax for the export of rye issued in Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 270/2000**of 3 February 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on common wheat in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1707/1999**

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) an invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of common wheat to all third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1707/1999 ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2011/1999 ⁽⁶⁾;
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix

a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95; whereas in that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund, as well as to any tenderer whose bid relates to an export tax;

- (3) the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal 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

For tenders notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1707/1999, the maximum refund on exportation of common wheat shall be EUR 31,98/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 201, 31.7.1999, p. 55.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 248, 21.9.1999, p. 23.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 271/2000
of 3 February 2000
concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the export of common
wheat issued in Regulation (EC) No 2010/1999

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of common wheat to certain ACP States was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2010/1999 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92

and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.

- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 a maximum refund or minimum tax 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 notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000 in response to the invitation to tender for the refund or the tax for the export of common wheat issued in Regulation (EC) No 2010/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 248, 21.9.1999, p. 19.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 272/2000**of 3 February 2000****fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on sorghum imported in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2774/1999**

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 Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) an invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on sorghum imported into Spain was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2774/1999⁽³⁾;
- (2) pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1963/95⁽⁵⁾, the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, may decide to fix a maximum reduction in the import duty; whereas in fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 must be taken into account; whereas a contract

is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty;

- (3) the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum reduction in the import duty 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

For tenders notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2774/1999, the maximum reduction in the duty on sorghum imported shall be EUR/t 52,88 and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 10 000 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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 334, 28.12.1999, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 189, 10.7.1995, p. 22.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 273/2000**of 3 February 2000****fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2775/1999**

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 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) an invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2775/1999⁽³⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1963/95⁽⁵⁾, the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, may decide to fix maximum reduction in the import duty; in fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 must be taken into account; whereas a contract is awarded to any

tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum reduction in the import duty 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

For tenders notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2775/1999, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be 75,00 EUR/t and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 600 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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 334, 28.12.1999, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 189, 10.8.1995, p. 22.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 274/2000
of 3 February 2000
concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the import of maize issued
in Regulation (EC) No 2776/1999

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 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Portugal was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2776/1999⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1963/95⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.

- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 a maximum reduction in the duty 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 notified from 28 January to 3 February 2000 in response to the invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imported maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 2776/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 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 334, 28.12.1999, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 189, 10.8.1995, p. 22.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 275/2000
of 3 February 2000
on the issue of import licences for garlic originating in China

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1040/1999 of 20 May 1999 concerning a protective measure applicable to imports of garlic from China ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 51/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1859/93 ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/94 ⁽⁶⁾, the release for free circulation in the Community of garlic imported from third countries is subject to presentation of an import licence.
- (2) Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1040/1999, restricts the issue of import licences for garlic originating in China to a maximum monthly quantity in the case of applications lodged from 1 June 1999 to 31 May 2000.
- (3) Given the criteria laid down in Article 1(2) of that Regulation and the import licences already issued, the quantity applied for on 1 February 2000 is in excess of

the maximum quantity given in the Annex to that Regulation for the month of February 2000; it is therefore necessary to determine to what extent import licences may be issued in response to these applications; the issue of licences in response to applications lodged after 1 February 2000 and before 1 March 2000 should be refused,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences applied for from 1 February 2000 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1859/93 for garlic falling within CN code 0703 20 00 originating in China shall be issued for 0,66007 % of the quantity applied for, having regard to the information available to the Commission on 3 February 2000.

For the abovementioned products applications for import licences lodged after 1 February 2000 and before 1 March 2000 shall be refused.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 February 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 127, 21.5.1999, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 6, 11.1.2000, p. 18.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 170, 13.7.1993, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 176, 9.7.1994, p. 1.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

**COUNCIL DECISION
of 24 January 2000
establishing the Employment Committee**

(2000/98/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 130 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3 of the Treaty states that the activities of the Community is to include the promotion of coordination between employment policies of the Member States with a view to enhancing their effectiveness by developing a coordinated strategy for employment;
- (2) Part III, Title VIII of the Treaty establishes the procedures by which Member States and the Community should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change; that Title provides for the establishment of an Employment Committee with advisory status ('the Committee');
- (3) in fulfilling its tasks, which include advising and contributing to the work of the Council and the Commission, the Committee should contribute to ensuring that the European Employment Strategy, macroeconomic policy coordination and the process of economic reform are formulated and implemented in a consistent and mutually supportive way;
- (4) it is desirable that the Committee and the Community bodies involved in the coordination of economic policies, in particular the Economic and Financial Committee and the Economic Policy Committee, should work closely together;
- (5) the Committee should collaborate closely with the social partners, in particular with those represented in the Standing Committee on Employment provided for by

the Council Decision 1999/207/EC of 9 March 1999 on the reform of the Standing Committee on Employment and repealing Decision 70/532/EEC ⁽²⁾;

