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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1316/2000
of 22 June 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 23 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 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 22 June 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
0707 00 05	052	79,6
	628	136,6
	999	108,1
0709 90 70	052	56,8
	999	56,8
0805 30 10	388	57,3
	524	72,4
	528	60,8
	999	63,5
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	79,5
	400	92,5
	404	89,8
	508	65,3
	512	85,3
	528	88,0
	624	78,7
	804	83,7
	999	82,9
	052	243,0
	999	243,0
0809 20 95	052	308,2
	068	160,0
	400	191,7
	999	220,0

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1317/2000**of 22 June 2000****amending Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92 laying down detailed implementing rules for the specific measures for supplying the Azores and Madeira with products from the pigmeat sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Azores and Madeira relating to certain agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2601/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, on the one hand, fixes a forecast supply balance for Madeira for the products of pigmeat which benefit from an exemption from the duty on direct imports on products from third countries or from an aid for deliveries originating in the rest of the Community, and on the other hand, the quantities of pure-bred breeding animals originating in the Community which qualify for aid for the development of the production potential of the Azores and Madeira.

- (2) In order to determine the forecast supply balance for Madeira and the aids for the products coming from the Community for the 2000/2001 marketing year, and in order to continue satisfying demand for pigmeat requirements, it is necessary to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I, II and III to Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92 are replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 1.7.1992, p. 95.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 316, 10.12.1999, p. 22.

ANNEX

ANNEX I

Forecast supply balance for Madeira regarding products from the pigmeat sector for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

CN code	Description of goods	Quantity (tonnes)
ex 0203	Meat of demestic swine, fresh, chilled, or frozen	2 500

ANNEX II

Amounts of aid granted for products referred to in Annex I and coming from the Community market

(EUR/100 kg net)	
Product code	Amount of aid
0203 11 10 9000	9,6
0203 12 11 9100	14,3
0203 12 19 9100	9,6
0203 19 11 9100	9,6
0203 19 13 9100	14,3
0203 19 15 9100	9,6
0203 19 55 9110	16,2
0203 19 55 9310	16,2
0203 21 10 9000	9,6
0203 22 11 9100	14,3
0203 22 19 9100	9,6
0203 29 11 9100	9,6
0203 29 13 9100	14,3
0203 29 15 9100	9,6
0203 29 55 9110	16,2

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

ANNEX III

PART 1

Supply in the Azores of pure-bred breeding pigs originating in the Community for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

CN code	Description of the goods	Number of animals to supply	EUR Aid (head)
0103 10 00	Pure-bred breeding pigs ⁽¹⁾ :		
	— male animals	100	483
	— female animals	400	423

⁽¹⁾ Inclusion in this sub-position is subject to conditions provided for by the Community provisions which regulate the matter.

PART 2

Supply in Madeira of pure-bred breeding pigs originating in the Community for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

CN code	Description of the goods	Number of animals to supply	EUR Aid (head)
0103 10 00	Pure-bred breeding pigs ⁽¹⁾ :		
	— male animals	100	483
	— female animals	800	423

⁽¹⁾ Inclusion in this sub-position is subject to the conditions provided for by the Community provisions which regulate the matter.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1318/2000**of 22 June 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 1487/95 establishing the supply balance for the Canary Islands for products from the pigmeat sector and fixing the aid for products coming from the Community**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures for the Canary Islands concerning certain agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(4) and Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In application of Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92, it is necessary to amend Commission Regulation (EC) No 1487/95 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2602/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, in order to determine for the pigmeat sector and for the 2000/2001 marketing year, on the one hand, the quantities of meat of the forecast supply balance with benefit from an exemption from the duty on imports from third countries or from an aid for deliveries proceeding from the rest of the

Community, and on the other hand, the quantities of pure-bred breeding animals originating in the Community which benefit from an aid with a view to developing the potential for production in the archipelago of the Canaries.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I, II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1487/95 are hereby replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27.6.1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 29.6.1995, p. 63.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 316, 10.12.1999, p. 24.

ANNEX

ANNEX I

**Forecast supply balance for the Canary Islands regarding products from the pigmeat sector for the period
1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001**

CN code	Description of goods	Number or quantity (tonnes)
ex 0203	Meat of domestic swine, fresh or chilled	—
ex 0203	Meat of domestic, swine, frozen	20 500 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Of which 4 800 tonnes for processing and/or packaging.

ANNEX II

Amounts of aid granted for products coming from the Community market

(EUR/100 kg net weight)

Product code	Amount of aid
0203 21 10 9000	9,6
0203 22 11 9100	14,3
0203 22 19 9100	9,6
0203 29 11 9100	9,6
0203 29 13 9100	14,3
0203 29 15 9100	9,6
0203 29 55 9110	16,2

NB: The product codes as well as the footnotes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

ANNEX III

**Supply in the Canary Islands of pure-bred breeding pigs originating in the Community for the period
1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001**

CN code	Description of goods	Number of animals to supply	Aid (EUR/head)
0103 10 00	Pure-bred breeding pigs ⁽¹⁾ :		
	— male animals	275	483
	— female animals	5 500	423

⁽¹⁾ Inclusion in this sub-position is subject to the conditions provided for by the Community provisions which regulate the matter.'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1319/2000**of 22 June 2000****determining the quantity available for the second half of 2000 of certain products in the milk and milk products sector covered by the import arrangements provided for in the Interim Agreement concluded by the Community with the Republic of Slovenia**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1040/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2a thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2508/97 of 15 December 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application to milk and milk products of the schemes provided for in the Europe Agreements between the Community and the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovenia and the Agreements on free trade between the Community and the Baltic States ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1643/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

In application of Commission Regulation (EC) No 171/2000 ⁽⁵⁾, determining the extent to which applications for import licences for certain products in the milk and milk products sector under the schemes provided for in the Europe

Agreements between the Community and the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia and in the Agreements on free trade between the Community and the Baltic States lodged in January 2000 can be accepted, applications for import licences lodged for the products referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2508/97 concern quantities less than those available. Therefore, the quantity available for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 should be fixed for each product,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantity available for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2508/97, for products originating in the Slovak Republic shall be as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 118, 19.5.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 345, 16.12.1997, p. 31.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 195, 28.7.1999, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 21, 26.1.2000, p. 12.

