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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 400/2000
of 23 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 24 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 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.

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to the Commission Regulation of 23 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	204	47,6
	624	250,1
	999	148,8
0707 00 05	052	116,8
	068	118,3
	628	159,4
	999	131,5
0709 10 00	220	203,6
	999	203,6
0709 90 70	052	122,7
	204	41,7
	628	137,2
	999	100,5
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	46,8
	204	36,5
	212	35,8
	624	58,1
	999	44,3
0805 20 10	052	50,8
	204	69,2
	999	60,0
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	61,3
	204	52,5
	220	69,4
	600	87,7
	624	63,6
	999	66,9
0805 30 10	052	49,1
	600	58,2
	999	53,7
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	039	114,7
	060	49,0
	400	83,2
	404	84,9
	528	104,2
	720	130,3
	728	98,3
	999	94,9
0808 20 50	388	105,5
	400	110,0
	512	93,3
	528	108,9
	720	65,0
	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 401/2000**of 23 February 2000****fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for molasses in the sugar sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

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

Whereas:

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

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 12.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 27.6.1968, p. 12.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

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

(in EUR)

CN code	Amount of the representative price in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the additional duty in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the duty to be applied to imports in 100 kg net of the product in question because of suspension as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 ⁽²⁾
1703 10 00 ⁽¹⁾	7,18	0,00	—
1703 90 00 ⁽¹⁾	7,38	0,00	—

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

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 402/2000
of 23 February 2000
altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 351/2000 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) It follows from applying the detailed rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 351/2000 to the information known to the Commission that the export refunds at present in

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, undenatured and exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 351/2000 are hereby altered to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 45, 17.2.2000, p. 12.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 23 February 2000 altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

Product code	Amount of refund
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 11 90 9100	43,33 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	43,22 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9950	⁽²⁾
1701 12 90 9100	43,33 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	43,22 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9950	⁽²⁾
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 91 00 9000	0,4710
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 99 10 9100	47,10
1701 99 10 9910	49,20
1701 99 10 9950	46,98
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 99 90 9100	0,4710

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

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 403/2000**of 23 February 2000****fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar for the 28th partial invitation to tender issued within the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Whereas:

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

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

- (3) Following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the 28th partial invitation to tender, the provisions set out in Article 1 should be adopted.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 28th partial invitation to tender for white sugar issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 the maximum amount of the export refund is fixed at EUR 52,842/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 172, 8.7.1999, p. 27.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 404/2000
of 23 February 2000
amending Regulation (EC) No 2455/1999 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) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2455/1999 ⁽³⁾ established a standard import value for determining the entry price of tomatoes originating in certain third countries.
- (2) An error has been discovered in the Annex to that Regulation. The Regulation in question should therefore be corrected.
- (3) Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 provides that, where no standard import value is in force for a product for a given origin, the average of the standard import values in force for that product is to apply. As a result, that average should be recalculated if one of its component standard import values is corrected.
- (4) Application of the corrected standard import value must be requested by the party concerned so that they are not placed retroactively at a disadvantage,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values applicable to tomatoes originating in certain third countries listed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2455/1999 is replaced, as regards the third-country codes indicated in the table in the Annex hereto, by the standard import values listed there.

Article 2

At the request of the party concerned, the customs office where the import was recorded shall refund part of the customs duties for the tomatoes originating in the third countries concerned and released for free circulation during the period of application of the corrected Regulation. Refund applications must be lodged no later than the last day of the third month following that in which this Regulation enters into force and must be accompanied by the declaration of release for free circulation for the import concerned.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 25 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 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.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 299, 20.11.1999, p. 9.

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(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code	Standard import value
0702 00 00	204	36,6
	999	69,2

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 405/2000
of 23 February 2000
repealing Regulation (EC) No 1855/1999 relating to the invitation to tender for the export of
sorghum held by the French intervention agency

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 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 39/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by the intervention agencies.
- (2) For economical reasons, it is appropriate to repeal the invitation to tender under Commission Regulation (EC)

No 1855/1999 ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2050/1999 ⁽⁶⁾.

- (3) 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

Regulation (EC) No 1855/1999 is hereby repealed.