- (6) the Employment Committee is to replace the Employment and Labour Market Committee, set up by the Council Decision 97/16/EC ⁽³⁾; Decision 97/16/EC should therefore be repealed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Institutions and functions

1. An advisory Employment Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee') is hereby established by the Council to promote coordination between Member States on employment and labour market policies, in full compliance with the Treaty and with due regard for the powers of the Community's institutions and organs.
2. The tasks of the Committee shall be:
 - to monitor the employment situation and employment policies in the Member States and the Community,
 - without prejudice to Article 207 of the Treaty, to formulate opinions at the request of either the Council or the Commission or on its own initiative, and to contribute to the preparation of the Council proceedings referred to in Article 128 of the Treaty.

To this end, the Committee should also, in particular:

- promote the consideration of the objective of a high level of employment in the formulation and implementation of Community policies and activities,

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered on 4 November 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 72, 18.3.1999, p. 33.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 6, 10.1.1997, p. 32.

- contribute to the procedure leading to the adoption of the Broad Economic Guidelines in order to ensure consistency between the Employment Guidelines and those guidelines and contribute to the synergy between the European Employment Strategy, macroeconomic policy coordination and the process of economic reform in a mutually supportive way,
- participate in the macroeconomic dialogue at Community level,
- promote exchanges of information and experience between Member States and with the Commission.

Article 2

Membership

1. Each Member State and the Commission shall appoint two members of the Committee. They may also appoint two alternates.
2. The members of the Committee and the alternates shall be selected from among senior officials or experts possessing outstanding competence in the field of employment and labour market policy in the Member States.
3. The Committee may call on external experts where appropriate to its agenda.

Article 3

Operation

1. The Committee shall elect its chairperson from among the members appointed by the Member States for a non-renewable term of two years.
2. The Chairperson shall be assisted by four vice-Chairpersons, of whom two shall be elected by the Committee from among its members for a term of two years. The third shall be a representative from the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council and the fourth shall be a representative from the Member State which will hold the next Presidency.
3. The Commission shall provide the analytical and organisational support for the Committee. It shall designate a member of its staff as Secretary, who shall act on the instructions of the Committee when assisting the Committee in carrying out its tasks. The Commission shall liaise with the General Secretariat of the Council with regard to the holding of meetings.
4. The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.
5. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the chairperson, either on his/her own initiative or at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee.

Article 4

Working groups

The Committee may entrust the study of specific questions to its alternate members or may establish working groups to this end. In such cases, the chair shall be taken by either a member or an alternate member of the Committee or by a Commission official, appointed by the Committee. The working groups may call upon experts to assist them.

Article 5

Liaison with other bodies

1. In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee shall consult management and labour. It shall, in this context, establish contacts with the social partners represented on the Standing Committee on Employment.
2. The Committee shall work as appropriate in cooperation with other relevant bodies and committees dealing with economic policy matters.

Article 6

Repeal

The Employment and Labour Market Committee established by Decision 97/16/EC shall cease to exist on the date of the first meeting of the Committee established by the present Decision. The first meeting of the Committee shall take place no later than four months after the date of adoption of this Decision.

Decision 97/16/EC shall be repealed on the date the Employment and Labour Market Committee ceases to exist.

Article 7

Publication

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

L. CAPOULAS SANTOS

COUNCIL DECISION**of 24 January 2000****amending Decision 76/228/ECSC on the granting of daily subsistence allowances and refunds of travel expenses to members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community**

(2000/99/ECSC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Article 18 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission have just been adjusted under Council Regulation (EC/ECSC/Euratom) No 620/1999 ⁽¹⁾;
- (2) the daily subsistence allowances granted to members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community should be adjusted pro rata to take account of the increase in travel and subsistence expenditure incurred by members of the Committee;
- (3) Decision 76/228/ECSC ⁽²⁾ should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 2(1) of Decision 76/228/ECSC is hereby replaced by the following:

- '1. The daily subsistence allowance shall be:
- EUR 184,40 for each day of attendance at meetings,
 - EUR 143,95 for each day of travel.'