ANNEX

Products originating in the Republic of Slovenia**Total quantity available for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000**

CN codes and products	0402 10 0402 21	0403 10 Yoghurts	0406 90 Other cheeses
in t	870,02	650	357,36

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1320/2000**of 22 June 2000****determining the extent to which applications in the beef and veal sector for import rights lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 980/2000 may be accepted**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 980/2000 of 11 May 2000 opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for meat of bovine animals, frozen, falling within CN code 0202 and products falling within CN code 0206 29 91 (from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

Regulation (EC) No 980/2000 provides in particular for the quantities reserved for traditional importers to be allocated in proportion to their imports during the period 1 July 1997 to 31 March 2000 under Regulation (EC) No 1042/97 ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 260/98 ⁽³⁾, Regulation (EC) No 1142/98 ⁽⁴⁾ and Regulation (EC) No 995/1999 ⁽⁵⁾. In the other cases the quantities applied for exceed the quantities available under Article 2(2) of that Regulation. Therefore, the quantities

applied for should be reduced on a proportional basis in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 980/2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Every application for the right to import lodged in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 980/2000 shall be granted to the following extent:

- (a) 273,620 kg/t imported during the period 1 July 1997 to 31 March 2000 under Regulations (EC) No 1042/97, (EC) No 1142/98 and (EC) No 995/1999 for importers as defined in Article 2(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 980/2000;
- (b) 6,287 tonnes per application in the case of operators as defined in Article 2(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 980/2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 113, 12.5.2000, p. 27.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 152, 11.6.1997, p. 2.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 25, 31.1.1998, p. 42.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 11.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 122, 12.5.1999, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1321/2000
of 22 June 2000
fixing export refunds on fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 35(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules on export refunds on fruit and vegetables.
- (2) Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, provides that, to the extent necessary for economically significant quantities of the products listed in that Article to be exported, the difference between the international market prices for those products and their prices in the Community may be covered by export refunds.
- (3) Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that refunds must be fixed in the light of the existing situation or the outlook for fruit and vegetable prices on the Community market and supplies available on the one hand, and prices on the international market on the other hand. Account must also be taken of the costs referred to in Article 35(4)(b) of that Regulation and of the economic aspect of the exports planned.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, refunds are to be set with due regard to the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.
- (5) In accordance with Article 35(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, prices on the Community market are to be established in the light of the most favourable prices from the export standpoint. International trade prices are to be established in the light of the prices referred to in the second subparagraph of that paragraph.

- (6) The international trade situation or the special requirements of certain markets may call for the refund on a given product to vary according to its destination.
- (7) Tomatoes, lemons, oranges, apples, peaches and nectarines of classes Extra, I and II of the common quality standards, table grapes of classes Extra and I of the common quality standard, shelled almonds, hazelnuts and walnuts in shell can currently be exported in economically significant quantities.
- (8) The application of the abovementioned rules to the present and forecast market situation, and in particular to fruit and vegetable prices in the Community and international trade, gives the refund rates set out in the Annex hereto.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 35(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, the resources available should be used as efficiently as possible while avoiding discrimination between traders. Therefore, care should be taken not to disturb the trade flows previously induced by the refund arrangements. For those reasons and because of the seasonal nature of exports of fruit and vegetables, quotas should be fixed for each product.
- (10) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1000/2000 ⁽⁶⁾, establishes an agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds.
- (11) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/1999 ⁽⁸⁾, lays down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products.
- (12) Owing to the market situation, in order to make the most efficient use of the resources available and given the structure of Community exports, the most appropriate method should be selected for export refunds on certain products and certain destinations and consequently refunds under the A1 and A2 licence arrangements referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 should not be fixed simultaneously for the export period in question.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 114, 13.5.2000, p. 10.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 48.

- (13) The quantities laid down for the various products should be distributed in accordance with the different systems for the grant of the refund, taking account in particular of their perishability.
- (14) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,
2. Quantities covered by licences issued for food aid as referred to in Article 14a of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall not count against the eligible quantities covered by the Annex.
3. Without prejudice to the application of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, the term of validity of A1 and A2 licences shall be three months.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The export refunds on fruit and vegetables shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

EXPORT REFUNDS ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Product (full definitions of eligible products are given in the 'Fruit and vegetables' sector of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 amended)	Product code	Destination or destination group ⁽¹⁾	System Application periods					
			A1 24.6 to 8.9.2000		A2 26 to 28.6.2000		B 1.7 to 15.9.2000	
			Refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)
Tomatoes	0702 00 00 9100	F08	18		18	2 207	18	4 414
Shelled almonds	0802 12 90 9000	A00	45	176	45		45	176
Hazelnuts in shell	0802 21 00 9000	A00	53	68	53		53	68
Shelled hazelnuts	0802 22 00 9000	A00	103	599	103		103	599
Walnuts in shell	0802 31 00 9000	A00	66	20	66		66	20
Oranges	0805 10 10 9100 0805 10 30 9100 0805 10 50 9100	A00	45		45	615	45	1 229
Lemons	0805 30 10 9100	A00	40		40	4 610	40	4 610
Table grapes	0806 10 10 9100	A00	23		23	6 627	23	13 255
Apples	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F04, F09	36		36	3 850	36	3 850
Peaches and nectarines	0809 30 10 9100 0809 30 90 9100	A03	27		27	8 094	27	16 189

⁽¹⁾ The destination codes are defined as follows:

A00: All destinations.

A03: All destinations except Switzerland.

F04: Sri Lanka, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, Papua-New Guinea, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica and Japan.

F08: All destinations except Slovakia, Latvia and Bulgaria.

F09: Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroes, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Albania, 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.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1322/2000**of 22 June 2000****setting export refunds on products processed from fruit and vegetables other than those granted for added sugar**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2701/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16(3),

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1429/95 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1007/97 ⁽⁴⁾, sets implementing rules for export refunds on products processed from fruit and vegetables.

(2) Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 states that, to the extent necessary to permit exports in economically significant quantities of the products referred to in Article 1(1)(a) of that Regulation, on the basis of prices for those products in international trade, the difference between those prices and prices in the Community may be covered by export refunds; Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 provides that, if the refund on sugar incorporated into the products listed in Article 1(1) is insufficient to allow export of the products, the refund fixed in accordance with Article 17 is to be applicable to those products.

(3) Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 states that refunds must be fixed with regard to the existing situation and outlook for prices for products processed from fruit and vegetables on the Community market and supply availability, on the one hand, and prices in international trade on the other hand. Account must also be taken of the costs indicated at (b) in that paragraph and of the economic aspect of the envisaged exports.

(4) Refunds are, pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96, to be set with due regard to the limits

(5) Article 17(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 states that prices on the Community market are to be determined taking account of those most favourable from the exportation standpoint; whereas international trade prices are to be determined account taken of the prices indicated in the second subparagraph of that paragraph.

(6) The international trade situation or the special requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund on a given product depending on the destination of that product.