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, 23 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 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 64.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 228, 28.8.1999, p. 3.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 255, 30.9.1999, p. 13.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 406/2000**of 23 February 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 opening a standing invitation to tender for the export of rye held by the German intervention agency**

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 last amended by Regulation (EC) No 39/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down the procedure and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by intervention agencies.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 159/2000 ⁽⁶⁾, opens a standing invitation to tender for the export to all third countries of rye held by the German intervention agency.
- (3) The increasingly closer links between the European Union and certain central and eastern European countries and the current situation on the rye market in those countries mean that Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia should be ruled out as destinations

under the invitation to tender for the export of rye held by the German intervention agency.

- (4) Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 must be amended accordingly.
- (5) The Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 1 700 029 tonnes of rye for export to all third countries except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia.’.

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, 23 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 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 64.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 256, 1.10.1999, p. 39.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 19, 25.1.2000, p. 17.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 407/2000**of 23 February 2000****fixing the production refund for olive oil used in the manufacture of certain preserved foods**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 20a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 20a of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides for the granting of a production refund for olive oil used in the preserving industry. Under paragraph 6 of that Article, and without prejudice to paragraph 3 thereof, the Commission shall fix this refund every two months.
- (2) By virtue of Article 20a(2) of the abovementioned Regulation, the production refund must be fixed on the basis of the gap between prices on the world market and on the Community market, taking account of the import

charge applicable to olive oil falling within CN subheading 1509 90 00 and the factors used for fixing the export refunds for those olive oils during the reference period. It is appropriate to take as a reference period the two-month period preceding the beginning of the term of validity of the production refund.

- (3) The application of the above criteria results in the refund being fixed as shown below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the months of March and April 2000, the amount of the production refund referred to in Article 20a(2) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall be EUR 44,00/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 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.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 408/2000

of 23 February 2000

determining the loss of income and the premiums applicable per ewe and per female goat in the Member States and the payment of the specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community for the 1999 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 of 3 November 1998 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Canary Islands with regard to certain agricultural products ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 provides for the grant of a premium to compensate for any loss of income sustained by producers of sheepmeat and, in certain areas, of goatmeat. Those areas are defined in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 and in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2738/1999 of 21 December 1999 determining the mountain areas in which the premium for goatmeat producers is granted ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 5(6) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98, the Member States were authorised by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1163/1999 ⁽⁵⁾ to pay an initial advance and by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2163/1999 ⁽⁶⁾ to pay a second advance to sheepmeat and goatmeat producers. The definitive premiums to be paid in respect of the 1999 marketing year must thus be fixed.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98, the premium payable to producers of heavy lambs in respect of the 1999 marketing year is obtained by multiplying the loss of income by a coefficient expressing the annual average production of heavy lamb meat per ewe producing these lambs, expressed per 100 kg of carcass weight. In accordance with the abovementioned Regulation, the premium per ewe for producers of light lambs and per female of the caprine species should be 80 % of the premium for producers of heavy lambs.

- (4) Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98, the premium must be reduced by the impact on the basic price of the coefficient provided for in Article 13(2) of that Regulation. That coefficient is fixed at 7 % by Article 13(4) of the said Regulation.
- (5) It is opportune to foresee that the aid provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90 of 14 May 1990 instituting specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 193/98 ⁽⁸⁾, or the balance of this aid, resulting from the application of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1163/1999, should be granted before a certain date and under what conditions.
- (6) Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 provides for the application of specific measures relating to agricultural production in the Canary Islands. Those measures entail the grant of a supplement to the premium payable to producers of light lambs and she goats on the same conditions as those governing the grant of the premium referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98. Those conditions provide for Spain to be authorised to pay the supplement to the premium.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sheep and Goats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

It is hereby noted that the difference between the basic price less the impact of the coefficient provided for in Article 13(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 and the Community market price during the 1999 marketing year was EUR 138,169 per 100 kilograms.

Article 2

The coefficient provided for in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 is hereby fixed at 15,69 kilograms.

Article 3

1. The premium payable per ewe in respect of the 1999 marketing year shall be as follows:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 59.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 140, 3.6.1999, p. 20.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 265, 13.10.1999, p. 18.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 132, 23.5.1990, p. 17.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 20, 27.1.1998, p. 18.

- producers of heavy lambs: EUR 21,679,
- producers of light lambs: EUR 17,343.

2. The premium payable per female of the caprine species and per region in areas listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 and in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2738/1999 in respect of the 1999 marketing year is EUR 17,343.

Article 4

The specific aid which the Member States are authorised to pay to producers of sheepmeat and goatmeat in less-favoured areas pursuant to Article 1(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90, within the limits and at the rates provided for in Article 5(7) and the second indent of the second subparagraph of Article 5(8) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 or, should it be the case, the balance of this aid, in the event of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1163/1999 being applied, shall be paid before 15 October 2000.