*Article 2*This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

*For the Council**The President*

L. CAPOULAS SANTOS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 78, 24.3.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 44, 20.2.1976, p. 33. Decision last amended by Decision 92/550/ECSC (OJ L 353, 3.12.1992, p. 29).

COUNCIL DECISION
of 24 January 2000
adopting a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the Joint Research Centre
for the European Atomic Energy Community

(2000/100/Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission submitted after consultation of the Scientific and Technical Committee,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The development of nuclear medicine within the European Union contributes to the target of ensuring human health protection which the Union sets itself and which necessitates an increased use of Testing Reactors for medical purposes;
- (2) Within the framework of the common policy relating to the field of science and technology, the supplementary research programme involving the high flux reactor (HFR) is one of the principal means available to the European RTDT fifth framework programme to contribute to the support and testing of medical diagnostic and therapeutic methodologies, to the development of material sciences and to the support of safe nuclear technologies;
- (3) The financial contributions to this supplementary programme will come directly from the Netherlands, Germany and France;
- (4) In addition to these contributions, HFR will receive funds from contracts with third parties and from its participation in the Community programmes on a competitive basis,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The supplementary programme on the operation of HFR, hereinafter referred to as 'the programme', the objectives of which

are set out in Annex I, is hereby adopted for a period of four years, starting on 1 January 2000.

Article 2

The financial contributions estimated as necessary for the execution of the programme amount to EUR 38,97 million. The breakdown of this amount is given in Annex II. It includes a provision for the future decommissioning of the reactor.

Article 3

The Commission shall be responsible for carrying out the programme through its Joint Research Centre. The Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre will be kept informed about the implementation of the programme.

Article 4

The Commission shall each year, before 15 April, submit to the European Parliament, the Council, and the Economic and Social Committee a report on the implementation of this Decision.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council

The President

L. CAPOULAS SANTOS

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered on 15 December 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

ANNEX I**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES**

The programme's aims are primarily:

1. The safe and reliable operation of the high flux reactor (HFR) at Petten; this activity involves the normal use of the installation for more than 250 days a year, the management of the fuel cycle under the safety and quality controls.
2. The rational use of this reactor will be developed in a broad range of disciplines; the major research and development themes involving the use of HFR are illustrated by the following examples: the study of materials, the support of R & D work for the safety of the nuclear fuel cycle, the possibility to test nuclear fuel for peaceful purposes in order to eliminate plutonium resulting from nuclear disarmament, the development of medical isotopes to answer the questions of medical research, the testing of medical therapeutic techniques.

ANNEX II**BREAKDOWN OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS**

The contributions to this supplementary programme will come from the Netherlands, Germany and France.

The breakdown of these contributions is as follows:

The Netherlands:	EUR	34 million
Germany:	EUR	3,77 million
France:	EUR	1,20 million
Total:	EUR	38,97 million

DECISION No 5/1999 OF THE EU-POLAND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 17 December 1999
amending Protocol 4 on the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of
administrative cooperation to the EU-Poland Europe Agreement

(2000/101/EC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, signed in Brussels on 16 December 1991 and in particular Article 38 of Protocol 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The definition of the term 'originating products' needs to be amended to ensure the proper operation of the extended system of cumulation which permits the use of materials originating in the European Community, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovenia, Turkey, the European Economic Area, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland;
- (2) It would seem advisable to revise the Articles concerning the amounts in order fully to take into consideration the entry into force of the euro;
- (3) To take account of changes in processing techniques and shortages of certain raw materials, some corrections should be made to the list of working and processing requirements which non-originating materials have to fulfil to qualify for originating status;
- (4) Protocol 4 should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Protocol 4 on the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Articles 21 and 26 the word 'Ecu' shall be replaced by 'euro';

2. Article 30 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 30

Amounts expressed in euro

1. Amounts in the national currency of the exporting country equivalent to the amounts expressed in euro shall be fixed by the exporting country and communicated to the importing countries through the European Commission.

2. When the amounts exceed the corresponding amounts fixed by the importing country, the latter shall accept them if the products are invoiced in the currency of the exporting country. When the products are invoiced in the currency of EC Member States or another country referred to in Articles 3 and 4, the import country shall recognise the amount notified by the country concerned.

3. The amounts to be used in any given national currency shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the amounts expressed in euro as at the first working day of October 1999.