(7) Economically significant exports can be made at the present time of provisionally preserved cherries, peeled tomatoes, preserved cherries, prepared hazelnuts and some orange juices.

(8) Application of the rules mentioned above to the present and forecast market situation, in particular to prices of products processed from fruit and vegetables in the Community and in international trade, leads to the refund rates set in the Annex hereto.

(9) Pursuant to Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96, the most efficient possible use should be made of the resources available without creating discrimination between traders. Therefore, care should be taken not to disturb the trade flows previously induced by the refund arrangements.

(10) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2765/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, establishes an agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds.

(11) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/1999 ⁽⁸⁾, lays down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 145, 5.6.1997, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 338, 30.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 48.

- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The export refund rates in the processed fruit and vegetables sector shall be those fixed in the Annex hereto.
2. Quantities for which licences are issued in the context of food aid, as referred to in Article 14a of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall not count against the eligible quantities referred to in the first paragraph.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Product (The full definitions of the eligible products are given in the 'processed fruit and vegetables' sector of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87, as amended)		Product code	Destination code ⁽¹⁾	Licence issuing period: July to October 2000	
				Period for submission of applications: from 26 June to 23 October 2000	
				Refund rate (EUR/t net)	Quantities provided (in t)
Provisionally preserved cherries		0812 10 00 9100	F06	50	2 853
Peeled tomatoes		2002 10 10 9100	F10	45	42 477
Preserved cherries		2006 00 31 9000 2006 00 99 9100	F06	153	595
Prepared hazelnuts		2008 19 19 9100 2008 19 99 9100	A00	59	344
Orange juice	With a sugar content of not less than 10° Brix, but less than 22° Brix	2009 11 99 9110 2009 19 99 9110	A00	5	300
	With a sugar content of not less than 55° Brix	2009 11 99 9150 2009 19 99 9150	A00	29	301

⁽¹⁾ The destination codes are defined as follows:

A00: All destinations,

F06: All destinations except the countries of North America,

F10: All other destinations except the United States of America, Slovakia, Latvia and Bulgaria.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1323/2000
of 22 June 2000
fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Whereas:

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 June 2000 fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

(EUR/t)

Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Current 6	1st period 7	2nd period 8	3rd period 9	4th period 10	5th period 11	6th period 12
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	—	—
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 90 99 9000	01	0	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	—	—
1002 00 00 9000	01	0	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	01	0	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	—	—
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	01	0	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	—	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 90 00 9000	01	0	-1,00	-2,00	-2,00	0	—	—
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 11 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 15 9100	01	0	12,00	12,00	12,00	0,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9130	01	0	11,50	11,50	11,50	0,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9150	01	0	10,50	10,50	10,50	0,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9170	01	0	9,75	9,75	9,75	0,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9180	01	0	9,25	9,25	9,25	0,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1102 10 00 9500	01	0	0	-1,37	-2,74	-4,11	—	—
1102 10 00 9700	01	0	0	-1,08	-2,16	-3,24	—	—
1102 10 00 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 10 9200	01	0	0	-1,50	-3,00	-4,50	—	—
1103 11 10 9400	01	0	0	-1,34	-2,68	-4,02	—	—
1103 11 10 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 90 9200	01	0	0	-1,37	-2,74	-4,11	—	—
1103 11 90 9800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(¹) The destinations are identified as follows:

01 all third countries,

02 other third countries,

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

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1324/2000**of 22 June 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on oats in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1897/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1897/1999 of 2 September 1999 on a special intervention measure for cereals in Finland and Sweden ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2482/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the refund for the export of oats produced in Finland and Sweden for export from Finland or Sweden to all third countries was opened pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1897/1999.
- (2) Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1897/1999 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in

Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95. In that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund.

- (3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders notified from 16 to 22 June 2000, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1897/1999, the maximum refund on exportation of oats shall be EUR 44,90/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 233, 3.9.1999, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 303, 26.11.1999, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1325/2000
of 22 June 2000
providing for the rejection of applications for export licences in relation to cereal products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 of 23 May 1995 laying down special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences for cereals and rice ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1432/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7(3) thereof,

Whereas:

The quantity covered by applications for advance fixing of refunds for flour of common wheat and spelt could give rise to speculation. It has therefore been decided to reject all applica-

tions for export licences for this product made on 22 June 2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95, applications for export licences with advance fixing of refunds for products falling within CN code 1101 00 15 made on 22 June 2000 shall be rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 June 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 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 117, 24.5.1995, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 56.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

**COUNCIL DECISION
of 5 June 2000
adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure**

(2000/396/EC, ECSC, Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 207(3), first subparagraph,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Article 30(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 121(3) thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Rules of Procedure of the Council of 31 May 1999 (1999/385/EC, ECSC, Euratom) ⁽¹⁾ shall be replaced by the following, which shall enter into force on 6 June 2000.

'RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL

Article 1

Notice and venue of meetings

1. The Council shall meet when convened by its President on his own initiative or at the request of one of its members or of the Commission ⁽²⁾.
2. Seven months before the beginning of its term of office, the Presidency shall make known the dates which it envisages for meetings that the Council will have to hold in order to complete its legislative work or take operational decisions.

At the latest one week before the beginning of its term of office, the Presidency shall establish a six-month programme in the form of indicative provisional agendas for Council meetings, showing the legislative work and operational decisions envisaged. This programme may, where necessary, provide for extra Council meetings, in addition to those previously planned. If during the Presidency any of the meetings in the six-monthly programme proves to be no longer warranted, the Presidency shall not convene it.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 147, 12.6.1999, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ This paragraph reproduces Article 204 of the EC Treaty.

3. The Council shall have its seat in Brussels. During the months of April, June and October the Council shall hold its meetings in Luxembourg ⁽¹⁾.

In exceptional circumstances and for duly substantiated reasons, the Council or the Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper), acting unanimously, may decide that a Council meeting will be held elsewhere.

Article 2

Configurations of the Council

1. The Council may meet in different configurations according to the subject matter dealt with. The Council, meeting in its General Affairs configuration, shall fix the list of these configurations ⁽²⁾.

No Council configuration not included in the list may be convened unless the Council in its General Affairs configuration so decides.

2. The Council in its General Affairs configuration shall be responsible for the overall coordination of preparatory work for European Council meetings.

Article 3 ⁽³⁾

Agenda

1. The President shall draw up the provisional agenda for each meeting. The agenda shall be sent to the other members of the Council and to the Commission at least 14 days before the beginning of the meeting.

2. The provisional agenda shall contain the items in respect of which a request for inclusion on the agenda, together with any documents relating thereto, has been received by the General Secretariat from a member of the Council or from the Commission at least 16 days before the beginning of that meeting. The provisional agenda shall also indicate the items on which the Presidency, a member of the Council or the Commission may request a vote.