Article 5

Pursuant to Article 13(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, the supplement to the premium for the 1999 marketing year to be granted to producers of light lambs and she-goats located in the Canary Islands, within the limits and at the rates provided for in Article 5(7) and the second indent of the second subparagraph of Article 5(8) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 shall be as follows:

- EUR 5 per ewe in the case of producers as referred to in Article 5(3) of that Regulation,
- EUR 5 per she-goat in the case of producers as referred to in Article 5(5) of that Regulation.

Article 6

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

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 409/2000
of 23 February 2000
amending the import duties in the rice sector

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⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1503/96 of 29 July 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 as regards import duties in the rice sector ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2831/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Import duties in the rice sector have been fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 359/2000 ⁽⁵⁾.

- (2) Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1503/96 provides that if during the period of application, the average import duty calculated differs by EUR 10 per tonne from the duty fixed, a corresponding adjustment is to be made. Such a difference has arisen. It is therefore necessary to adjust the import duties fixed in Regulation (EC) No 359/2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 359/2000 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 February 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 189, 30.7.1996, p. 71.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 45, 17.2.2000, p. 30.

ANNEX I

Import duties on rice and broken rice

(EUR/t)

CN code	Duties ⁽¹⁾				
	Third countries (except ACP and Bangladesh) ⁽²⁾	ACP ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	Bangladesh ⁽⁴⁾	Basmati India and Pakistan ⁽⁵⁾	Egypt ⁽⁶⁾
1006 10 21	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 23	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 25	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 27	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 92	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 94	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 96	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 10 98	(7)	76,44	111,06		173,10
1006 20 11	156,79	50,54	74,06		117,59
1006 20 13	156,79	50,54	74,06		117,59
1006 20 15	156,79	50,54	74,06		117,59
1006 20 17	202,17	66,42	96,75	0,00	151,63
1006 20 92	156,79	50,54	74,06		117,59
1006 20 94	156,79	50,54	74,06		117,59
1006 20 96	156,79	50,54	74,06		117,59
1006 20 98	202,17	66,42	96,75	0,00	151,63
1006 30 21	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 23	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 25	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 27	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 42	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 44	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 46	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 48	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 61	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 63	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 65	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 67	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 92	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 94	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 96	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 30 98	(7)	146,86	212,59		341,25
1006 40 00	(7)	45,38	(7)		105,00

⁽¹⁾ The duty on imports of rice originating in the ACP States is applicable, under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 (OJ L 215, 1.8.1998, p. 12) and amended Commission Regulation (EC) No 2603/97 (OJ L 351, 23.12.1997, p. 22).

⁽²⁾ In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1706/98, the duties are not applied to products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and imported directly into the overseas department of Réunion.

⁽³⁾ The import levy on rice entering the overseas department of Réunion is specified in Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.

⁽⁴⁾ The duty on imports of rice not including broken rice (CN code 1006 40 00), originating in Bangladesh is applicable under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3491/90 (OJ L 337, 4.12.1990, p. 1) and amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 862/91 (OJ L 88, 9.4.1991, p. 7).

⁽⁵⁾ No import duty applies to products originating in the OCT pursuant to Article 101(1) of amended Council Decision 91/482/EEC (OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1).

⁽⁶⁾ For husked rice of the Basmati variety originating in India and Pakistan, a reduction of EUR/t 250 applies (Article 4a of amended Regulation (EC) No 1503/96).

⁽⁷⁾ Duties fixed in the Common Customs Tariff.

⁽⁸⁾ The duty on imports of rice originating in and coming from Egypt is applicable under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 2184/96 (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 1) and Commission Regulation (EC) No 196/97 (OJ L 31, 1.2.1997, p. 53).

ANNEX II

Calculation of import duties for rice

	Paddy	Indica rice		Japonica rice		Broken rice
		Husked	Milled	Husked	Milled	
1. Import duty (EUR/tonne)	(¹)	202,17	455,00	156,79	455,00	(¹)
2. Elements of calculation:						
(a) Arag cif price (EUR/tonne)	—	325,21	311,64	404,11	315,91	—
(b) fob price (EUR/tonne)	—	—	—	374,18	285,98	—
(c) Sea freight (EUR/tonne)	—	—	—	29,93	29,93	—
(d) Source	—	USDA	USDA	Operators	Operators	—

(¹) Duties fixed in the Common Customs Tariff.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 410/2000
of 23 February 2000
amending 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 organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals was fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 223/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) On the basis of today's cif prices and cif forward delivery prices, taking foreseeable developments on the market into account, the corrective amount at present applicable to the refund on cereals should be altered.