4. The amounts expressed in euro and their equivalents in the national currencies of Member States and Poland shall be reviewed by the Association Committee at the request of the Community or Poland. When carrying out this review, the Association Committee shall ensure that there will be no decrease in the amounts to be used in national currency and shall furthermore consider the desirability of preserving the effects of the limits concerned in real terms. For this purpose, it may decide to modify the amounts expressed in euro.'

3. Annex II shall be amended as follows:

(a) the entry for HS heading 1904 shall be replaced by:

'1904	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereal or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals (other than maize (corn)) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour and meal), pre-cooked, or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included	Manufacture: — from materials not classified within heading No 1806; — in which all the cereals and flour (except durum wheat and its derivatives and Zea mays L. (maize)) used must be wholly obtained ⁽¹⁾ ; — in which the value of any materials of Chapter 17 used does not exceed 30 % of the ex-works price of the product	
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⁽¹⁾ The exception concerning the *Zea mays L.* maize is applicable until 31.12.2002.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 348, 31.12.1993, p. 2.

(b) the entry for HS heading 2207 shall be replaced by:

2207	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 % vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength	Manufacture: — from materials not classified within heading Nos 2207 or 2208, — in which all the grapes or any material derived from grapes used must be wholly obtained or if all the other materials used are already originating, arrack may be used up to a limit of 5 % by volume'	
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(c) the entry for HS Chapter 57 shall be replaced by:

'Chapter 57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings: — Of needleloom felt	Manufacture from ⁽¹⁾: — natural fibres - or — chemical materials or textile pulp However: — polypropylene filament of heading No 5402, - or — polypropylene fibres of heading Nos 5503 or 5506, - or — polypropylene filament tow of heading No 5501, of which the denomination in all cases of a single filament or fibre is less than 9 decitex, may be used provided their value does not exceed 40 % of the ex-works price of the product Jute fabric may be used as backing	
	— Of other felt	Manufacture from ⁽¹⁾: — natural fibres not carded or combed or otherwise processed for spinning, - or — chemical materials or textile pulp	
	— Of other textile materials	Manufacture from ⁽¹⁾: — coir or jute yarn, — synthetic or artificial filament yarn, — natural fibres, - or — man-made staple fibres not carded or combed or otherwise processed for spinning Jute fabric may be used as backing	

⁽¹⁾ For special conditions relating to products made of a mixture of textile materials, see Introductory Note 5.'

(d) the entry for HS heading 8401 shall be replaced by:

'ex 8401	Nuclear fuel elements	Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product ⁽¹⁾	Manufacture in which the value of all the materials does not exceed 30 % of the ex-works price of the product
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⁽¹⁾ This rule shall apply until 31.12.2005.'

(e) the following shall be inserted between the entries for HS headings Nos 9606 and 9612:

'9608	Ball-point pens; felt-tipped and other porous-tipped pens and markers; fountain pens, stylograph pens and other pens; duplicating stylos; propelling or sliding pencils; pen-holders, pencil-holders and similar holders; parts (including caps and clips) of the foregoing articles, other than those of heading No 9609	Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product. However, nibs or nib-points classified within the same heading may be used'	
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Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1999.

For the Association Council

The President

B. GEREMEK

Information relating to the entry into force of the Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements

The Protocol adjusting the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Latvia further to enlargement and the Uruguay Round, which the Council decided to conclude on 18 May 1998 ⁽¹⁾, enters into force on 1 March 2000 since notification of the accomplishment of the procedures stipulated in Article 7 of that Protocol was completed on 5 January 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 317, 10.12.1999.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION of 22 December 1999

amending Decision 1999/354/EC on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 1999 for the purpose of introducing monitoring and control systems applicable to the fisheries policy

(notified under document number C(1999) 4845)

(2000/102/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/527/EC of 8 December 1995 on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The available appropriations may be committed in order to satisfy many of the Member States' requests which could not be accepted at the time of adoption of Commission Decision 1999/354/EC on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 1999 for the purpose of introducing monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Some Member States have informed the Commission under Article 8 of Decision 95/527/EC that part of their eligible expenditure will not be incurred in 1999.
- (3) Decision 1999/354/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) Greece has forwarded additional information concerning its requests for a financial contribution towards the expenditure referred to in Article 2 of Decision 95/527/EC for 1999 which will affect the amount of expendi-

ture eligible for a financial contribution under that Decision.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 1999/354/EC is amended as follows:

