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COUNCIL COMMON POSITION
of 20 March 2000
extending Common Position 1999/206/CFSP concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea
(2000/230/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to Council Common Position 1999/206/CFSP of 15 March 1999 concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Common Position 1999/206/CFSP was extended until 31 March 2000 by Common Position 1999/650/CFSP ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Common Position 1999/206/CFSP should be further extended in the light of the considerations in Article 3 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

Article 1

Common Position 1999/206/CFSP shall be extended until 30 September 2000.

It shall be kept under constant review.

Article 2

This Common Position shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Article 3

This Common Position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 72, 18.3.1999, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 257, 2.10.1999, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 20 March 2000
supplementing Decision 98/627/CFSP concerning a specific action of the Union in the field of
assistance for mine clearance

(2000/231/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 96/588/CFSP of 1 October 1996 on anti-personnel landmines ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof, in conjunction with Article 23(2) of the Treaty on European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) The Council decided in Decision 98/627/CFSP ⁽²⁾ that the European Union should launch a specific action of the Union in the field of assistance for mine clearance.
- (2) By Decision 98/628/CFSP ⁽³⁾, the Council requested the Western European Union (WEU) to implement this action.
- (3) It is appropriate to provide additional financing to continue the implementation of Decision 98/627/CFSP,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The financial reference amount to cover the operational expenditure to which the implementation of Decision 98/627/CFSP gives rise shall be EUR 308 133 for the year 2000.
2. This amount is additional to that provided for in Decision 98/627/CFSP.

Article 2

This Decision shall be notified to the WEU in accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 14 May 1996 on the transmission to the WEU of documents of the European Union.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GAMA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 260, 12.10.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 300, 11.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 300, 11.11.1998, p. 2.

I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 606/2000
of 13 March 2000
apportioning the quantities of grain provided for under the food Aid Convention 1995 (1.7.1998 to
30.6.1999)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 21 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽³⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The Food Aid Convention 1995 (hereinafter 'Convention'), which was concluded for a period of three years, has applied provisionally in the Community since 1 July 1995 and entered into force on 8 July 1996.
- (2) The said Convention remained in force until 30 June 1998 but was extended until 30 June 1999 in accordance with Article 22(2) thereof.
- (3) In accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1292/96, the Council determines the community share of the overall amount of cereals aid laid down in the Convention as the total contribution of both the

Community and its Member States; the amounts for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 should therefore be apportioned.

- (4) Article 21(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 requires the Commission to coordinate Community and Member State operations for the supply of cereals aid under the Convention and to ensure that the total contribution of the Community and its Member States is at least as high as the quantities provided for in the said Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Community's share of the 1 755 000 tonnes of grain constituting the minimum annual contribution to be made by the Community and its Member States pursuant to the Food Aid Convention 1995 shall be 1 040 800 tonnes for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 13 March 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. PINA MOURA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 21E, 25.1.2000, p. 63.

⁽³⁾ Opinion delivered on 15 December 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 607/2000
of 20 March 2000**

suspending, for a limited period, Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 imposing a ban on flights between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia other than the Republic of Montenegro or the Province of Kosovo and amending Regulations (EC) No 1294/1999 and (EC) No 2111/1999 as regards payments and supplies in relation to flights during the period of suspension

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 60 and 301 thereof,

Having regard to Common Position 2000/176/CFSP of 28 February 2000 suspending, for a limited period of time, Article 4 of Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) In the light of an urgent and unanimous call of the democratic opposition in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Council determined that the ban on flights between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Community should be suspended for a limited period while maintaining its overall policy framework of applying maximum pressure on President Milosevic and his regime, strengthening the visa ban and the financial sanctions and welcoming the commitment by the democratic forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to work together for democratic change.
- (2) Therefore, the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 of 11 October 1999 imposing a ban on flights between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia other than the Republic of Montenegro or the Province of Kosovo ⁽²⁾ should be suspended during that period under the conditions defined in this Regulation.
- (3) In addition, Council Regulation (EC) No 1294/1999 of 15 June 1999 concerning a freeze of funds and a ban on investment in relation to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia ⁽³⁾ and Council Regulation (EC) No 2111/1999 prohibiting the sale and supply of petroleum and certain petroleum products to certain parts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia ⁽⁴⁾ should be amended in order to make provision for transfers of funds, the use of funds and supplies of petroleum and petroleum products which will be necessary in relation to flights during the period of suspension.