- (3) The corrective amount must be fixed according to the same procedure as the refund. It may be altered in the period between fixings,

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 the export refunds fixed in advance in respect of the products referred to, except for malt, is hereby altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 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 24, 29.1.2000, p. 24.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 23 February 2000 amending 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	04	0	-60,00	-60,00	-60,00	-60,00	—	—
	02	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	-7,50	—	—
1103 11 10 9400	01	0	0	0	0	-6,75	—	—
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,

04 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia.

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

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 February 2000

appointing a German alternate member of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/151/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

A seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Volker Schemmel, alternate member, notified to the Council on 10 January 2000.

Having regard to the proposal from the German Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Hans Kaiser is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Volker Schemmel for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 February 2000
appointing a German member of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/152/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

A seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Dirk Brouër, notified to the Council on 11 January 2000.

Having regard to the proposal from the German Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Gustav-Adolf Stanger is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Dirk Brouër for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 February 2000
appointing a German member of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/153/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

A seat as a member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Hans-Otto Bräutigam, member, notified to the Council on 11 January 2000.

Having regard to the proposal from the German Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Kurt Schelter is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Hans-Otto Bräutigam for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 February 2000
appointing Austrian members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/154/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

Seats as members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignation of Mr Franz Romeder and Mr Josef Dechant and that seats as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignation of Mr Günther Pumberger and Mr Anton Koczur, notified to the Council on 10 and 20 January and 3 February 2000 respectively.

Having regard to the proposal from the Austrian Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

1. Mr Günther Pumberger and Mr Anton Koczur are hereby appointed full members of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Franz Romeder and Mr Josef Dechant respectively for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.
2. Mr Helmut Mödlhammer and Ms Elisabeth Heinzl-Schiel are hereby appointed alternate members of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Günther Pumberger and Mr Anton Koczur respectively for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 February 2000
appointing a Swedish alternate member of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/155/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

A seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Ms Malin Risberg, alternate member, notified to the Council on 24 January 2000.

Having regard to the proposal from the Swedish Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Ms Mona-Lisa Norrman is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Ms Malin Risberg for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 February 2000
appointing French alternate members of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/156/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

Seats as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignation of Mr Michel Barnier and Ms Margie Sudre, notified to the Council on 10 January 2000 and 8 September 1999 respectively.

Having regard to the proposal from the French Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Claude Girard and Mr Adrien Zeller are hereby appointed as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Michel Barnier and Ms Margie Sudre, for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 February 2000
appointing a Spanish alternate member of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/157/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

A seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Fernando López Carrasco, alternate member, notified to the Council on 24 January 2000.

Having regard to the proposal from the Spanish Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr José María Barreda Fontes is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Fernando López Carrasco for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

DECISION No 1/2000 OF THE EU-LATVIA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 26 January 2000
amending Protocol 3 on the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of
administrative cooperation to the EU-Latvia Europe Agreement

(2000/158/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 Latvia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, signed in Luxembourg on 12 June 1995 and in particular Article 38 of Protocol 3 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 3 should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Protocol 3 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 Latvia shall be reviewed by the Association Committee at the request of the Community or Latvia. 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 26, 2.2.1998, p. 3.

(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, 26 January 2000.

For the Association Council

The President

J. GAMA

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 February 2000

on the provisional approval of residue plans of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC

(notified under document number C(2000) 343)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/159/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC ⁽²⁾ of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems on importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Some third countries have presented residue monitoring plans including results thereof to the Commission services, and there is a need for additional information and further clarifications.
- (2) Other third countries have been providing information on residue plans under conditions laid down before Directive 96/23/EC was implemented, and are currently exporting to the Community although they have not submitted a recent plan of residue monitoring and/or the relevant results, and there are aspects which need more information and clarification.
- (3) Third countries that wish to export products of animal origin for human consumption to the Community, as specified in Directive 96/23/EC, may submit their residue monitoring plan at any time to the Commission services for approval. On compliance with Directive 96/23/EC, they may be added to this Decision.