3. Items relating to the adoption of an act or a common position on a legislative proposal or a proposal for a measure to be adopted under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union shall not be placed on the provisional agenda for a decision until the six-week period provided for in point 3 of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments in the European Union has elapsed.

The Council may unanimously derogate from the six-week period where the entry of an item is subject to the exception on grounds of urgency provided for in point 3 of that Protocol.

4. Only items in respect of which the documents have been sent to the members of the Council and to the Commission at the latest by the date on which the provisional agenda is sent may be placed on that agenda.

5. The General Secretariat shall transmit to the members of the Council and to the Commission requests for the inclusion of items in the agenda, documents and indications concerning voting relating thereto in respect of which the time limits specified above were not respected.

⁽¹⁾ This paragraph reproduces paragraph (b) of the sole article of the Protocol on the location of the seats of the institutions and of certain bodies and departments of the European Communities and of Europol annexed to the Treaties.

⁽²⁾ See statement (a) set out below.

(a) Article 2

“The list of configurations is currently set out in OJ C 174, 23 June 2000, p. 1.”

⁽³⁾ See statements (b) and (c) set out below:

(b) Article 3(1) and (2)

“The President will endeavour to ensure that, in principle, the provisional agenda for each meeting of the Council dealing with implementation of Title IV of Part Three of the EC Treaty and Title VI of the Treaty on European Union and any documents relating to the items involved reach members of the Council at least 21 days before the beginning of the meeting.”

(c) Articles 1 and 3

“Without prejudice to Article 22(2) of the Treaty on European Union, which specifies that an extraordinary Council meeting may be convened at very short notice in cases requiring a rapid decision, the Council is aware of the need for matters relating to the common foreign and security policy to be dealt with swiftly and efficiently. The arrangements in Article 3 shall not prevent this need from being met.”

6. The agenda shall be adopted by the Council at the beginning of each meeting. The inclusion in the agenda of an item other than those appearing on the provisional agenda shall require unanimity in the Council. Items entered in this way may be put to the vote.

If, by the end of the week preceding the week prior to a Council meeting, Coreper has not completed its examination of legislative items within the meaning of Article 7, the Presidency shall, unless considerations of urgency require otherwise and without prejudice to paragraph 2, remove them from the provisional agenda.

7. The provisional agenda shall be divided into Part A and Part B. Items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion shall be included in Part A, but this does not exclude the possibility of any member of the Council or of the Commission expressing an opinion at the time of the approval of these items and having statements included in the minutes.

8. However, an "A" item shall be withdrawn from the agenda, unless the Council decides otherwise, if a position on an "A" item might lead to further discussion thereof or if a member of the Council or the Commission so requests.

9. Any request for the inclusion of an "other business" item shall, in principle, be accompanied by an explanatory document.

Article 4

Representation of a Council member unable to attend

Subject to the provisions of Article 11 on the delegation of voting rights, a member of the Council who is prevented from attending a meeting may arrange to be represented.

Article 5

Meetings

1. Meetings of the Council shall not be public except in the cases referred to in Article 8.
2. The Commission shall be invited to take part in meetings of the Council. The same applies to the European Central Bank in cases where it exercises its right of initiative. The Council may, however, decide to deliberate without the presence of the Commission or of the European Central Bank.
3. The members of the Council and of the Commission may be accompanied by officials who assist them. The number of such officials may be laid down by the Council. Their names and functions shall be notified in advance to the Secretary-General/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary-General") or the Deputy Secretary-General.
4. Admission to meetings of the Council shall be subject to the production of a pass.

Article 6

Professional secrecy and production of documents in legal proceedings

1. Without prejudice to Articles 8 and 9 and to other applicable provisions, the deliberations of the Council shall be covered by the obligation of professional secrecy, except in so far as the Council decides otherwise.
2. The Council or Coreper may authorise the production for use in legal proceedings of a copy of or an extract from Council documents which have not already been released to the public pursuant to these Rules or the Council's rules on public access to its documents.

Article 7

Cases where the Council acts in its legislative capacity

The Council acts in its legislative capacity within the meaning of the second subparagraph of Article 207(3) of the EC Treaty when it adopts rules which are legally binding in or for the Member States, by means of regulations, directives, framework decisions or decisions, on the basis of the relevant provisions of the Treaties, with the exception of discussions leading to the adoption of internal measures, administrative or budgetary acts, acts concerning interinstitutional or international relations or non-binding acts (such as conclusions, recommendations or resolutions).

Where legislative proposals or initiatives are submitted to it the Council shall refrain from adopting acts which are not provided for by the Treaties, such as resolutions or declarations other than those referred to in Article 9.

*Article 8***Public debates**

1. The Council in its General Affairs and Economic and Financial Affairs configurations shall hold a public policy debate every six months on the work programme of the current Presidency and, if appropriate, on the Commission's annual work programme.

2. On a decision taken by the Council or by Coreper, acting by a qualified majority, the Council shall hold at least one public debate on important new legislative proposals.

The Council or Coreper may decide by a qualified majority on a case-by-case basis that other public debates are to be held on important issues affecting the interests of the Union.

It shall be for the Presidency, any member of the Council, or the Commission to propose issues or specific subjects for such debates.

3. Public debates shall be the subject of public transmission by audiovisual means.

*Article 9***Making deliberations public**

1. Where the Council acts in its legislative capacity within the meaning of Article 7, the results of votes and explanations of votes by Council members, as well as the statements in the Council minutes and the items in those minutes relating to the adoption of legislative acts, shall be made public.

The results of votes and explanations of votes shall also be made public when the Council adopts a common position pursuant to Article 251 or 252 of the EC Treaty. The same rule shall apply for votes and explanations of votes by members of the Council or their representatives on the Conciliation Committee set up by Article 251 of the EC Treaty.

2. The results of votes and explanations of votes shall also be made public when the Council establishes a convention on the basis of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union. The statements entered in the Council minutes and the items in those minutes relating to adoption of such conventions shall be made public by decision of the Council or Coreper, taken at the request of one of their members.

3. The results of votes shall be made public:

(a) when the Council acts pursuant to Title V of the Treaty on European Union, by a unanimous Council or Coreper decision taken at the request of one of their members;

(b) when the Council adopts a common position within the meaning of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union, by a unanimous Council or Coreper decision taken at the request of one of their members;

(c) in other cases, by Council or Coreper decision taken at the request of one of their members.