- (4) Provision should be made for monitoring of the implementation of the suspension,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The application of Articles 1 to 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 shall be suspended for a limited period.
2. For the period of the suspension, the competent authorities listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 may authorise any individual flight, or series of flights by civil aircraft as defined in Article 1(c) of Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
3. Without prejudice to the power of the competent authorities referred to in paragraph 2 to withdraw authorisations at an earlier date, the period of validity of the authorisations granted under paragraph 2 shall, in any case, not exceed the period of validity of this Regulation.

Article 2

1. Notwithstanding Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1294/1999:
 - (a) Jugoslovenski Aerotransport (Yugoslav Airlines), hereafter called 'JAT', may open one account in each Member State with a financial institution located and registered therein in order to receive and make payments in relation to flights between the territories of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Community;
 - (b) payments from such an account shall be used exclusively to pay, in relation to such flights:
 - charges for air traffic control services rendered in the Community,
 - charges for services rendered in the Community by persons or companies having their principal place of business or their registered office in the Community,
 - charges for supplies, to aircraft in airports in the Community, of goods necessary for the proper functioning of such aircraft, including petroleum and petroleum products,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 1.3.2000, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 264, 12.10.1999, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 153, 19.6.1999, p. 63.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 258, 5.10.1999, p. 12.

- taxes, customs duties and other charges imposed by the Community and its Member States,
 - salaries in respect of JAT employees resident in the Community before the entry into force of this Regulation, and
 - rental costs incurred by JAT in respect of office space in the Community;
- (c) funds transferred by JAT from outside the Community to an account opened in accordance with subparagraph (a) shall not be frozen.

2. Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1294/1999 shall not apply to payments for goods and services, as well as payments of taxes, customs duties and other charges, on the following conditions:

- (a) the obligation to pay is directly and immediately related to flights between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, executed during the period referred to in Article 5;
- (b) the charges, prices or rates are not applied on a discriminatory basis, and the level of such charges, prices or rates in euro does not exceed that applicable during the six-month period before 19 June 1999, increased with the average rate of inflation in the Community since that date;
- (c) in the case of payment of taxes, customs duties and other charges, the taxes, customs duties and other charges, imposed before or after the entry into force of this Regulation were not imposed to counteract any reduction of economic relations with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia decided by the Community, and the payment fell due as a result of flights authorised in accordance with Article 1(2);
- (d) transfers of funds to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall take place only if the natural or legal person making the payment demonstrates both that payment has to take place in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and that he or it does not have sufficient funds in that country to make that payment, and obtains prior authorisation from the competent authorities of the Member State ⁽¹⁾ from which the transfer is made; and
- (e) all payments shall be reported to the Commission, directly or through the competent authorities in accordance with the applicable rules, and to the competent authorities of the Member State wherein the payment or transfer takes place, on a monthly basis, within two weeks of the end of the month to which the report relates. Such reports may be based on existing data-processing and accounting systems and shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by evidence

justifying the making of a payment in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Article 3

1. Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2111/1999 shall not apply to sales or supplies in the Community of petroleum and petroleum products in respect of any civil aircraft in the Community used for flights between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia authorised in accordance with Article 1(2), provided that such sales or supplies are necessary for the proper functioning of such aircraft.

2. Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2111/1999 shall not apply to the sale, supply or export of petroleum and petroleum products to any person or body in a non-member State other than the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by persons or bodies incorporated or constituted under the law of a Member State, for sales, supplies or exports directly and immediately related to flights by civil aircraft between those states and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

3. Sales supplies or exports pursuant to this Article shall be reported to the Commission and the competent authorities ⁽²⁾ of the Member State where the sale, supply or export takes place, on a monthly basis, within two weeks of the end of the month to which the report relates. Such reports may be based on existing data processing and accounting systems.

Article 4

1. The Commission shall monitor the implementation of this Regulation, and in particular the actions of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Serbia vis-a-vis Community carriers, and report to the Council regularly.

2. Member States and the Commission shall inform each other of the measures taken under this Regulation and shall supply each other with all relevant information at their disposal in connection with this Regulation, such as the granting and withdrawal of authorisations, and information received in accordance with Articles 2(2)(e) and 3(3).

Article 5

This Regulation shall apply until 28 August 2000:

- within the territory of the Community including its airspace,
- on board any aircraft or any vessel under the jurisdiction of a Member State,
- to any person elsewhere who is a national of a Member State,
- to any body which is incorporated or constituted under the law of a Member State.

Article 6

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

⁽¹⁾ As listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1294/1999.

⁽²⁾ As listed in Commission Regulations (EC) No 1084/1999 (OJ L 131, 27.5.1999, p. 29), Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1971/1999 (OJ L 244, 16.9.1999, p. 40).

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2000.

For the Council

The President

J. GAMA

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 608/2000
of 21 March 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 22 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 March 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 21 March 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	154,0
	204	109,7
	999	131,8
0707 00 05	052	114,9
	068	130,6
	628	146,6
	999	130,7
0709 10 00	220	309,8
	999	309,8
0709 90 70	052	105,6
	204	40,0
	628	116,0
	999	87,2
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	61,6
	204	37,0
	212	39,5
	220	31,0
	600	41,1
	624	53,0
	999	43,9
0805 30 10	052	33,7
	220	71,3
	600	60,4
	999	55,1
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	039	90,1
	388	102,3
	400	92,5
	404	89,0
	508	81,9
	512	84,4
	528	73,8
	720	55,4
	728	97,0
	999	85,2
	052	77,4
0808 20 50	388	61,0
	400	106,6
	512	68,8
	528	72,5
	720	71,3
	999	76,3

⁽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 609/2000**of 21 March 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 3298/94 laying down detailed measures concerning the system of rights of transit (ecopoints) for heavy-goods vehicles transiting through Austria****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 11(6) and Annex 4 to Protocol 9 thereto,

Regulation (EC) No 3298/94 is amended as follows:

Whereas:

1. In Article 1, the following paragraph 1a is inserted:

(1) ECMT permits valid in Austria should allow free transit through Austria.

'1a. Transit journeys made in the circumstances listed in Annex C or under ECMT authorisations that are valid on Austrian territory shall be exempt from the ecopoints system.'

(2) Clear rules for the cancellation of ecocards are required. The used ecocards are needed for statistical purposes.

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

(3) The optimal use of electronic ecopoints is best achieved by distributing them several times during the year.

'1. Unless a vehicle is using an ecotag, the requisite number of ecopoints shall be affixed to the ecocard and cancelled. The ecocard shall be cancelled by any one of the following methods:

(4) A vehicle setting down or picking up a complete load in Austria should be considered to have undertaken a bilateral journey and thus should not be required to pay ecopoints, irrespective of the route taken by the vehicle to enter and exist Austria.

(a) stamping the ecocard in an ecocard stamping machine;

(5) The implementation of an agreement to allow 40 tonne lorries to transit Switzerland will alleviate the number of lorries transiting Austria. Due to the geographical position of Italy and Greece, lorries going to/from those countries will still need to transit Austria. Greece and Italy should be given further priority over unused ecopoints returned to the Commission.

(b) having the ecocard stamped by the Austrian border control authorities upon entering Austria;

(6) Commission Regulation (EC) No 3298/94 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1524/96 ⁽²⁾, should be amended accordingly.