(4) There is a need, in the interest of the third countries and the European Community, to provide for transparency in all actions, and at the same time to provide enough time for the third countries to adapt their legislation to Community requirements.

(5) There is a public health concern in relation to residues in products of animal origin. Therefore residue plans shall be approved and regularly updated.

(6) Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 2000/2/EC ⁽⁵⁾, draws up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products and includes provisions relating to residue monitoring plans which are covered by this Decision. Therefore Decision 79/542/EEC should be amended accordingly.

(7) Article 29(1) of Directive 96/23/EC states that inclusion and retention on the lists of third countries provided for in Community legislation from which Member States are authorised to import animals and animal products covered by this Directive shall be subject to submission by the third country concerned of a plan setting out the guarantees which it offers as regards the monitoring of the groups of residues and substances referred to in Annex I.

(8) Article 8(3) of Directive 96/23/EC states that by no later than 31 March each year, Member States shall forward to the Commission the results of their residue and substance detection plans and their control measures.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 125, 25.5.1996, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 1, 4.1.2000, p. 17.

- (9) The second paragraph of Article 29(1) of Directive 96/23/EC states that provisions of Article 8 concerning time limits for submission and updating of plans shall apply for plans submitted by third countries and, in addition, that the guarantees must have an effect at least equivalent to those provided for in this Directive.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Animals or animal products from third countries appearing in the list of the Annex with an 'X' are considered to comply provisionally with Directive 96/23/EC, concerning the approval of residue plans.

Article 2

The Commission will review this Decision as necessary. From 1 April 2000, the Commission will evaluate the residue monitoring plans submitted by third countries in accordance

with Article 29 of Directive 96/23/EC before final approval is given.

By 31 March 2000 third countries must present a residue monitoring plan for those foodstuffs of animal origin for import into the Community for the year 2000, demonstrating compliance with Directive 96/23/EC, which may include provision of equivalent guarantees; and present the results of the residue monitoring plan for the year 1999 for those foodstuffs of animal origin which have been imported into the Community during 1999.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Animal or primary animal products from third countries appearing in this Annex with an 'X' are considered to comply provisionally with Directive 96/23/EC, concerning the approval of residue plans.

Code ISO 2	Country	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Swine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey
AD	Andorra												
AG	Antigua and Barbuda						X						
AL	Albania						X						
AM	Armenia						X						
AN	Netherlands Antilles						X						
AO	Angola						X						
AR	Argentina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AU	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AZ	Azerbaijan						X						
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina				X ⁽⁴⁾								
BD	Bangladesh						X						
BG	Bulgaria		X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X		X		X	X	X	X
BH	Bahrain		X ⁽¹⁾										
BJ	Benin						X						
BR	Brazil	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X		X			X
BS	Bahamas						X						
BW	Botswana	X	X							X	X	X	
BY	Belarus				X ⁽⁴⁾		X						
BZ	Belize						X						
CA	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CH	Switzerland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CI	Côte d'Ivoire						X						
CL	Chile		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X
CM	Cameroon						X						
CN	China		X ⁽¹⁾	X ⁽¹⁾		X	X			X			X

Code ISO 2	Country	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Swine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey
CO	Colombia						X	X					
CR	Costa Rica		X ⁽¹⁾				X						
CU	Cuba						X						X
CV	Cape Verde						X						
CY	Cyprus		X ⁽¹⁾		X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CZ	Czech Republic	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DZ	Algeria						X						
EC	Ecuador						X						
EE	Estonia	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EG	Egypt		X ⁽¹⁾										
ER	Eritrea						X						
ET	Ethiopia												
FJ	Fiji						X						
FK	Falkland Islands						X						
FO	Faeroe Islands						X						
GA	Gabon						X						
GD	Grenada						X						
GH	Ghana						X						
GL	Greenland		X		X ⁽⁴⁾		X			X	X	X	
GM	Gambia						X						
GN	Guinea						X						
GT	Guatemala						X						X
HK	Hong Kong						X						
HN	Honduras		X ⁽¹⁾				X			X			
HR	Croatia	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HU	Hungary	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ID	Indonesia						X						
IL	Israel					X	X	X	X				X