When the result of a vote in the Council is made public in accordance with subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c), the explanations of votes made when the vote was taken shall also be made public at the request of the Council members concerned, with due regard for these Rules of Procedure, legal certainty and the interests of the Council.

Statements entered in the Council minutes and items in those minutes relating to the adoption of the acts referred to in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall be made public by Council or Coreper decision taken at the request of one of their members.

4. Votes shall not be made public in the case of discussions leading to indicative votes or the adoption of preparatory acts.

Article 10

Public access to Council documents

The detailed arrangements for public access to Council documents shall be adopted by the Council ⁽¹⁾.

Article 11

Voting arrangements and quorum

1. The Council shall vote on the initiative of its President.

The President shall, furthermore, be required to open a voting procedure on the initiative of a member of the Council or of the Commission, provided that a majority of the Council's members so decides.

2. The members of the Council shall vote in the order of the Member States laid down in Article 203 of the EC Treaty and in the corresponding Articles of the other two Community Treaties, beginning with the member who, according to that order, follows the member holding the office of President.

3. Where a vote is taken, any member of the Council may also act on behalf of not more than one other member ⁽²⁾.

4. The presence of a majority of the members of the Council who are, under the Treaties, entitled to vote is required to enable the Council to vote. When the vote is taken, the President, assisted by the General Secretariat, shall check that there is a quorum.

Article 12 ⁽³⁾

Written procedure

1. Acts of the Council on an urgent matter may be adopted by a written vote where the Council or Coreper unanimously decides to use that procedure. In special circumstances, the President may also propose the use of that procedure; in such a case, written votes may be used where all members of the Council agree to that procedure.

2. Agreement by the Commission to the use of the written procedure shall be required where the written vote is on a matter which the Commission has brought before the Council.

3. A summary of acts adopted by the written procedure shall be drawn up every month by the General Secretariat.

⁽¹⁾ See statement (d) set out below:

(d) *Article 10*

"The detailed arrangements for public access to Council documents are currently laid down in Council Decision 93/731/EC of 20 December 1993 on public access to Council documents (OJ L 340, 31.12.1993, p. 43), as amended by Decision 96/705/EC (OJ L 325, 14.12.1996, p. 19) and by Decision 2000/23/EC of 6 December 1999 on the improvement of information on the Council's legislative activities and the public register of Council documents (OJ L 9, 13.1.2000, p. 22)."

⁽²⁾ This paragraph reproduces Article 206 of the EC Treaty.

⁽³⁾ See statement (e) set out below:

(e) *Article 12*

"The Council agrees to consider the advisability of including in the Rules of Procedure the option of using a simplified written procedure when the Council is acting pursuant to Title VI of the Treaty on European Union."

4. On the initiative of the Presidency, the Council may also act for the purpose of implementing the common foreign and security policy by means of the simplified written procedure (CORFU). In that case the proposal shall be deemed to be adopted at the end of the period laid down by the Presidency depending on the urgency of the matter, except where a member of the Council objects ⁽¹⁾.
5. On the initiative of the Presidency, the Council may also act for the purpose of deciding to consult other institutions or bodies by means of a streamlined written procedure wherever such consultation is required by Community law. In that case the decision to consult shall be deemed to be adopted at the end of the period laid down by the Presidency depending on the urgency of the matter, except where a member of the Council objects ⁽²⁾.
6. The General Secretariat shall establish that the written procedures have been completed.

Article 13

Minutes

1. Minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up and, when approved, shall be signed by the President in Office at the time of such approval and by the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General.

The minutes shall as a general rule indicate in respect of each item on the agenda:

- the documents submitted to the Council,
- the decisions taken or the conclusions reached by the Council,
- the statements made by the Council and those whose entry has been requested by a member of the Council or the Commission.

2. The draft minutes shall be drawn up by the General Secretariat within 15 days and submitted to the Council or to Coreper for approval.

3. Prior to such approval any member of the Council, or the Commission, may request that more details be inserted in the minutes regarding any item on the agenda. These requests may be made in Coreper.

Article 14

Deliberations and decisions on the basis of documents and drafts drawn up in the languages provided for by the language rules in force

1. Except as otherwise decided unanimously by the Council on grounds of urgency, the Council shall deliberate and take decisions only on the basis of documents and drafts drawn up in the languages specified in the rules in force governing languages.
2. Any member of the Council may oppose discussion if the texts of any proposed amendments are not drawn up in such of the languages referred to in paragraph 1 as he or she may specify.

⁽¹⁾ See statement (f) set out below:

(f) Article 12(4)

"The Council would point out that the COREU network must be used in accordance with the Council conclusions of 12 June 1995 concerning the Council's working methods."

⁽²⁾ See statement (g) set out below:

(g) Article 12(5)

"In accordance with the Council's regular practice, the time limit fixed will normally be one week."

*Article 15***Signing of acts**

The text of the acts adopted by the Council and that of the acts adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council shall be signed by the President-in-Office at the time of their adoption and by the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General. The Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General may delegate their signatures to Directors-General of the General Secretariat.

*Article 16 ⁽¹⁾***Absence of the possibility to participate in the vote**

For the purposes of application of these Rules of Procedure, due account will be taken, in accordance with Annex I, of cases in which, under the Treaties, one or more members of the Council may not participate in the vote.

*Article 17***Publication of acts in the Official Journal**

1. The following shall be published in the Official Journal by the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General:

- (a) the acts referred to in Article 254(1) and (2) of the EC Treaty;
- (b) the acts referred to in the first paragraph of Article 163 of the Euratom Treaty;
- (c) the common positions adopted by the Council in accordance with the procedures referred to in Articles 251 and 252 of the EC Treaty, and the reasons underlying those common positions;
- (d) the framework decisions and decisions referred to in Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union;
- (e) the conventions established by the Council in accordance with Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union.

Reference shall be made in the Official Journal to the entry into force of such conventions;

- (f) the conventions signed between Member States on the basis of Article 293 of the EC Treaty.

Reference shall be made in the Official Journal to the entry into force of such conventions;

- (g) international agreements concluded by the Community or in accordance with Article 24 of the Treaty on European Union.

Reference shall be made in the Official Journal to the entry into force of such agreements.

2. Unless the Council or Coreper decides otherwise, the following shall be published in the Official Journal by the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General:

- (a) initiatives presented to the Council by a Member State pursuant to Article 67(1) of the EC Treaty;
- (b) initiatives presented to the Council by a Member State pursuant to Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union;
- (c) the common positions referred to in Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union;
- (d) directives other than those referred to in Article 254(1) and (2) of the EC Treaty, decisions other than those referred to in Article 254(1) of the EC Treaty, recommendations and opinions.

