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**COUNCIL COMMON POSITION
of 13 April 2000
relating to the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of
Nuclear Weapons**

(2000/297/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union attaches great importance to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament.
- (2) The Council adopted on 25 July 1994 Decision 94/509/CFSP concerning the Joint Action regarding preparation for the 1995 Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ⁽¹⁾.
- (3) The Council on 23 April 1998 defined Common Position 98/289/CFSP relating to preparation for the second Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ⁽²⁾.
- (4) The 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons adopted decisions on the indefinite extension of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, on principles and objectives for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, on the strengthening of the review process for that Treaty, and on a resolution on the Middle East.
- (5) The Preparatory Committee for the 2000 NPT Review Conference held three sessions, on 7 to 18 April 1997 in New York, 27 April to 8 May 1998 in Geneva and 10 to 21 May 1999 in New York.
- (6) The Council on 29 April 1997 adopted Joint Action 97/288/CFSP on the European Union's contribution to the promotion of transparency in nuclear-related export controls ⁽³⁾.

- (7) On the basis of negotiating directives adopted by the Council on 1 December 1997, the Additional Protocol to the Verification Agreement between the Non-nuclear Weapon States of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), Euratom and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Additional Protocol to the Safeguards Agreement between France, Euratom and the IAEA, and the Additional Protocol to the Safeguards Agreement between the United Kingdom, Euratom and the IAEA have been signed.
- (8) The European Union signatory parties to the abovementioned Additional Protocols have stated their aim that the process of ratification should be completed as soon as possible.
- (9) In the light of the outcome of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and of the outcome and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee for the NPT 2000 Review Conference, it is appropriate to update and develop further the objectives set out in Common Position 98/289/CFSP, and the initiatives carried out under its terms.
- (10) Common Position 98/289/CFSP should therefore be repealed and replaced by this Common Position,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

Article 1

The objective of the European Union shall be to strengthen the international nuclear non-proliferation regime by promoting the successful outcome of the 2000 Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference.

Article 2

1. For the purposes of the objective laid down in Article 1, the European Union shall:

- (a) pursue efforts to convince States which are not yet parties to the NPT, in particular those States which operate unsafe-guarded facilities, to accede to it as soon as possible;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 205, 8.8.1994, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 129, 30.4.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 120, 12.5.1997, p. 1.

- (b) encourage participation in the NPT 2000 Review Conference;
 - (c) contribute to a structured and balanced review of the operation of the NPT at the 2000 Review Conference, including the implementation of undertakings of the States Parties under the Treaty, as well as the identification of areas in which, and of means through which, further progress should be sought in future;
 - (d) help build consensus on substantive issues in the 2000 NPT Review Conference and its three main committees, taking into account the substantive preparations in the three sessions of the Preparatory Committee and bearing in mind the fundamental importance of the decisions and resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, namely on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.
2. On the basis of the framework established by the Treaty and the Principles and Objectives laid down by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, the European Union believes that further consideration of substantive issues may include, among others:
- (a) early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-ban Treaty through ratification without delay and without conditions, especially by those 44 States whose ratification is required for the Treaty to enter into force;
 - (b) immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva on a non-discriminatory, multilateral, internationally and effectively verifiable Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Pending the conclusion of such a Treaty, the European Union calls on all States, which have not yet done so, to stop the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
 - (c) establishment of an ad hoc working group within the Conference on Disarmament under Agenda item 1 'cessation of nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament' subject to a consensus agreement on a mandate for such a group;
 - (d) development of nuclear weapons-free zones and establishment of zones free of weapons of mass destruction on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at between the States in the region concerned;
 - (e) pursuit of the consideration of the issue of security assurances to the Non-nuclear Weapon States Parties to the NPT;
 - (f) signature and ratification by the nuclear weapon States of the relevant protocols of nuclear weapon-free zones, recognising that Treaty-based security assurances are available to such zones;
 - (g) underlining the importance of concerned States taking steps to bring into effect the assurances provided by such Treaties and their Protocols;
 - (h) increased transparency as a voluntary confidence building measure to support further progress in disarmament;
 - (i) calling on nuclear weapon States, as agreed at the Moscow G7/P8 Summit on Nuclear Safety on 19 and 20 April 1996 to place fissile material designated as no longer required for defence purposes under appropriate international safeguards and physical protection;
 - (j) application of the principle of irreversibility to guide all measures in the field of nuclear disarmament and arms control, as a contribution to the maintenance and reinforcement of international peace, security and stability, taking these conditions into account;
 - (k) calling for the prompt entry into force and timely implementation of START II and its Protocol, and the early commencement of negotiations on START III with a view to further reductions in strategic nuclear weapons and the verified dismantlement of warheads destined for disarmament under that Treaty;
 - (l) reaffirmation of the importance of the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty as a cornerstone of strategic stability;
 - (m) underlining the importance of non-strategic nuclear weapons in the framework of nuclear arms reduction efforts;
 - (n) calling on all non-nuclear weapon States to conclude agreements with the IAEA as soon as possible to meet the requirements of Article III of the NPT;
 - (o) reaffirming the provisions of the Principles and Objectives Decision of the Final Document (Part 1) of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference regarding safeguards;
 - (p) further calling on all States with safeguards agreements already in place to conclude and bring into force the Additional Protocols with the IAEA as soon as possible with a view to the early implementation of a strengthened safeguards system and its subsequent integration with existing safeguards measures;
 - (q) calling on nuclear suppliers to continue efforts of the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Zangger Committee to enhance transparency and foster dialogue and cooperation among all interested parties;
 - (r) calling on all States with nuclear materials on their territory to maintain and improve, as appropriate, their own arrangements for nuclear materials accountancy, safety and physical protection, applying the appropriate internationally agreed standards;
 - (s) calling on all States to take measures to ensure that exports of sensitive materials, equipment and technologies are subject to an appropriate system of surveillance and control, facilitating cooperative technological development by providing confidence of suppliers that goods, technology and materials will only be used for peaceful purposes;