Code ISO 2	Country	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Swine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey
IN	India	X ⁽¹⁾	X ⁽¹⁾				X		X				X
IR	Iran		X ⁽¹⁾				X						
IS	Iceland	X	X	X	X		X	X					
JM	Jamaica						X						
JP	Japan		X ⁽¹⁾				X						
KE	Kenya						X						
KR	South Korea					X	X						
KW	Kuwait		X ⁽¹⁾										
LB	Lebanon		X ⁽¹⁾										
LK	Sri Lanka						X						
LT	Lithuania	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LV	Latvia	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
MA	Morocco		X ⁽¹⁾				X						
MD	Moldova												X
MG	Madagascar	X				X	X			X			
807	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	X	X		X ⁽⁴⁾					X	X	X	
MM	Myanmar						X						
MN	Mongolia		X ⁽¹⁾										
MIR	Mauritania						X						
MT	Malta	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X			X
MU	Mauritius						X						
MV	Maldives						X						
MX	Mexico				X		X	X	X	X			X
MY	Malaysia					X ⁽²⁾	X						
MZ	Mozambique						X						
NA	Namibia	X	X			X	X			X	X	X	
NC	New Caledonia						X				X	X	
NG	Nigeria						X						

Code ISO 2	Country	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Swine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey
NI	Nicaragua	X					X			X			X
NZ	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
OM	Oman						X						
PA	Panama						X						
PE	Peru		X ⁽¹⁾				X						
PF	French Polynesia						X						
PG	Papua New Guinea						X						
PH	Philippines						X						
PK	Pakistan		X ⁽¹⁾				X						
PL	Poland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PM	St. Pierre & Miquelon						X						
PY	Paraguay	X			X					X			
RO	Romania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RU	Russia				X ⁽⁴⁾		X					X ⁽³⁾	
SB	Solomon Islands					X	X						
SC	Seychelles						X						
SG	Singapore					X	X	X					
SH	St Helena						X						
SI	Slovenia	X		X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SK	Slovakia	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SM	San Marino						X						
SN	Senegal						X						
SR	Suriname						X						
SV	El Salvador												X
SY	Syria		X ⁽¹⁾										
SZ	Swaziland	X								X	X	X	
TG	Togo						X						
TH	Thailand					X	X				X	X	

Code ISO 2	Country	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Swine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey
TM	Turkmenistan		X ⁽¹⁾										
TN	Tunisia		X ⁽¹⁾		X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X				X	X	
TR	Turkey		X ⁽¹⁾			X	X	X					X
TW	Taiwan						X						
TZ	Tanzania						X						
UA	Ukraine				X ⁽⁴⁾						X		
UG	Uganda						X						
US	United States	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
UY	Uruguay	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
UZ	Uzbekistan		X ⁽¹⁾										
VC	St Vincent and the Grenadines						X						
VE	Venezuela						X						
VN	Vietnam						X						
YE	Yemen						X						
YU	Republic of Yugoslavia	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾					X			
ZA	South Africa	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
ZW	Zimbabwe	X		X		X	X			X	X	X	

⁽¹⁾ Only casings.⁽²⁾ Peninsular (western) Malaysia only.⁽³⁾ Only for reindeer from Murmansk region.⁽⁴⁾ As regards imports of live horses for slaughter sufficient guarantees have been received.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 2000

amending Commission Decision 97/219/EC laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries*(notified under document number C(2000) 285)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2000/160/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 97/219/EC ⁽³⁾ lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries.
- (2) Because of the particular system of production of farmed reindeer meat, some specific health derogations must be applied for such imports.
- (3) Decision 97/219/EC must be amended in order to allow imports of reindeer meat not coming from animals which have been kept separate from wild cloven-hoofed game since birth.

- (4) 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 97/219/EC is amended as follows:

In Annex A, Chapter IV, point 2(d), after the wording 'animals which have been kept separate from wild cloven-hoofed game since birth,' the footnote 'not applicable to reindeer' is inserted.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from the 30th day following notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 45.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 2000

amending Decision 97/217/EC establishing groups of third countries which are able to use the veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat, farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries

(notified under document number C(2000) 286)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/161/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 97/217/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/758/EC ⁽⁴⁾, lays down groups of third countries, or parts thereof, which are able to use the veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat, farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries.
- (2) Following a Community veterinary mission in the Russian region of Murmansk, it appears that the health situation in this territory is controlled by veterinary services which can offer satisfactory guarantees concerning diseases which might be transmitted through the imports into the Community of farmed or wild cloven-hoofed game meat, excluding swine.
- (3) The responsible veterinary authorities of Russia have confirmed that the region of Murmansk has during the last 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease.
- (4) No vaccinations have been carried out against this disease during the past 12 months.