1. in the first sentence of Article 1, the figure of 'EUR 107 081 558' is replaced by 'EUR 108 378 475';
2. in the second sentence of Article 1, the figure of 'EUR 29 611 772' is replaced by 'EUR 33 833 388';
3. in the first sentence of Article 2(1), the figure of 'EUR 24 001 438' is replaced by 'EUR 23 343 612';
4. in the second sentence of Article 2(1), the figure of 'EUR 11 258 367' is replaced by 'EUR 11 024 266';
5. in the first sentence of Article 2(1), the figure of 'EUR 2 450' is replaced by 'EUR 2 500';
6. in the second sentence of Article 2(2), the figure of 'EUR 2 450' is replaced by 'EUR 2 500';
7. in the third sentence of Article 2(2), the figure of 'EUR 3 225' is replaced by 'EUR 3 250';
8. in the final sentence of Article 2(2), the figure of 'EUR 6 600 000' is replaced by 'EUR 6 750 000';

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 14.12.1995, p. 30; OJ L 302, 15.12.1995, p. 45 (corrigendum).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 137, 1.6.1999, p. 41.

9. Annex I is replaced by Annex I hereto;
 10. Annex II is replaced by Annex II hereto.

Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Article 2

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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België/Belgique		6 197	3 099
Danmark	DKR 13 940 000	1 871 447	814 899
Deutschland		21 100 101	10 168 317
Ελλάδα	DRA 7 684 000 000	23 294 453	3 245 369
España		8 310 194	4 064 945
Italia		2 076 157	1 038 078
Nederland		5 208 489	2 490 800
Portugal		10 725 929	5 338 025
Suomi		462 517	146 744
Sverige	SKR 25 701 000	2 708 781	999 259
United Kingdom	UKL 23 007 856	32 614 208	5 523 853
Total/I alt/Σύνολο/Totale/Totaal/Yhteensä		108 378 475	33 833 388

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BIJLAGE II — ANEXO II — LIITE II — BILAGA II

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België/Belgique		678 000	352 250
Danmark	DKR 2 000 000	268 500	212 313
Deutschland		680 635	304 004
Ελλάδα	DRA 475 000 000	1 440 752	639 158
España		8 354 068	4 485 961
Italia		8 831 413	3 018 071
Nederland		1 905 877	1 311 134
Portugal		349 159	179 880
Suomi		336 376	197 844
Sverige	SKR 2 850 000	300 378	224 424
United Kingdom	UKL 140 000	198 453	99 227
Total/I alt/Σύνολο/Totale/Totaal/Yhteensä		23 343 612	11 024 266

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1999

amending Decision 1999/354/EC on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 1999 for the purpose of introducing monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy

(notified under document number C(1999) 4847)

(2000/103/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/527/EC of 8 December 1995 on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) When Commission Decision 98/439/EC on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 1999 for the purpose of introducing monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽²⁾, as amended by Decision 102 ⁽³⁾, was adopted the available budget allocation was insufficient to grant the maximum Community financial contribution to all eligible expenditure.
- (2) The budget allocation has now been increased so that an additional financial contribution is available for some eligible expenditure.
- (3) Decision 1999/354/EC did not take account of the requests for assistance from France and Ireland because they were not sent to the Commission within the required deadlines. However, in order to ensure the continuity of monitoring and control activities in ICES zones VI, VII and VIII, it is essential that France and Ireland incur some expenditure which they cannot cover from their own budgets. Without any Community financial contribution the financing of investments programmed for 1999 would be seriously jeopardised and it would be impossible to attain the necessary monitoring and control objectives. It is therefore warranted to provide, exceptionally, for a financial contribution to the essential expenditure of France and Italy for 1999.
- (4) Greece has forwarded additional information concerning its request for a financial contribution towards the expenditure referred to in Article 2 of Decision 95/527/EC for 1999 which will affect the amount of expendi-

ture eligible for a financial contribution under that Decision.

- (5) Commission Decision 1999/354/EC should therefore be amended.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 1999/354/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. in the first sentence of Article 1, 'EUR 108 378 475' is replaced by 'EUR 113 744 098';
2. in the second sentence of Article 1, 'EUR 33 833 388' is replaced by 'EUR 35 570 045';
3. in the second sentence of Article 2(1), 'EUR 11 024 266' is replaced by 'EUR 11 424 166';
4. in the first sentence of Article 2(2), 'EUR 2 500' is replaced by 'EUR 2 800';
5. in the second sentence of Article 2(2), 'EUR 2 500' is replaced by 'EUR 2 800';
6. in the third sentence of Article 2(2), 'EUR 3 250' is replaced by 'EUR 3 400';
7. in the last sentence of Article 2(2), 'EUR 6 750 000' is replaced by 'EUR 7 500 000';
8. the following Article is inserted after Article 2:

'Article 2a

Ireland's investment expenditure planned for 1999, amounting to EUR 13 693 872, shall be eligible for a financial contribution under Article 3(3) of Decision 95/52/EC. The rate of the Community contribution shall be 65 %. However, the contribution shall be granted up to a maximum of EUR 2 600 000.'