- (t) calling upon States, that have not yet done so, to accede to the Physical Protection Convention, adopt relevant physical protection and basic safety standards and introduce and enforce appropriate measures and legislation to combat illicit trafficking in nuclear and other radioactive material;
- (u) underlining the importance of continuing international cooperation in order to strengthen nuclear safety, safe waste management and radiological protection and calling upon States, that have not yet done so, to accede to all relevant conventions as soon as possible and to implement fully their ensuing commitments.

Article 3

Action taken by the European Union for the purposes of Article 2 shall comprise:

- (a) where appropriate, demarches by the Presidency, under the conditions laid down in Article 18 of the Treaty on European Union, with a view to promoting the universality of the NPT;
- (b) demarches by the Presidency, under the conditions laid down in Article 18 of the Treaty on European Union, with a view to encouraging participation in the NPT 2000 Review Conference;
- (c) demarches by the Presidency, under the conditions laid down in Article 18 of the Treaty on European Union, with regard to States Parties to the NPT, in order to urge their support for the objectives set out in Article 2;

- (d) the pursuit of agreement by Member States on draft proposals on substantive issues for submission on behalf of the European Union for consideration by States Parties to the NPT which may form the basis for decisions of the NPT 2000 Review Conference;
- (e) Statements by the European Union delivered by the Presidency in the General Debate and in the debates in the three Main Committees.

Article 4

Common Position 98/289/CFSP is hereby repealed.

Article 5

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

Article 6

This Common Position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Luxembourg, 13 April 2000.

For the Council

The President

A. VARA

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION

of 13 April 2000

on a European Union assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control

(2000/298/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Recalling Article 18(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In pursuit of the European Union's active and continued role in promoting the Middle East Peace Process, the Council adopted on 29 April 1997 Joint Action 97/289/CFSP on the establishment of a European Union assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Decision 1999/440/CFSP⁽²⁾ extended Joint Action 97/289/CFSP and provided for it to be reviewed no later than 30 June 2000 with a view to the possible adoption of a multiannual programme.
- (3) The results of the mid-term review of Joint Action 97/289/CFSP and of the evaluation carried out following a Troika visit to the region confirmed that the European Union's assistance programme makes an important contribution to the objectives pursued by the European Union in supporting the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities.
- (4) Continuity in the implementation of these several activities is deemed important in order to achieve the objectives pursued by the European Union.
- (5) On 26 October 1998 the Council extended the mandate of the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP), to include security questions; in such circumstances it is important to ensure coordination and coherence of the European Union approach.
- (6) On 24 January 2000 the Council reiterated the European Union's continued commitment to the Palestinian track of the Middle East Peace Process and its support of the Palestinian Authority.
- (7) It is, therefore, appropriate to adopt a multiannual programme and to establish a financial reference amount for the period covered by this programme.