⁽¹⁾ See statement (h) set out below:

(h) *Article 16 and Annex I*

"The Council agrees that the provisions of Article 16 and Annex I apply to acts for the adoption of which some members of the Council are, under the Treaties, not entitled to vote. However, application of Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union is not covered by those provisions.

In the first application of Articles 43 and 44 of the Treaty on European Union, the Council will, in the light of experience acquired in other fields, consider any adaptations necessary to Article 16 of and Annex I to these Rules of Procedure."

3. The Council or Coreper shall decide unanimously, on a case-by-case basis, whether there should be publication in the Official Journal by the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General of the common strategies, the joint actions and the common positions referred to in Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union.
4. The Council or Coreper shall decide, on a case-by-case basis and taking account of possible publication of the basic act, whether the following should be published in the Official Journal by the Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General:
 - (a) the measures implementing the joint actions referred to in Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union;
 - (b) the joint actions, the common positions or any other decision adopted on the basis of a common strategy, as provided for in the first indent of Article 23(2) of the Treaty on European Union;
 - (c) any measures implementing the decisions referred to in Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union and any measures implementing conventions drawn up by the Council in accordance with Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union.
5. Where an agreement concluded between the Communities and one or more States or international organisations sets up a body vested with powers of decision, the Council shall decide, when such an agreement is concluded, whether decisions to be taken by that body should be published in the Official Journal.

Article 18

Notification of acts

1. Directives other than those referred to in Article 254(1) and (2) of the EC Treaty and decisions other than those referred to in Article 254(1) of the EC Treaty shall be notified to their addressees by the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General or a director-general acting on their behalf.
2. When they are not published in the Official Journal, the following acts shall be notified to their addressees by the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General or a director-general acting on their behalf
 - (a) recommendations;
 - (b) the common strategies, joint actions and common positions referred to in Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union;
 - (c) the common positions referred to in Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union;
 - (d) measures implementing the acts adopted on the basis of Articles 12 and 34 of the Treaty on European Union;
3. The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General or a director-general acting on their behalf shall send to the Governments of the Member States and to the Commission authentic copies of Council directives other than those referred to in Article 254(1) and (2) of the EC Treaty and Council decisions and recommendations.

Article 19 ⁽¹⁾

Coreper, committees and working parties

1. Coreper shall be responsible for preparing the work of the Council and for carrying out the tasks assigned to it by the Council. It shall in any case ⁽²⁾ ensure consistency of the Union's policies and actions and see to it that the following principles and rules are observed:

⁽¹⁾ These provisions are without prejudice to the role of the Economic and Financial Committee as laid down in Article 114 of the EC Treaty and to existing Council Decisions thereon (OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 109 and OJ L 5, 1.1.1999, p. 71).

⁽²⁾ See statement (i) set out below:

(i) *Article 19(1)*

"Coreper will ensure consistency and observance of the principles set out in paragraph 1, in particular for matters where substantive preparation is undertaken in other forums."

- (a) the principles of legality, subsidiarity, proportionality and providing reasons for acts;
- (b) rules establishing the powers of Union institutions and bodies;
- (c) budgetary provisions;
- (d) rules on procedure, transparency and the quality of drafting.

2. All items on the agenda for a Council meeting shall be examined in advance by Coreper unless the Council decides otherwise. Coreper shall endeavour to reach agreement at its level to be submitted to the Council for adoption. It shall ensure adequate presentation of the dossiers to the Council and, where appropriate, shall present guidelines, options or suggested solutions. In the event of an emergency, the Council, acting unanimously, may decide to settle the matter without prior examination.

3. Committees or working parties may be set up by, or with the approval of, Coreper with a view to carrying out certain preparatory work or studies defined in advance.

The General Secretariat shall update and publish the list of preparatory bodies. Only the committees and working parties on this list may meet as Council preparatory bodies.

4. Coreper shall be chaired, depending on the items on the agenda, by the Permanent Representative or the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Member State which holds the Presidency of the Council. Unless the Council decides otherwise, the various committees provided for in the Treaties shall also be chaired by a delegate of that Member State. The same shall apply to the committees and working parties referred to in paragraph 2, unless Coreper decides otherwise. For the preparation of meetings of Council configurations meeting once every six months, where held during the first half of this period, the meetings of committees other than Coreper and those of working parties held during the preceding six months may be chaired by a delegate of the Member State whose turn it is to chair the said Council meetings.

5. Coreper may adopt the following procedural decisions, provided that the items relating thereto have been included on its provisional agenda at least three working days before the meeting. Unanimity on the part of Coreper shall be required for any derogation from that period ⁽¹⁾:

- (a) decision to hold a Council meeting in a place other than Brussels or Luxembourg (Article 1(3));
- (b) authorisation to produce a copy of or an extract from a Council document for use in legal proceedings (Article 6(2));
- (c) decision to hold a public debate in the Council (Article 8(2));
- (d) decision to make the results of votes public in the cases laid down in Article 9(2) and (3);
- (e) decision to use the written procedure (Article 12(1));
- (f) approval or amendment of Council minutes (Article 13(2) and (3));
- (g) decision to publish a text or an act in the Official Journal (Article 17(2), (3) and (4));
- (h) decision to consult an institution or body;
- (i) decision setting or extending a time limit for consultation of an institution or body;
- (j) decision to extend the periods laid down in Article 251(7) of the EC Treaty;
- (k) approval of the wording of a letter to be sent to an institution or body.

⁽¹⁾ See statement (j) set out below:

(j) Article 19(5)

"If a member of the Council considers that a draft procedural decision submitted to Coreper for adoption in accordance with Article 19(5) raises a question of substance, the draft decision will be submitted to the Council."

*Article 20***The Presidency and the businesslike conduct of discussions**

1. The Presidency shall be responsible for the application of these Rules of Procedure and for ensuring that discussions are conducted in a businesslike manner. It may, unless a decision is taken to the contrary, take any appropriate measure and in particular:

- (a) restrict the numbers per delegation present in the meeting room for discussion of a particular item, and decide whether to authorise the opening of an overflow room;
- (b) set the order in which items are to be taken and determine the duration of discussions on them;
- (c) organise the time allotted for discussion of a particular item.

2. Without prejudice to its powers and its overall political responsibility, the Presidency shall be assisted by the representative of the Member State next holding the Presidency. At the Presidency's request and acting on its instructions, the latter shall replace it as and when required, shall relieve it, where necessary, of certain administrative tasks and shall ensure the continuity of the Council's proceedings.

*Article 21 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾***Reports from committees and working parties**

Notwithstanding the other provisions of these Rules of Procedure, the Presidency shall organise the meetings of the various committees and working parties so that their reports are available before the Coreper meetings at which they are to be examined.