(c) having the ecocard stamped and dated by the national authorities of the haulier before entering Austrian territory;

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the committee set up by Article 16 of Protocol 9,

(d) having the ecocard stamped at an office where the initialisation of ecotags is performed.

Austrian frontier stations that are equipped with an ecocard stamping machine are listed in Annex H.

For statistical purposes page 1 of the completed ecocard shall either be collected by the Austrian authorities or subsequently returned by the competent authorities within three months of the completion of the journey to the Austrian authorities. The statistics thus collected shall assist the Commission in making any proposal for the distribution the reserve of ecopoints.'

3. In Article 5(5), the following point (d) is added:

'(d) or the ecocard has not been cancelled in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2(1).'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 341, 30.12.1994, p. 20.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 190, 31.7.1996, p. 13.

4. In Article 6, the following paragraph 3 is added:

‘3. The electronic ecopoints shall be made available each year to Member States in three equal instalments: the first instalment before 1 November of the preceding year, the second instalment before 1 March and the third instalment before 1 July.’

5. Article 14 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 14

A journey shall be deemed to be exempt from the payment of ecopoints if the vehicle either sets down or picks up its complete load in Austria and the vehicle carries suitable

documentation to demonstrate this, irrespective of the route taken by the vehicle to enter and exist Austria.’

6. Annex E is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

7. Annex H, set out in Annex II to this Regulation, is added.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that 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, 21 March 2000.

For the Commission

Loyola DE PALACIO

Vice-President

ANNEX I

ANNEX E

ECOPOINT REDISTRIBUTION CRITERIA**The special position of Greece and Italy**

Of the Community reserve of 3,34 % of the total number of ecopoints, a proportion of ecopoints equivalent to 4 874 of the units set out in Annex D shall be allocated to Italy and 576 of the units set out in Annex D to Greece, on a priority basis.

Furthermore, all necessary efforts shall be made to ensure that the share of ecopoints allocated to Greece takes sufficient account of Greek needs.

The effect of German reunification

In addition, a proportion of ecopoints equivalent to 6 444 if the units set out in Annex D shall be allocated to Germany from the Community reserve.

The redistribution of ecopoints returned by Austria

All Austrian ecopoints returned to the Commission for redistribution shall be redistributed to Member States requesting additional ecopoints in proportion to the use made by heavy-goods vehicles registered in Member States of the "Rollende Landstraße" in Austria.

Upon the coming into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the carriage of goods and passengers by rail and road, the distribution of ecopoints returned by Austria shall be as follows:

of the Austrian ecopoints returned for distribution to the Commission, 30 % shall be allocated to Greece and 30 % to Italy, on a priority basis. The remaining ecopoints returned by Austria shall be distributed to Member States asking for additional ecopoints in proportion to the use made by heavy-goods vehicles registered in Member States of the "Rollende Landstraße" in Austria.

The number of ecopoints allocated to Member States, the number actually used by them and the average NO_x figures for transiting vehicles from Member States

The remaining ecopoints shall be distributed to Member States requesting additional ecopoints proportional to a coefficient that is defined for each Member State as follows:

- number of ecopoints deemed necessary, based on extrapolation of the most recent statistics from Austria,
 - multiplied by the proportion of ecopoints allocated to a member State that were actually used by that Member State the previous year,
 - multiplied by the most recent average NO_x figures for transit vehicles from the Member State, as a percentage of the target figure for the year.
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ANNEX II

'ANNEX H

Austrian border stations equipped with an ecocard-stamping machine

Achenkirch
Arnoldstein
Braunau
Brennerpaß
Ehrwald
Hangendenstein
Hörbranz
Kiefersfelden
Musau
Nauders
Neuhaus
Pinswang
Reit im Winkel
Saalbrücke
Scharnitz
Schleching
Sillian
Springen
Suben
Steinpaß
Walserberg
Wegscheid'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 610/2000
of 21 March 2000
on issuing A2 export licences for 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 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 470/2000 ⁽³⁾ set the indicative refund rates and the indicative quantities for A2 export licences, other than those applied for in the context of food aid.
- (2) For lemons and apples, in view of the economic situation and taking account of information received by operators via their applications for A2 licences, the definitive refund rates should be set at a different rate from the indicative rates. The percentages for the issuing of licences for the quantities applied for should also be set. The definitive rates may not be more than 50 % more than the indicative rates.