(8) Joint Action 97/289/CFSP and Decision 1999/440/CFSP should be repealed and replaced by a new Joint Action.

(9) A financial reference amount, within the meaning of point 34 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure⁽³⁾ should be inserted in this Joint Action for the whole duration of the programme, without prejudice to the competences of the budgetary authority defined in the Treaty establishing the European Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

1. The European Union assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority (PA) in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control, established by Joint Action 97/289/CFSP (hereinafter referred to as 'the programme') shall be extended for a period of three years.

2. The objective of the programme is to support the PA's capacity to counter terrorism, assist in the establishment of related Palestinian administrative structures, help sustain the Middle East Peace Process and provide the relevant security and police services with assistance and training that are fully compatible with the principles of human rights and respect for the rule of law.

Article 2

1. The programme shall consist of individual projects carried out in the following main areas:

- (a) improved organisational capacity;
- (b) improved operational capacity; and
- (c) post-incident management.

2. The Council notes that the Commission intends to direct its actions towards achieving the objectives and priorities of this Joint Action, notably in the field of human rights, by pertinent Community measures.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 120, 12.5.1997, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 171, 7.7.1999, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

Article 3

Specific implementing decisions regarding individual projects shall be taken by the Presidency, in the light of the opinion of a Committee chaired by the Presidency and composed of anti-terrorism experts from the Member States. Such opinion may be collected by simplified written procedure. The Commission shall be associated fully to the work of this Committee.

Article 4

1. The European Union adviser appointed under Joint Action 97/289/CFSP (hereinafter referred to as the 'EU adviser') is confirmed in his tasks under this Joint Action. He shall continue to oversee the implementation of the programme and monitor the proper use of European Union-provided capabilities for the purposes of implementing Article 2(1), without prejudice to the review mentioned in Article 7(3).

2. The EU adviser shall be guided by the Presidency and shall report, under the Presidency's authority, to the Council or its designated instances on a regular basis and as the need arises.

3. In order to ensure coherence of European Union action in support of the MEPP, in particular in the field of security cooperation, the Presidency, assisted by the Secretary-General/High Representative, shall ensure coordination between the activities of the European Union adviser and the European Union Special Representative for the MEPP.

4. The Presidency, assisted by the Secretary-General/High Representative, and the Commission, within the scope of their respective competences, shall ensure appropriate coordination between the programme, Community assistance and the bilateral assistance provided by the Member States. Member States shall cooperate with the Presidency and the Commission to that end.

Article 5

1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this Joint Action shall be EUR 10 million. The budgetary authority shall establish the amount of the credits authorised for each financial year, within the limits of the financial perspectives.

2. The expenditure financed by the amount stipulated in paragraph 1 shall be managed in accordance with the European Community procedures and rules applicable to the budget.

3. The European Union shall finance the infrastructure and current expenditure of the EU adviser, including his salary and the cost of his staff.

Article 6

1. The privileges, immunities and further guarantees necessary for the completion and smooth functioning of the programme and of the EU adviser and his international staff shall be defined with the parties. The Member States and the Commission shall grant all necessary support to that effect.

2. The Council notes that the Presidency, Commission and Member States, as appropriate, shall provide support in the region.

Article 7

1. Periodic evaluations shall be conducted at agreed stages.

2. The programme shall be suspended if the PA fails:

- (a) to cooperate fully in the implementation of the programme;
- (b) to take appropriate measures to ensure respect for human rights in the implementation of the programme;
- (c) to allow European Union monitoring and/or periodic external evaluations to that effect.

3. The operational, administrative and financial aspects of the programme shall be reviewed on a yearly basis and whenever the need arises.

Article 8

1. Joint Action 97/289/CFSP and Decision 1999/440/CFSP are hereby repealed and replaced by this Joint Action.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, projects undertaken under Joint Action 97/289/CFSP, as extended by Decision 1999/440/CFSP, shall continue to be implemented within the framework of this Joint Action.

Article 9

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

Article 10

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Luxembourg, 13 April 2000.

For the Council

The President

A. VARA

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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 807/2000
of 18 April 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 19 April 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 April 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 18 April 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	113,9
	068	125,2
	204	93,3
	624	174,8
	999	126,8
0707 00 05	052	120,7
	068	66,8
	999	93,8
0709 90 70	052	75,4
	204	41,5
	999	58,5
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	82,1
	204	36,7
	212	44,8
	220	33,8
	624	48,8
	999	49,2
0805 30 10	220	52,3
	600	79,3
	999	65,8
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	92,3
	400	86,8
	404	90,8
	508	77,6
	512	84,3
	528	77,0
	720	76,9
	800	174,4
	804	83,1
	999	93,7
	388	80,0
0808 20 50	512	70,1
	528	75,8
	804	151,1
	999	94,3

⁽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 808/2000
of 18 April 2000
fixing the minimum selling prices for beef put up for sale under the invitation to tender referred to
in Regulation (EC) No 639/2000

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Tenders have been invited for certain quantities of beef fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 639/2000 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 ⁽⁴⁾, the minimum selling prices for meat put up for sale by tender should be fixed, taking into account tenders submitted.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The minimum selling prices for beef for the invitation to tender held in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 639/2000 for which the time limit for the submission of tenders was 10 April 2000 are as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 April 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 April 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 77, 28.3.2000, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 251, 5.10.1979, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 14.10.1995, p. 39.

ANEXO — BILAG — ANHANG — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE — ANEXO —
LIITE — BILAGA

Estado miembro	Productos	Precio mínimo expresado en euros por tonelada
Medlemsstat	Produkter	Mindestepriser i EUR/ton
Mitgliedstaat	Erzeugnisse	Mindestpreise ausgedrückt in EUR/Tonne
Κράτος μέλος	Προϊόντα	Ελάχιστες πωλήσεις εκφραζόμενες σε Ευρώ ανά τόνο
Member State	Products	Minimum prices expressed in EUR per tonne
État membre	Produits	Prix minimaux exprimés en euros par tonne
Stato membro	Prodotti	Prezzi minimi espressi in euro per tonnellata
Lidstaat	Producten	Minimumprijzen uitgedrukt in euro per ton
Estado-Membro	Produtos	Preço mínimo expresso em euros por tonelada
Jäsenvaltio	Tuotteet	Vähimmäishinnat euroina tonnia kohden ilmaistuna
Medlemsstat	Produkter	Minimipriser i euro per ton

a) **Carne con hueso — Kød, ikke udbenet — Fleisch mit Knochen — Κρέατα με κόκαλα — Bone-in beef —
Viande avec os — Carni non disossate — Vlees met been — Carne com osso — Luullinen naudanliha — Kött
med ben**

PORTUGAL	— Quartos dianteiros	330
	— Quartos traseiros	580
ITALIA	— Quarti posteriori	1 803

b) **Carne deshuesada — Udbenet kød — Fleisch ohne Knochen — Κρέατα χωρίς κόκαλα — Boneless beef —
Viande désossée — Carni senza osso — Vlees zonder been — Carne desossada — Luuton naudanliha —
Benfritt kött**

UNITED KINGDOM	— Intervention fillet (INT 15)	15 000
	— Intervention striploin (INT 17)	6 900
	— Intervention rump (INT 16)	4 700
	— Intervention silverside (INT 14)	4 056
	— Intervention flank (INT 18)	1 200
	— Intervention forerib (INT 19)	3 701
	— Intervention shoulder (INT 22)	2 024
	— Intervention brisket (INT 23)	1 304
	— Intervention thick flank (INT 12)	3 380
	— Intervention forequarter (INT 24)	1 508
	— Intervention topside (INT 13)	4 056
	— Intervention shin (INT 21)	1 738
	— Intervention shank (INT 11)	1 930

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 809/2000
of 18 April 2000**

fixing, for the 1999/2000 marketing year, the amounts to be paid to producer organisations and associations thereof recognised under Regulation No 136/66/EEC