Unless considerations of urgency require otherwise, the Presidency shall postpone to a subsequent Coreper meeting any legislative items within the meaning of Article 7 on which the committee or working party has not completed its discussions at least five working days prior to Coreper's meeting.

*Article 22***Quality of drafting ⁽³⁾**

1. In order to assist the Council in its task of ensuring the drafting quality of the legislative acts which it adopts, the Legal Service shall be responsible for checking the drafting quality of proposals and draft acts at the appropriate stage, as well as for bringing drafting suggestions to the attention of the Council and its bodies, pursuant to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 22 December 1998.

Throughout the legislative process, those who submit texts in connection with the Council's proceedings shall pay special attention to the quality of the drafting.

⁽¹⁾ These provisions are without prejudice to the role of the Economic and Financial Committee as laid down in Article 114 of the EC Treaty and to existing Council Decisions thereon (OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 109 and OJ L 5, 1.1.1999, p. 71).

⁽²⁾ See statement (k) set out below:

(k) *Article 21*

"Reports from working parties and any other documents used as a basis for Coreper's discussions should be sent to delegations in time to allow for their examination."

⁽³⁾ See statement (l) set out below:

(l) *Article 22*

"The Council Legal Service has also been instructed to provide assistance to a Member State responsible for an initiative within the meaning of Article 67(1) of the EC Treaty or Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union for the purpose, *inter alia*, of checking the quality of drafting of such initiatives if that assistance is requested by the Member State concerned."

See statement (m) set out below:

(m) *Article 22*

"Members of the Council will comment on proposals for official codification of legislative texts within 30 days of the circulation of such proposals by the General Secretariat.

Members of the Council will ensure that those provisions of a proposal for the recasting of legislative texts which have been taken from the preceding act without substantive amendment are examined in accordance with the principles established for examination of codification proposals."

*Article 23***The Secretary-General and the General Secretariat**

1. The Council shall be assisted by a General Secretariat, under the responsibility of a Secretary-General, who shall be assisted by a Deputy Secretary-General responsible for the running of the General Secretariat. The Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Council acting unanimously.

2. The Council shall decide on the organisation of the General Secretariat ⁽¹⁾.

Under its authority the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General shall take all the measures necessary to ensure the smooth running of the General Secretariat.

3. The General Secretariat shall be closely and continually involved in organising, coordinating and ensuring the coherence of the Council's work. Under the responsibility and guidance of the Presidency, it shall assist the latter in seeking solutions.

In accordance with the provisions of the Treaty on European Union, the Secretary-General shall assist the Council and the Presidency in matters concerning the common foreign and security policy, including coordination of the work of the Special Representatives.

If appropriate, the Secretary-General may ask the Presidency to convene a committee or working party, in particular in relation to matters concerning the common foreign and security policy, or to place an item on the agenda for a committee or working party.

4. The Secretary-General or the Deputy Secretary-General shall submit to the Council the draft estimate of the expenditure of the Council in sufficient time to ensure that the time limits laid down by the financial provisions are met.

5. The Secretary-General, assisted by the Deputy Secretary-General, shall have full responsibility for administering the appropriations entered in Section II — Council of the budget and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that they are properly managed. He shall implement the appropriations in question in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

*Article 24***Security**

The rules on security shall be adopted by the Council.

*Article 25***Duties as depositary of agreements and conventions**

In the event of the Secretary-General of the Council being designated as depositary of an agreement concluded in accordance with Article 24 of the Treaty on European Union or concluded by the Community and one or more States or international organisations, of a convention concluded between Member States or of a convention established pursuant to Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, the acts of ratification, acceptance or approval of those agreements or conventions shall be deposited at the address of the Council.

In such instances the Secretary-General shall perform the duties of a depositary and shall also ensure that the dates of entry into force of such agreements or conventions are published in the Official Journal.

*Article 26***Representation before the European Parliament**

Subject to special procedures, the Council may be represented by the Presidency or by any other of its members before the European Parliament or its committees. The Council may also be represented before those committees by its Secretary-General, its Deputy Secretary-General or senior officials of the General Secretariat, acting on instructions from the Presidency.

The Council may also present its views to the European Parliament by means of a written statement.

⁽¹⁾ Paragraphs 1 and 2 reproduce Article 207(2) of the EC Treaty.

*Article 27***Provisions concerning the form of acts**

The provisions concerning the form of acts are set out in Annex II.

*Article 28***Correspondence addressed to the Council**

Correspondence to the Council shall be sent to the President at the following address of the Council:

Council of the European Union
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
B-1048 Brussels

ANNEX I

1. In application of the following provisions of these Rules of Procedure and for decisions in respect of which, under the Treaties, members of the Council or of Coreper may not participate in the vote, account is not to be taken of votes by such members:
 - (a) Article 1(3), second subparagraph (holding of a meeting in a place other than Brussels or Luxembourg);
 - (b) Article 3(6) (inclusion on the agenda of an item other than those appearing on the provisional agenda);
 - (c) Article 3(8) (maintaining as a "B" item on the agenda an "A" item which would otherwise have had to be withdrawn from the agenda);
 - (d) Article 5(2), as regards the presence of the European Central Bank only (deliberation without the presence of the European Central Bank);
 - (e) Article 9(2) and (3), first subparagraph, points (b) and (c), second and third subparagraphs (making public the statements in the Council minutes and items in those minutes relating to the adoption of conventions established on the basis of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union; making public the results of votes, explanations of votes, statements in the Council minutes and items in those minutes relating to the adoption of a common position under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union; making public the results of votes, explanations of votes, statements in the Council minutes and items in those minutes relating to cases other than those referred to in paragraph 3);
 - (f) Article 11(1), second subparagraph (opening of a voting procedure);
 - (g) Article 12(1) (use of the written procedure);
 - (h) Article 14(1) (decision to deliberate and take decisions exceptionally on the basis of documents and drafts not drawn up in all the languages) ⁽¹⁾;
 - (i) Article 17(2)(a) and (b) (non-publication in the Official Journal of an initiative presented by a Member State pursuant to Article 67(1) of the EC Treaty or Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union);
 - (j) Article 17(2)(c) and (d) (non-publication in the Official Journal of a common position adopted on the basis of Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union or certain directives, decisions, recommendations and opinions);
 - (k) Article 17(4)(c) (publication in the Official Journal of any measures implementing decisions or conventions referred to in Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union);
 - (l) Article 17(5) (whether to publish in the Official Journal decisions taken by a body set up under an international agreement).
2. A member of the Council or of Coreper may not make use of the following provisions of these Rules of Procedure in connection with decisions on which, under the Treaties, that member may not participate in the vote:
 - (a) Article 3(8) (possibility of a member of the Council requesting withdrawal of an "A" item from the agenda);
 - (b) Article 11(1), second subparagraph (possibility of a member of the Council requesting the opening of a voting procedure);
 - (c) Article 11(3) (possibility of a member of the Council acting on behalf of another in a vote);
 - (d) Article 14(2) (possibility for any member of the Council to oppose discussion if the texts of any proposed amendments are not drawn up in the language he or she has specified).