9. Annex I is replaced by Annex I to this Decision;
10. Annex II is replaced by Annex II to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 14.12.1995, p.30. OJ L 302, 15.12.1995, p.45. (corrigendum).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 137, 1.6.1999, p. 41.

⁽³⁾ See page 30 of this Official Journal.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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Total/I alt/Σύνολο/Totale/Totaal/Yhteensä		113 744 098	35 570 045

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Deutschland		680 635	317 504
Ελλάδα	DRA 475 000 000	1 440 752	661 658
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Suomi		336 376	203 094
Sverige	SKR 2 850 000	300 378	234 174
United Kingdom	UKL 140 000	198 453	99 227
Total/I alt/Σύνολο/Totale/Totaal/Yhteensä		23 343 612	11 424 166

COMMISSION DECISION
of 31 January 2000
amending Decision 98/653/EC concerning emergency measures made necessary by the occurrence
of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Portugal

(notified under document number C(2000) 212)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/104/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 98/653/EC of 18 November 1998 concerning emergency measures made necessary by the occurrence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Portugal ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/713/EC ⁽⁵⁾, prohibits the dispatch of bovine products until 1 February 2000.
- (2) The current BSE incidence rate in Portugal calculated over the past 12 months per 1 000 000 bovine animals over 24 months of age is 236. According to the Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (International Office of Epizootic Diseases (OIE)), 1999 edition, a country or zone will be classified as having a high incidence of BSE if the BSE incidence rate, calculated over the past 12 months, has been greater than 100 cases per 1 000 000 animals within the cattle population over 24 months of age in the country or zone.
- (3) The OIE Animal Health Code recommends that bovine meat and meat products can only be traded from countries or zones classified as having a high incidence of BSE under certain strict conditions, such as an effective feed ban, a permanent system for the identification of cattle enabling animals to be traced back to the herd and

dam of origin, the removal of specified risk materials and the slaughter and complete destruction of certain higher risk animals, such as offspring and birth cohorts of BSE cases. Thereafter bovine meat and products are only eligible for trade on the basis of either of two schemes: namely a certified herds scheme, indicating that the products have been derived from animals born, raised and having remained in herds without BSE cases for the last seven years, or a date-based scheme, indicating that the products were derived from animals born after the date of an effective feed ban.

- (4) Missions on BSE-related issues were carried out in Portugal by the Food and Veterinary Office from 14 to 18 June and from 25 to 29 October 1999 the conclusions of which were that Portugal has an effective feed ban and that a complete set of legislation on cattle identification and registration has been introduced.
- (5) Portugal put forward a first proposal for a date-based scheme to the Commission on 3 December 1999; this scheme must be examined in the light of measures taken by Portugal as regards the feed ban, the traceability of cattle, the culling of offspring and birth cohorts of BSE cases and the removal of specified risk materials; furthermore the implementation of those measures should be verified by a Community mission before the Commission can propose a partial lifting of the ban to the Standing Veterinary Committee.
- (6) In those circumstances, it is appropriate to maintain the prohibition on the dispatch of bovine products until the scheme proposed by Portugal can be adopted.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 98/653/EC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 4, the words 'until 1 February 2000' are deleted.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 311, 20.11.1998, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 281, 4.11.1999, p. 90.

2. Article 16(1) is replaced by the following:

‘1. This Decision shall be reviewed by 18 May 2000 at the latest, pending an overall examination of the situation, in particular in view of the development of the incidence of the disease and the effective enforcement of the relevant measures, in the light of the date-based scheme proposed by Portugal.’

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 January 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (CE) No 2737/1999 of 21 December 1999 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2807/83 laying down detailed rules for recording information on Member States' catches of fish**

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 328 of 22 December 1999)

On pages 56 and 57, Annex I is replaced by the following:

Catches by species retained on board and landed/transhipped in kg live-weight equivalent									
Species	Code	Units	Weight	Observations	Species	Code	Units	Weight	Observations

Signature

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the records are complete, true and accurate.
Date: Signature:'