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 20d(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 20(d)(1) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides for a percentage of production aid to be withheld to help finance the work of recognised producer organisations and associations thereof. For the 1998/1999, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years, the amount of production aid referred to in Article 20(d)(1) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC is 0,8 %.
- (2) Article 21(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 of 30 October 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of production aid for olive oil for the 1998/1999, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1273/1999 ⁽⁵⁾, provides that the unit amounts to be paid to producer organisations and associations thereof are to be fixed on the basis of forecasts of the overall sum to be distributed. The funds that will become available in each Member State as a result of the amount withheld as referred to above must be suitably distributed among those eligible.
- (3) The work generated in particular by the administration of aid applications has a relatively stable minimum cost. The ceiling on the financing raised from the amount withheld from production aid may prove too low for certain Member States. The amounts to be paid to beneficiaries may consequently lead to an overrun of the

ceiling, to be charged to the Member State concerned. This is the situation in France for the 1999/2000 marketing year. However, the national contribution must respect the figure laid down by this Regulation.

- (4) In order to ensure that the distribution of funds among producer organisations and associations is uniformly implemented, an operative event should be established for Greece for the conversion into national currency of the amounts fixed. In view of the harvest period and the related inspection activities of the bodies concerned, 1 February 2000 should be laid down as the operative event.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Management Committee for Oils and Fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, the amounts provided for in Article 21(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 shall be as follows:

- for Spain: EUR 4,5 and EUR 2,2 respectively,
- for Portugal: EUR 0,0 and EUR 6,5 respectively,
- for Greece: EUR 2,0 and EUR 2,0 respectively,
- for France: EUR 1,5 and EUR 1,5 respectively,
- for Italy: EUR 2,3 and EUR 2,5 respectively.

Article 2

The amounts fixed in the third indent of Article 1 shall be converted into national currency at the exchange rate applicable on 1 February 2000.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 293, 31.10.1998, p. 50.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 151, 18.6.1999, p. 12.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 April 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 810/2000**of 18 April 2000****determining the percentage of quantities which may be allowed in respect of import licence applications lodged in April 2000 under tariff quotas for beef provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 for the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 of 19 June 1998, laying down rules for the application of the tariff quotas for beef provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 for the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

Articles 1 and 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 fix the quantities of fresh, chilled or frozen beef originating in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria, and, in the case of Poland, the equivalent of the quantity of meat expressed as weight of processed products which may be imported on special terms in respect of the period 1 April to 30 June 2000. The quantities of fresh, chilled or frozen beef originating in Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia covered by import licence applications submitted are such that applications may be accepted in full. However, quantities covered by applications in respect of beef originating in Poland

and processed products must be reduced proportionately in accordance with Article 4(4) of that Regulation. No applications were submitted for beef originating in Romania and Bulgaria,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following percentages of quantities covered by import licence applications submitted in respect of the period 1 April to 30 June 2000 under the quotas referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 may be allowed:

- (a) 100 % of quantities covered by applications in respect of products falling within CN codes 0201 and 0202 originating in Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia;
- (b) 0,523 % of quantities covered by applications in respect of products falling within CN codes 0201, 0202, 1602 50 31 and 1602 50 39 originating in Poland.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 April 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 April 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 20.6.1998, p. 12.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 April 2000

establishing the initial classification of radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and associated identifiers

(notified under document number C(2000) 938)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/299/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4(1), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Member States are to notify regulated interfaces, so that the equivalence between them can be established.
- (2) Given that it is already known that certain radio equipment interfaces are equivalent from a regulatory perspective, the equivalence between such interfaces should be provisionally established pending notification of regulated interfaces.
- (3) Experts from Member States and the sector have studied classification of interface regulations. From these studies it was concluded that it would not be in the interest of the consumer or surveillance authorities to have extensive classification or marking.
- (4) Member States have not yet notified the interfaces regulated in their territories.
- (5) Nonetheless a number of interfaces are known, notably those regulated through Common Technical Regulations adopted according to Directive 98/13/EC.
- (6) It is appropriate to classify equipment which can be placed on the market in the whole of the Community and which can be put into service without restriction in a single class.
- (7) It is appropriate for such equipment only to bear the CE mark.
- (8) It is however in the interest of market surveillance authorities and consumers to be alerted through its Equipment Class Identifier where there are limitations to the placing on the market or the putting into service of radio equipment.
- (9) Provisionally all equipment where there are such restrictions can be grouped in a single class.