- (5) The responsible veterinary authorities of Russia have undertaken to notify the Commission and the Member States, by telex or fax, within 24 hours of confirmation of the occurrence of the abovementioned disease or of the adoption of vaccination against it.
- (6) A regionalisation should be applicable to imports of farmed cloven-hoofed game meat, excepting swine, from the Russian region of Murmansk.
- (7) It is therefore necessary to amend Decision 97/217/EC.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 97/217/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 20.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 27.

ANNEX

Groups of third countries which are able to utilise the veterinary certification as laid down in Decisions 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC

Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Farmed rabbits and wild leporidae	Game birds				Wild solipeds		Other wild land mammals	
Column A		Column B		Column C		Column D		Column E Third countries appearing on the list of the first part of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC, as last amended	Column F		Column G		Column H		Column I	
ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country		ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country
AR-1	Argentina ⁽³⁾	AR-3+4	Argentina ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁷⁾	AU	Australia ⁽¹⁾	HU	Hungary		AU	Australia ⁽¹⁾	AR	Argentina ⁽¹⁾	BW	Botswana	AU	Australia ⁽¹⁾
AU	Australia ⁽¹⁾	BW-01	Botswana ⁽⁴⁾	CA	Canada ⁽¹⁾				BR	Brazil ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	TH	Thailand ⁽¹⁾	NA	Namibia	CA	Canada
BG	Bulgaria	NA-01	Namibia ⁽⁴⁾	CH	Switzerland				BG	Bulgaria			SZ	Swaziland	EE	Estonia
CA	Canada ⁽¹⁾	SZ-01	Swaziland ⁽⁴⁾	CY	Cyprus ⁽¹⁾				CA	Canada ⁽¹⁾			ZA	South Africa	GL	Greenland ⁽¹⁾
CH	Switzerland	ZA-01	South Africa ⁽⁴⁾	CZ-1	Czech Republic ⁽²⁾				CH	Switzerland			ZW	Zimbabwe	LI	Lithuania
CL	Chile ⁽¹⁾	ZW-01	Zimbabwe ⁽⁴⁾	NZ	New Zealand ⁽¹⁾				CL	Chile ⁽¹⁾					LV	Latvia
CY	Cyprus ⁽¹⁾			US	United States of America ⁽¹⁾				CY	Cyprus ⁽¹⁾					NZ	New Zealand
CZ	Czech Republic								CZ	Czech Republic					RO	Romania
EE	Estonia								GL	Greenland ⁽⁶⁾					RU	Russia
GL	Greenland								HR	Croatia						
HR	Croatia								HU	Hungary						
HU	Hungary								IL	Israel ⁽¹⁾						
LI	Lithuania								LI	Lithuania						
LV	Latvia							NZ	New Zealand ⁽¹⁾							
NC	New Caledonia ⁽⁷⁾							PL	Poland							

Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Farmed rabbits and wild leporidae		Game birds				Wild solipeds		Other wild land mammals	
Column A		Column B		Column C		Column D		Column E		Column F		Column G		Column H		Column I	
ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country			ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country
NZ	New Zealand ⁽¹⁾																
PL	Poland																
RO	Romania																
RU	Russia ⁽⁷⁾ ⁽⁸⁾																
SL	Slovenia																
SK	Slovak Republic																
UY	Uruguay																
US	United States of America ⁽¹⁾																

⁽¹⁾ Excluding unplucked/unskinned and unviscated unless transported by aeroplane.

⁽²⁾ The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended) applies.

⁽³⁾ The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 93/402/EC (as last amended) applies.

⁽⁴⁾ The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended) applies.

⁽⁵⁾ The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 94/984/EC (as last amended) applies.

⁽⁶⁾ Only wild game meat.

⁽⁷⁾ Only farmed game meat.

⁽⁸⁾ Only from the region of Murmansk.

COMMISSION DECISION**of 14 February 2000****amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products***(notified under document number C(2000) 287)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2000/162/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 2000/2/EC ⁽⁴⁾, draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products.
- (2) Commission Decision 2000/159/EC ⁽⁵⁾ establishes a provisional approval of residue plans of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽⁶⁾.
- (3) The Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC must be amended accordingly.

- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part I of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.⁽³⁾ OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 1, 4.1.2000, p. 17.⁽⁵⁾ See page 30 of this Official Journal.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 125, 25.5.1996, p. 10.

ANNEX

'Imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements.