- (3) Pursuant to Article 3(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, applications for rates in excess of the corresponding definitive rates shall be considered null and void,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For A2 export licences for which applications have been submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 470/2000 the actual date of application referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 is hereby set at 22 March 2000.
2. The licences referred to in the first paragraph shall be issued at the definitive refund rates and at the percentages for the quantities applied for as indicated in the Annex to this Regulation.
3. Pursuant to Article 3(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, applications referred to in the first paragraph for rates in excess of the corresponding definitive rates set out in the Annex shall be considered null and void.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 March 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 57, 2.3.2000, p. 12.

ANNEX

Product	Destination or group of destinations ⁽¹⁾	Definitive refund rates (EUR/t net)	Percentages for the issuing of licences
Tomatoes	A00	20	100 %
Oranges	A00	50	94 %
Lemons	A00	55	100 %
Apples	F07	24	85 %

⁽¹⁾ The destination codes are defined as follows:

A00: All destinations.

F07: Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroe Islands, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Malta, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, destinations referred to in Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999, African countries and territories except South Africa, countries of the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qalwain, Ras al Khaimah, Fujairah), Kuwait, Yemen), Syria, Iran, Jordan, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Ecuador and Colombia.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL**of 13 March 2000****apportioning the quantities of grain provided for under the Food Aid Convention 1995 (1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999) ⁽¹⁾****(2000/232/EC)**

The representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council hereby decide, on the basis of the draft breakdown annexed to the Commission proposal, to apportion as follows the 714 200 tonnes of grain which constitute the minimum annual contribution to be made by Member States pursuant to the Food Aid Convention 1995 for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.

	(tonnes)
Austria	8 900
Germany	165 000
Belgium	41 500
Denmark	15 600
Spain	8 900
Finland	—
France	200 000
Greece	10 000
Ireland	4 000
Italy	87 000
Luxembourg	1 400
Netherlands	49 700
Portugal	—
United Kingdom	82 200
Sweden	40 000
<i>Total Member States</i>	<i>714 200</i>

Done at Brussels, 13 March 2000.

The President

J. PINA MOURA

⁽¹⁾ See page 3 of this Official Journal.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 March 2000

concerning the non-inclusion of pyrazophos in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC and the withdrawal of authorisations for plant protection products containing this active substance

(notified under document number C(2000) 655)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/233/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 97/73/EC ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 of 11 December 1992 laying down the detailed rules for the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1199/97 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7(3a)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 933/94 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2230/95 ⁽⁶⁾ has laid down the active substances of plant protection products, designated by the rapporteur Member States for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 and identified the notifiers for each active substance.
- (2) Pyrazophos is one of the 90 active substances covered by the first stage of the work programme provided for in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (3) In accordance with Article 7(1)(c) of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92, the Netherlands, being the designated rapporteur Member State, submitted on 14 May 1998 to the Commission, the report of its assessment of the

information submitted by the sole notifier in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(1) of this Regulation.

- (4) The submitted report has been reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the Standing Committee on Plant Health. This review was finalised on 20 July 1999 in the format of the Commission review report for pyrazophos, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92.
- (5) It has appeared from the assessments made that the submitted information is not sufficient to demonstrate that plant protection products containing the active substance concerned satisfy the requirements laid down in Articles 5(1)(a) and (b) and 5(2)(b) of Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (6) The sole notifier informed the Commission and the rapporteur Member State that it no longer wished to participate in the programme of work for this active substance. Therefore, further information required to fully comply with the requirements of Directive 91/414/EEC will not be submitted.
- (7) Therefore, it is not possible to include this active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (8) A period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC has to be provided.
- (9) This decision does not prejudice the application of Council Directive 90/642/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 1999/71/EC ⁽⁸⁾, and in particular its Article 5b.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 353, 24.12.1997, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 15.12.1992, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 28.6.1997, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 107, 28.4.1994, p. 8.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 225, 22.9.1995, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 350, 14.12.1990, p. 71.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 36.

- (10) This decision does not prejudice any action the Commission may undertake at a later stage for this active substance within the framework of Council Directive 79/117/EEC ⁽¹⁾.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Pyrazophos is not included as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.

Article 2

The Member States shall ensure:

1. that authorisations for plant protection products containing pyrazophos are withdrawn within a period of six months from the date of notification of the present Decision;

2. that from the date of notification of the present Decision no authorisations for plant protection products containing pyrazophos will be granted or renewed under the derogation provided for in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC.

Article 3

Member States shall grant a period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC, which is as short as possible and not longer than 18 months from the date of notification of the present Decision.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 March 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 33, 8.2.1979, p. 36.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 March 2000

concerning the non-inclusion of monolinuron in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EC and the withdrawal of authorisations for plant protection products containing this active substance

(notified under document number C(2000) 656)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/234/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 97/73/EC ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 of 11 December 1992 laying down the detailed rules for the implementation of the first stage of the programme of work referred to in Article 8(2) of Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1199/97 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7(3a)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 933/94 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2230/95 ⁽⁶⁾ has laid down the active substances of plant protection products, designated by the rapporteur Member States for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92 and identified the notifiers for each active substance.
- (2) Monolinuron is one of the 90 active substances covered by the first stage of the work programme provided for in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (3) In accordance with Article 7(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 3600/92, the United Kingdom, being the designated rapporteur Member State, submitted on 30 April 1996 to the Commission, the report of its assessment of the information submitted by the sole notifier in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(1) of this Regulation.
- (4) The submitted report has been reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the Standing Committee on Plant Health. This review was finalised on July 20, 1999 in the format of the Commission review report for monolinuron, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 3600/92.
- (5) It has appeared from the assessments made that the submitted information is not sufficient to demonstrate that plant protection products containing the active

substance concerned satisfy the requirements laid down in Articles 5(1)(a) and (b) and 5(2)(b) of Directive 91/414/EEC.

- (6) The sole notifier informed the Commission and the rapporteur Member State that it no longer wished to participate in the programme of work for this active substance. Therefore, further information required to fully comply with the requirements of Directive 91/414/EEC will not be submitted.
- (7) Therefore, it is not possible to include this active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (8) A period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC has to be provided.
- (9) This Decision does not prejudice any action the Commission may undertake at a later stage for this active substance within the framework of Council Directive 79/117/EEC ⁽⁷⁾.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Monolinuron is not included as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.

Article 2

The Member States shall ensure:

1. that authorisations for plant protection products containing monolinuron are withdrawn within a period of six months from the date of notification of the present Decision;
2. that from the date of notification of the present Decision no authorisations for plant protection products containing monolinuron will be granted or renewed under the derogation provided for in Article 8(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 353, 24.12.1997, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 15.12.1992, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 28.6.1997, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 107, 28.4.1994, p. 8.

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Member States shall grant a period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC, which is as short as possible and not longer than 18 months from the date of notification of the present Decision.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 March 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 563/2000 of 15 March 2000 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94, in relation to Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in Morocco and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 934/95, in relation to Community statistical surveillance in the framework of reference quantities for certain products originating in Morocco

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On page 46:

— in the second visa:

for: 'as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2530/1999 ⁽²⁾,

read: 'as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 650/98 ⁽²⁾'.

— in footnote ⁽²⁾

for: 'OJ L 306, 1.12.1999, p. 17',

read: 'OJ L 88, 24.3.1998, p. 8'.

In pages 48 to 53, in Annexes I and II, in the column headed 'TARIC subdivision', the asterisks should be deleted.