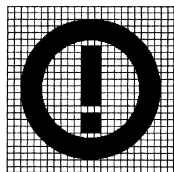
⁽¹⁾ OJ L 91, 7.4.1999, p. 10.

- (10) However further classes may be envisaged after Member States have notified regulated interfaces.
- (11) It would be useful not to extensively describe classes in terms of equipment types in this Decision. The Commission will therefore, after consulting the Standing Committee of Directive 1999/5/EC (TCAM), publish and maintain on the web an indicative and non-exhaustive list of equipment per equipment class as guidance to manufacturers. Manufacturers are recommended to consult a notified body for products for which such guidance is not yet available.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the TCAM Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- 1. Radio Equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment, which can be placed on the market and be put into service without restrictions, will constitute a class. This class will be referred to as 'Class 1'. An Equipment Class Identifier is not assigned for this class of equipment.
- 2. Radio Equipment for which Member States apply restrictions on the putting into service as foreseen in Article 7(2) of Directive 1999/5/EC or for which Member States apply restrictions on the placing on the market as foreseen by Article 9(5) of Directive 1999/5/EC will constitute a class. This class will be referred to as 'Class 2'. The following Equipment Class Identifier is assigned to equipment within this class:



- 3. The Commission will publish and maintain, in consultation with the Telecommunication Conformity Assessment and Market Surveillance Committee (TCAM), an indicative and non-exhaustive list of equipment falling within the above classes on the website containing information on Directive 1999/5/EC (<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/rte>).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 April 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION
of 18 April 2000
amending Decision 2000/86/EC laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery
products originating in China

(notified under document number C(2000) 831)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/300/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Commission Decision 2000/86/EC ⁽³⁾, the State Administration for Entry/Exit Inspection and Quarantine (CIQ SA) is the competent authority in China for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products in accordance with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (2) Before the entry into force of Decision 2000/86/EC, imports of fishery products from China were authorised, as a matter of principle, under the conditions provided for in Commission Decision 97/296/EC ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision 2000/170/EC ⁽⁵⁾, from establishments approved by each Member State.
- (3) To facilitate the transition to the regime provided by Decision 2000/86/EC, and in order to avoid trade disruption, a limited transitional period should be granted for the import of fishery products certified by the competent Chinese authority no later than 2 February 2000 and arriving in the Community no later than 1 March 2000.
- (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

The following Article 4a is inserted in Decision 2000/86/EC:

'Article 4a

Member States may authorise the import of fishery products originating in China and coming from establishments not included in Annex B hereto, subject to the following conditions:

1. the establishments were approved by the importing Member State at 22 December 1999,
2. the health certificate was issued by the competent Chinese authority no later than 2 February 2000, and
3. such fishery products were presented at the Community border inspection post no later than 1 March 2000, and marketed only on the territory of the importing Member State, or other Member States that have approved the establishment of origin.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 April 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 26, 2.2.2000, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 55, 29.2.2000, p. 68.

COMMISSION DECISION**of 18 April 2000****repealing the protective measures with regard to contamination by dioxins of certain products of porcine and poultry origin intended for human or animal consumption***(notified under document number C(2000) 1034)***(Text with EEA relevance)****(2000/301/EC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The restrictions laid down by Commission Decision 1999/788/EC of 3 December 1999 on protective measures with regard to contamination by dioxins of certain products of porcine and poultry origin intended for human or animal consumption ⁽⁴⁾ as amended by Decision 2000/150/EC ⁽⁵⁾, are not to apply to products which have been shown by analyses not to be contaminated by dioxins or which have been derived from animals slaughtered after 20 September 1999.
- (2) The Belgian authorities have informed the Commission that the identification and investigation of all the stocks of products derived from pigs and poultry slaughtered before the 20 September 1999 have been completed. Any products which were identified as contaminated as a result of this investigation have been placed under restriction and are in the process of destruction.
- (3) In the light of the foregoing, it is appropriate to lift the protective measures on pigmeat, poultrymeat and products derived therefrom. Decision 1999/788/EC should therefore be repealed.
- (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 1999/788/EC is repealed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 April 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.⁽²⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.⁽³⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 310, 4.12.1999, p. 62.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 50, 23.2.2000, p. 25.