PART 1

LIVE ANIMALS, FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

ISO country code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	O/C	P	E	B/O	E	B	O/C	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals
AL	Albania	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
AR	Argentina	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		(¹)	
AU	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(¹)		
BG	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		
BH	Bahrain	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³) (⁴)	
BR	Brazil	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	(⁵)
BW	Botswana	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(¹) (²)	(³)	
BY	Belarus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		
BZ	Belize	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CA	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X (a)	X	X	X			
CH	Switzerland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
CL	Chile	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	X	(¹)	(³)	
CN	People's Republic of China	O	O	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(¹)	(³)	
CO	Colombia	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O		(³)	
CR	Costa Rica	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CU	Cuba	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CY	Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	X	X			
CZ	Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
DZ	Algeria	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			
EE	Estonia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		

ISO country code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	O/C	P	E	B/O	E	B	O/C	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals
ET	Ethiopia	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
FK	Falkland Islands	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
GL	Greenland	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	X	(¹)		
GT	Guatemala	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
HK	Hong Kong	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
HN	Honduras	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
HR	Croatia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		
HU	Hungary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
IL	Israel	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	
IN	India	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
IS	Iceland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
KE	Kenya	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
LI	Lithuania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		
LV	Latvia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		
MA	Morocco	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	
MG	Madagascar	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O		(³)	
807	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X			
MT	Malta	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X		(³)	
MU	Mauritius	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X		(³)	
MX	Mexico	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X			
NA	Namibia	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(¹) (²)	(³)	
NC	New Caledonia	O	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	(¹)		
NI	Nicaragua	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
NZ	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
PA	Panama	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
PL	Poland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(¹)		
PY	Paraguay	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	

ISO country code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	O/C	P	E	B/O	E	B	O/C	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals
RO	Romania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)		
RU	Russia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1) (2)		(5)
SG	Singapore	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)	
SI	Slovenia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)		
SK	Slovak Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)		
SV	El Salvador	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o			
SZ	Swaziland	x	o	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)	
TH	Thailand	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)	
TN	Tunisia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3) (4)	
TR	Turkey	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o			
UA	Ukraine	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x			
US	United States of America	s	s	s	s	s	s	x	x	x	x			
UY	Uruguay	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x		(3)	
YU	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	x	(1)		
ZA	South Africa	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	x	(1) (2)	(3)	(5)
ZW	Zimbabwe	x	o	o	o	x	x	o	o	o	o		(3)	

B = bovines (including buffalo and bison)

S/G = sheep/goat

P = pig

E = equidae

C/H = clovenhoofed animals

x = authorised

o = unauthorised

s = suspended, from 15 February 2000, for export of fresh meat and meat products for human consumption

Special remarks

(1) Excluding meat of wild swine.

(2) Excluding bone-in meat and offal.

(3) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to a F₀ value of 3 or more are authorised.

(4) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been treated to a centre temperature of at least 80 °C are authorised.

(5) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalisation.

Additional notes

- (a) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.
- (b) Imports of beef and veal intended for human consumption are restricted to:
 - (i) meat from cows which have been used exclusively for dairy production, or
 - (ii) meat:
 - complying with the conditions agreed between the United States of America and the European Community;
 - and
 - which has been obtained from meat establishments supplied with slaughter animals from holdings approved by the Commission. The names of these establishments are the subject of a specific communication from the Commission to the Member States.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 18 February 2000
amending Commission Decision 92/160/EEC with regard to imports of equidae from Brazil
(notified under document number C(2000) 365)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2000/163/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and imports from third countries of equidae ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 92/160/EEC ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/558/EC ⁽³⁾, establishes the regionalisation of certain third countries for imports of equidae.
- (2) The States Alagoas and Pernambuco of Brazil are included in the list of States of Brazil in the Annex to Decision 92/160/EEC from where Member States authorise imports of equidae.
- (3) Brazil reported cases of glanders in working horses in certain districts of the States Alagoas and Pernambuco. The origin of the infection remains so far unknown.
- (4) In accordance with Community legislation Member States are authorised to import equidae from third countries or in the case of official regionalisation from parts of the territory of a third country which have been free from glanders for the past six months prior to export. It is therefore appropriate to adapt the regionalisation to the disease situation in the country concerned.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The words 'Alagoas, Pernambuco' are deleted from the list of States of Brazil in the Annex of Decision 92/160/EEC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 42.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 71, 18.3.1992, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 211, 11.8.1999, p. 53.