⁽¹⁾ See statement (n) set out below:

(n) Article 14 in Annex I

"The Council confirms that present practice whereby the texts serving as a basis for its deliberations are drawn up in all the languages will continue to apply."

ANNEX II

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE FORM OF ACTS

A. Form of regulations

1. Regulations adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council, and Council regulations shall include:
 - (a) in their title the word "Regulation", followed by a serial number, the date of their adoption and an indication of their subject matter;
 - (b) the words "The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union" or "The Council of the European Union", as appropriate;
 - (c) a reference to the provisions under which the regulation is adopted, preceded by the words "Having regard to";
 - (d) a citation containing a reference to proposals submitted and to opinions obtained and consultations held;
 - (e) a statement of the reasons on which the regulation is based, preceded by the word "Whereas:", the recitals being numbered;
 - (f) the words "have adopted this Regulation" or "has adopted this Regulation", as appropriate, followed by the enacting terms of the regulation.
2. Regulations shall be divided into Articles, if appropriate, grouped into chapters and sections.
3. The final article of a regulation shall fix the date of entry into force, where that date is before or after the 20th day following publication.
4. The final article of a regulation shall be followed by:
 - (a) (i) the words "This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States." or
 - (ii) the words "This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Member States in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community", in any cases in which an act is not applicable to, and in, all Member States ⁽¹⁾,
 - (b) the words "Done at," followed by the date on which the regulation was adopted, and
 - (c) in the case of
 - (i) a regulation adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council, the formula:

"For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President"

followed by the name of the President of the European Parliament and of the President-in-Office of the Council at the time when the Regulation is adopted;

- (ii) a Council regulation, the formula:

"For the Council
The President"

followed by the name of the President-in-Office of the Council at the time when the regulation is adopted.

⁽¹⁾ See statement (o) set out below:

(o) *Annex II A*

"The Council would point out that, in the cases provided for in the Treaties where an act is not applicable to or in all Member States, it is necessary to make clear its territorial application in the reasons given for and content of the act concerned."

B. Form of directives, decisions, recommendations and opinions (EC Treaty)

1. Directives and decisions adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council, and directives and decisions of the Council, shall include in their titles the word "Directive" or "Decision".
2. Recommendations and opinions issued by the Council shall include in their titles the word "Recommendation" or "Opinion".
3. The provisions relating to regulations set out in A above shall apply mutatis mutandis, subject to the relevant provisions of the EC Treaty, to directives and decisions.

C. Form of common strategies of the European Council, joint actions and common positions referred to in Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union

Common strategies, joint actions and common positions within the meaning of Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union shall bear one of the following headings, as appropriate:

- (a) "European Council Common Strategy", a serial number (year/number/CFSP), the date of adoption and the subject matter;
- (b) "Council Joint Action", a serial number (year/number/CFSP), the date of adoption and the subject matter;
- (c) "Council Common Position", a serial number (year/number/CFSP), the date of adoption and the subject matter.

D. Form of common positions, framework decisions, decisions and conventions referred to in Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union

Common positions, framework decisions, decisions and conventions within the meaning of Article 34(2) of the Treaty on European Union shall bear one of the following headings, as appropriate:

- (a) "Council Common Position", a serial number (year/number/JHA), the date of adoption and the subject matter;
- (b) "Council framework Decision", a serial number (year/number/JHA), the date of adoption and the subject matter;
- (c) "Council Decision", a serial number (year/number/JHA), the date of adoption and the subject matter;
- (d) "Convention established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union" and the subject matter.'

Done at Luxembourg, 5 June 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. PINA MOURA

Information relating to the entry into force of the Agreement with the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, signed at Brussels on 18 May 1999

All formal requirements concerning the expression of the consent by the Parties to the abovementioned Agreement to be bound to it having been fulfilled on 26 May 2000, this Agreement will, therefore, enter into force, in accordance with Article 15.1 thereof, on 26 June 2000.

Information relating to the entry into force of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the establishment of rights and obligations between Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the one hand, and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway, on the other, in areas of the Schengen acquis which apply to these States, signed at Brussels on 30 June 1999

All formal requirements concerning the expression of the consent by the Parties to the abovementioned Agreement to be bound to it having been fulfilled on 26 May 2000, this Agreement will, therefore, enter into force, in accordance with Article 4 thereof, on 26 June 2000.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 June 2000

on import licences in respect of beef and veal products originating in Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia

(notified under document number C(2000) 1506)

(2000/397/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

therefore possible to issue import licences in respect of the quantities applied for.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(3) The quantities in respect of which licences may be applied for from 1 July 2000 should be fixed within the scope of the total quantity of 52 100 tonnes.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 of 20 July 1998 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 30 thereof,

(4) This Decision is without prejudice to Council Directive 72/462/EEC 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 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽⁴⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1918/98 of 9 September 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application in the beef and veal sector of Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and repealing Regulation (EC) No 589/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Whereas:

The following Member States shall issue on 21 June 2000 import licences for beef and veal products, expressed as boned meat, originating in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific States, in respect of the following quantities and countries of origin:

(1) Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1918/98 provides for the possibility of issuing import licences for beef and veal products. However, imports must take place within the limits of the quantities specified for each of these exporting non-member countries.

Germany:

- 650 tonnes originating in Botswana,
- 150 tonnes originating in Namibia;

(2) The applications for import licences submitted between 1 and 10 June 2000, expressed in terms of boned meat, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1918/98, do not exceed, in respect of products originating from Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia, the quantities available from those States. It is

United Kingdom:

- 500 tonnes originating in Botswana,
- 702 tonnes originating in Namibia,
- 50 tonnes originating in Swaziland,
- 820 tonnes originating in Zimbabwe.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 215, 1.8.1998, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 250, 10.9.1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

Article 2

Licence applications may be submitted, pursuant to Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1918/98, during the first 10 days of July 2000 for the following quantities of boned beef and veal:

— Botswana:	14 576 tonnes,
— Kenya:	142 tonnes,
— Madagascar:	7 579 tonnes,
— Swaziland:	3 083 tonnes,
— Zimbabwe:	5 790 tonnes,
— Namibia:	9 423 tonnes.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 June 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission
