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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1499/2000
of 11 July 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 12 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 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 11 July 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	50,2
	999	50,2
	052	96,5
0707 00 05	628	130,8
	999	113,7
	052	60,6
0709 90 70	999	60,6
	052	60,6
0805 30 10	388	50,7
	508	29,9
	524	72,7
	528	54,6
	999	52,0
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	86,0
	400	92,8
	508	77,8
	512	77,4
	528	87,9
	720	79,3
	804	78,7
	999	82,8
	388	101,5
	512	71,9
0808 20 50	528	81,0
	800	70,7
	804	75,7
	999	80,2
	052	204,6
0809 10 00	064	119,5
	999	162,1
	052	269,0
0809 20 95	061	180,5
	400	279,0
	616	230,1
	999	239,7
0809 40 05	064	61,0
	624	175,2
	999	118,1

⁽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 1500/2000
of 10 July 2000
implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to general government
expenditure and revenue

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996 on the European System of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA-95 ⁽¹⁾), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 448/98 ⁽²⁾ and in particular Articles 2(2) and 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 104(2) of the Treaty, the Commission is to monitor the development of the budgetary situation.
- (2) The aim of the content and format of stability and convergence programmes is to permit a fuller understanding of the paths of the government balance and of the budgetary strategy in general, and complementary information should be provided on expenditure and revenue ratios.
- (3) National accounts rules, especially ESA-95 concepts, are regarded as instruments to ensure comparability and transparency of data between Member States.
- (4) Annex A 'European system of accounts ESA 1995' of the ESA-95 Regulation does not refer to government expenditure and revenue but provides the framework to specify them by reference to a list of ESA 95 categories.
- (5) The introduction of aggregates related to general government expenditure and revenue requires related amendments to the transmission programme of national accounts data.
- (6) An additional transmission, yearly in March, of general government main aggregates (annual data) will provide useful information on government deficit developments.

- (7) In accordance with Article 2(2) in conjunction with Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2223/96, amendments to ESA-95 which are intended to clarify and improve its content and require changes in the data requested from the Member States, shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 4 of the said Regulation.
- (8) The Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics, set up by Decision 91/115/EEC ⁽³⁾, has been consulted.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Statistical Programme Committee, set up by Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom ⁽⁴⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The aim of the present Regulation is to provide the definition of general government expenditure and revenue, to supplement classifications of transactions in goods and services (P) and of distribution transactions (D) and to amend the transmission programme of national accounts data.

Article 2

Annex A (European System of Accounts ESA 1995) and Annex B (Transmission programme of national accounts data) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 of 25 June 1996 shall be amended in accordance with the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 10 July 2000.

For the Commission
Pedro SOLBES MIRA
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 310, 30.11.1996, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 58, 27.2.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 59, 6.3.1991, p. 19.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 181, 28.6.1989, p. 47.

ANNEX

Annexes A and B of Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 shall be amended as follows:

1. In Annex A:

(a) In Chapter 3, section 3.23, the following sentence shall be added:

'Other non-market output (P.13) can be subdivided into two items: "Payments for the other non-market output" (P.131), which consist of various fees and charges, and "Other non-market output, other" (P.132), covering output that is provided free.'

(b) In Chapter 3, sections 3.79 and 3.96 shall be replaced by the following:

'3.79 Final consumption expenditure (P.3) by government includes two categories of expenditures, similar to those by NPISHs:

(a) the value of the goods and services produced by general government itself (P.1) other than own-account capital formation (corresponding to P.12) and sales. Market output (P.11) and payments for the other non-market output (P.131);

(b) purchases by general government of goods and services produced by market producers that are supplied to households, without any transformation, as social transfers in kind (D.6311 + D.63121 + D.63131). This implies that general government just pays for goods and services that the sellers provide to households.'

'3.96 Final consumption expenditure (P.3) by general government or NPISHs are equal to the sum of their output (P.1), plus the expenditure on products supplied to households via market producers, part of social transfers in kind (D.6311 + D.63121 + D.63131), minus the payments by other units, market output (P.11) and payments for the other non-market output (P.131), minus own-account capital formation (corresponding to P.12).'

(c) In Chapter 4, section 4.105, third indent, related to 'Other social security benefits in kind (D. 6312)', the following sentence shall be added:

'Other social security benefits in kind can be therefore subdivided into those for which the service is produced by market producers and purchased by general government units or NPISHs (D.63121), and those for which the service is produced by non-market producers (D.63122).'

(d) In Chapter 4, section 4.105, fourth indent, related to 'Social assistance benefits in kind (D.6313)', the following sentence shall be added:

'Social assistance benefits in kind can be therefore subdivided into those for which the service is produced by market producers and purchased by general government units or NPISHs (D.63131), and those for which the service is produced by non-market producers (D.63132).'

(e) In Chapter 8, a new section 8.99 (a) shall be inserted as follows:

'GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE

8.99 (a) General government expenditure and revenue are defined by reference to a list of ESA 95 categories.

Government expenditure comprises the following ESA 95 categories, recorded under the use side of general government accounts, with the exception of D.3 and D.9 which are recorded under the resource side of general government accounts (1):

P.2	Intermediate consumption
P.5	Gross capital formation
D.1	Compensation of employees
D.29	Other taxes on production
D.3	Subsidies, payable
D.4	Property income
D.5	Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.
D.62	Social benefits other than social transfers in kind

D.6311 + D.63121 + D.63131	Social transfers in kind related to expenditure on products supplied to households via market producers
D.7	Other current transfers
D.8	Adjustment for the change in net equity of households in pension funds reserves
D.9	Capital transfers, payable
K.2	Acquisitions less disposals of non-financial non-produced assets

Government revenue comprises the following ESA 95 categories, recorded under the resource side of general government accounts, with the exception of D.39 which is recorded under the use side of general government accounts:

P.11	Market output
P.12	Output for own final use
P.131	Payments for the other non-market output
D.2	Taxes on production and imports
D.39	Other subsidies on production, receivable
D.4	Property income
D.5	Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.
D.61	Social contributions
D.7	Other current transfers
D.9 ⁽¹⁾	Capital transfers

⁽¹⁾ Adjustments for taxes and social contributions assessed but never collected, when recorded under D.9, are considered as a negative revenue.

By definition, the difference between general government revenue and general government expenditure is net lending (+)/net borrowing (-) of the general government sector.

The transactions D.41, D.7, D.92 and D.99 are consolidated. The other transactions are not consolidated.'

(f) In Annex IV, in Classification of transactions and other flows — Transactions in goods and services (products) (P), sub-heading P.1 Output, the following entries shall be added:

'P.131	Payments for the other non-market output
P.132	Other non-market output, other'

(g) In Annex IV, in Classification of transactions and other flows — Distributive transactions (D), sub-heading D.6 Social contributions and benefits, the following entries shall be inserted after D.6312:

'D.63121	Other social security benefits in kind provided by market producers
D.63122	Other social security benefits in kind provided by non-market producers'

(h) In Annex IV, in Classification of transactions and other flows — Distributive transactions (D), sub-heading D.6 Social contributions and benefits, the following entries shall be inserted after D.6313:

'D.63131	Social assistance benefits in kind provided by market producers
D.63132	Social assistance benefits in kind provided by non-market producers'

2. In Annex B:

(a) In the table entitled Overview of the tables, a new line 3 (a) shall be inserted as follows:

'2001	3	97-00	Main aggregates of general government	2'
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(b) Table 2 shall be replaced by the following:

Table 2 — Main aggregates of general government

Consolidation rules: the transactions D.41, D.7, D.92 and D.99 are consolidated. The other transactions are not consolidated.

Code	List of variables	Transmission at t + 3	Transmission at t + 8
P.1	Output		X
P.11 + P.12	— Market output and output for own final use		X
P.13	— Other non-market output		X
P.131	— Payments for other non-market output		X
P.132	— Other non-market output, other		X
P.11 + P.12 + P.131		X	
P.2	Intermediate consumption	X	X
B.1G	Value added, gross		X
K.1	Consumption of fixed capital		X
B.1N	Value added, net		X
D.1P	Compensation of employees, payable	X	X
D.29P	Other taxes on production, payable	X	X
D.39R	Other subsidies on production, receivable	X	X
B.2N	Operating surplus, net		X
D.2R	Taxes on production and imports, receivable	X	X
D.4R	Property income, receivable	X	X
D.3P	Subsidies, payable	X	X
D.4P	Property income, payable	X	X
D.41P	— Interest, payable	X	X

Code	List of variables	Transmission at t + 3	Transmission at t + 8
D.42P + ...D.45P	— Other property income, payable	X	X
B.5N	Balance of primary incomes, net		X
D.5R	Current taxes on income, wealth etc., receivable	X	X
D.61R	Social contributions, receivable	X	X
D.611R	— Actual social contributions, receivable	X	X
D.612	— Imputed social contributions	X	X
D.7R	Other current transfers, receivable	X	X
D.5P	Current taxes on income, wealth etc., payable	X	X
D.62P	Social benefits other than social transfers in kind, payable		X
D.6311P + D.63121P + D.63131P	Social transfers in kind related to expenditure on products supplied to households via market producers		X
D.62P + D.6311P + D.63121P + D.63131P		X	
D.7P	Other current transfers, payable	X	X
B.6N	Disposable income, net		X
P.3	Final consumption expenditure		X
P.31	— Individual consumption expenditure		X
P.32	— Collective consumption expenditure		X
D.8	Adjustment for the change in net equity of households in pension funds reserves	X	X
B.8G	Saving, gross	X	X
B.8N	Saving, net		X
D.9R	Capital transfers, receivable	X	X
D.91R	— Capital taxes, receivable	X	X
D.92R + D.99R	— Investment grants and other capital transfers, receivable	X	X
D.9P	Capital transfers, payable	X	X

Code	List of variables	Transmission at t + 3	Transmission at t + 8
P.5	Gross capital formation		X
P.51	— Gross fixed capital formation	X	X
P.52 + P.53	— Changes in inventories and acquisitions less disposals of valuables		X
K.2	Acquisitions less disposals of non-financial non-produced assets		X
P.5 + K.2		X	
B.9	Net lending (+)/Net borrowing (–)	X	X
TE	Total General government expenditure	X	X
TR	Total General government revenue	X	X

TE = P.2 + P.5 + D.1P + D.29P + D.3P + D.4P + D.5P + D.62P + D.6311P + D.63121P + D.63131P + D.7P + D.8 + D.9P + K.2
TR = P.11 + P.12 + P.131 + D.2R + D.39R + D.4R + D.5R + D.61R + D.7R + D.9R'

(c) Table 11 shall be replaced by the following:

Table 11 — General government expenditure by function

	Gross Capital formation + Acquisitions less disposals of non-financial non-produced assets	Compensation of employees	Subsidies	Property income	Social benefits and social transfers in kind for products supplied to households via market pro- ducers	Intermediate consumption + Other taxes on produc- tion + Current taxes on income, Wealth, etc. + Adjustment for the change in net equity of households in pension funds reserves	Other current transfers	Capital transfers	Total General government expenditure (?)	For informa- tion: Final consumption expenditure
ESA 95 Codes	P.5 + K.2	D.1	D.3	D.4	D.62 + D.6311 + D.63121 + D.63131	P.2 + D.29 + D.5 + D.8	D.7	D.9		P.3
COFOG (1)				Consolidated			Consolidated	Consolidated		
General public services										
Defence										
Public order and safety										
Economic affairs										
Environment protection										
Housing and Health										
Recreation, culture and reli- gion										
Education										
Social protection										
Total (2)										

(1) 1999 version

(2) Total by transaction, when relevant, and Total (Total general government expenditure "TE" are consistent with Table 2.)

- (d) In the 'Derogations concerning the tables to be supplied in the framework of the questionnaire ESA 95 by country, point 7.1 (IRELAND — Derogations for tables)'

A new line 6 (a) shall be inserted as follows:

'2	Main aggregates of general government	Transmission at t + 3	Until 2002'
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- (e) In the 'Derogations concerning the tables to be supplied in the framework of the questionnaire ESA 95 by country, point 10.1 (NETHERLANDS — Derogations for tables)'

A new line 6 (a) shall be inserted as follows:

'2	Main aggregates of general government	Transmission at t + 3	Until 2003'
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1501/2000
of 11 July 2000
amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 regarding an increase of certain autonomous
Community tariff quotas

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 of 20 December 1996 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 775/2000 ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The quota amount for certain autonomous Community tariff quotas is insufficient to meet the needs of the Community industry. Consequently, the quota amount for oscillators (order No 09.2939) and kraft paper (order No 09.2959) should be increased taking into account the provisions of Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2505/96. That Regulation should be amended accordingly, with effect from 1 January 2000, so as to insure uninterrupted use of these quotas.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2000, Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 shall be amended as follows:

- order number 09.2939: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 202 000 000 units,
- order number 09.2959: the amount of the tariff quota shall be altered to 65 000 tonnes.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2000.

For the Commission
Frederik BOLKESTEIN
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 95, 15.4.2000, p. 1.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1502/2000
of 11 July 2000
fixing the export refunds on poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) It follows from applying these rules and criteria to the present situation on the market in poultrymeat that the refund should be fixed at an amount which would permit Community participation in world trade and

would also take account of the nature of these exports and their importance at the present time.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of product codes for which, when they are exported, the export refund referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 is granted, and the amount of that refund shall be as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 305, 19.12.1995, p. 49.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 11 July 2000 fixing the export refunds on poultrymeat

Product code	Destination of refund ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund
		EUR/100 units
0105 11 11 9000	01	1,20
0105 11 19 9000	01	1,20
0105 11 91 9000	01	1,20
0105 11 99 9000	01	1,20
0105 12 00 9000	01	2,60
0105 19 20 9000	01	2,60
		EUR/100 kg
0207 12 10 9900	02	27,00
	03	27,00
0207 12 90 9190	02	27,00
	03	27,00
0207 12 90 9990	02	27,00
	03	27,00

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are as follows:

01 All, except for the United States of America,

02 Angola, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq and Iran,

03 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1503/2000
of 11 July 2000
fixing the export refunds on eggs

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) The present market situation in certain third countries and that regarding competition on particular third country markets make it necessary to fix a refund differentiated by destination for certain products in the egg sector.

(3) It follows from applying these rules and criteria to the present situation on the market in eggs that the refund should be fixed at an amount which would permit Community participation in world trade and would also take account of the nature of these exports and their importance at the present time.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of codes of products for which, when they are exported, the export refund referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 is granted, and the amount of that refund shall be as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 99.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 11 July 2000 fixing the export refunds on eggs

Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund
		EUR/100 units
0407 00 11 9000	02	2,60
0407 00 19 9000	02	1,20
		EUR/100 kg
0407 00 30 9000	03	10,00
	04	5,00
	05	12,50
0408 11 80 9100	01	55,00
0408 19 81 9100	01	25,00
0408 19 89 9100	01	25,00
0408 91 80 9100	01	41,00
0408 99 80 9100	01	10,50

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are as follows:

01 all destinations except Switzerland and Estonia,

02 all destinations except the United States of America,

03 Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Hong Kong SAR and Russia,

04 all destinations except Switzerland and those of 03 and 05,

05 South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines and Egypt.

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

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1504/2000**of 11 July 2000****fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to eggs and egg yolks exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 provides that the difference between prices in international trade for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund where these goods are exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex to that Regulation. Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 of 30 May 1994 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 701/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, specifies the products for which a rate of refund should be fixed, to be applied where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75.
- (2) In accordance Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1222/94, the rate of the refund per 100 kilograms for each of the basic products in question must be fixed for a period

of the same duration as that for which refunds are fixed for the same products exported unprocessed.

- (3) Article 11 of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded under the Uruguay Round lays down that the export refund for a product contained in a good may not exceed the refund applicable to that product when exported without further processing.
- (4) It is necessary to ensure continuity of strict management taking account of expenditure forecasts and funds available in the budget.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The rates of the refunds applicable to the basic products appearing in Annex A to Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 and listed in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75, exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75, are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 99.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 136, 31.5.1994, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 83, 4.4.2000, p. 6.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 11 July 2000 fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to eggs and egg yolks exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Description	Destination (¹)	Rate of refund
0407 00	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked:		
	– Of poultry:		
0407 00 30	– – Other:		
	a) On exportation of ovalbumin of CN codes 3502 11 90 and 3502 19 90	02	9,55
		03	11,94
		04	4,78
	b) On exportation of other goods	01	4,78
0408	Birds' eggs, not in shell and egg yolks, fresh, dried, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, moulded, frozen or otherwise preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:		
	– Egg yolks:		
0408 11	– – Dried:		
ex 0408 11 80	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
	not sweetened	01	52,53
0408 19	– – Other:		
	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
ex 0408 19 81	– – – – Liquid:		
	not sweetened	01	24,35
ex 0408 19 89	– – – – Frozen:		
	not sweetened	01	24,35
	– Other:		
0408 91	– – Dried:		
ex 0408 91 80	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
	not sweetened	01	39,16
0408 99	– – Other:		
ex 0408 99 80	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
	not sweetened	01	10,03

(¹) The destinations are as follows:

01 Third countries,

02 Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Hong Kong SAR and Russia,

03 South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines and Egypt,

04 All destinations except Switzerland and those of 02 and 03.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1505/2000**of 11 July 2000****determining to what extent applications for the right to import for bulls, cows and heifers of certain Alpine and mountain breeds pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 can be met**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 of 26 May 1999 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for imports of bulls, cows and heifers other than for slaughter of certain Alpine and mountain breeds, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1012/98 and amending Regulation (EC) No 1143/98 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 provides for the quantities reserved for traditional importers under the two tariff quotas to be allocated in proportion to their imports during the 36 months preceding the year of import in question.
- (2) Allocation of the quantities available to operators covered by Article 2(3) of that Regulation under the two tariff quotas is to be allocated in proportion to the quantities applied for. Since the quantities applied for exceed those available, a fixed percentage reduction should be set,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Every application for the right to import lodged in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 under serial number 09.0001 shall be granted to the following extent:

- (a) 23,4852 % of the quantities imported within the meaning of Article 2(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999;
- (b) 0,8977 % of the quantities applied for within the meaning of Article 2(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999.

2. Every application for the right to import lodged in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 under serial number 09.0003 shall be granted to the following extent:

- (a) 23,8081 % of the quantities imported within the meaning of Article 2(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999;
- (b) 0,9403 % of the quantities applied for within the meaning of Article 2(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 131, 27.5.1999, p. 15.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1506/2000
of 11 July 2000
fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin, and amending
Regulation (EC) No 1484/95

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 5(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2783/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2916/95, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1240/2000 ⁽⁷⁾, fixes detailed rules for implementing the system of additional import duties and fixes representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin.

- (2) It results from regular monitoring of the information providing the basis for the verification of the import prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin that the representative prices for imports of certain products should be amended taking into account variations of prices according to origin. Therefore, representative prices should be published.
- (3) It is necessary to apply this amendment as soon as possible, given the situation on the market.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 99.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 305, 19.12.1995, p. 49.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 104.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 145, 29.6.1995, p. 47.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 141, 15.6.2000, p. 29.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 11 July 2000 fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1484/95

‘ANNEX I

CN code	Description	Representative price EUR/100 kg	Security referred to in Article 3(3) EUR/100 kg	Origin (¹)
0207 12 90	Chicken, frozen, known as “65 % chickens”	101,0	5	01
0207 14 10	Boneless cuts of fowl of the species <i>gallus domesticus</i> , frozen	200,3	30	01
		214,8	26	02
		277,9	7	03
		277,9	7	04
0207 14 70	Other parts of chicken, frozen	185,7	31	01
1602 32 11	Preparations uncooked of fowl of the species <i>gallus domesticus</i>	216,8	21	01
		226,2	18	02

(¹) Origin of imports:

- 01 Brazil
- 02 Thailand
- 03 Chile
- 04 Argentina.’

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 29 June 2000

authorising the Federal Republic of Germany to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC

(2000/433/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/81/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on mineral oils ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission may authorise any Member State to introduce further exemptions or reductions in the excise duty charged on mineral oils for specific policy considerations.
- (2) The German authorities have informed the Commission that as part of their continuing environmental tax reform, the duty on mineral oils used as fuels will be increased by 6 Pfennigs per litre on 1 January 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- (3) Because public transport is more environmentally friendly than transport in private vehicles, the German authorities have further informed the Commission that they wish to introduce a differentiated rate of duty on mineral oils used as fuel in local public passenger transport vehicles by refunding 50 % of these duty increases.
- (4) The other Member States have been informed thereof.
- (5) The Commission and all the Member States accept that the application of differentiated rate of excise duty on mineral oils used as fuel in local public passenger transport vehicles will not give rise to distortions of

competition or hinder the operation of the internal market.

- (6) This Decision does not prejudice the outcome of any State aid procedures that may be undertaken in accordance with Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty.
- (7) The Commission regularly reviews reductions and exemptions to check that they do not distort competition or the operation of the internal market or are incompatible with Community policy on protection of the environment.
- (8) The Federal Republic of Germany has requested authorisation to introduce a differentiated rate of duty on mineral oils used as fuel in local public passenger transport vehicles by refunding 50 % of the duty increases that will be applied to mineral oils in the years 2000 to 2003.
- (9) The Council will review this Decision on the basis of a proposal from the Commission no later than 31 December 2003, when the authorisation granted by this Decision expires,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 8(4) of Council Directive 92/81/EEC, the Federal Republic of Germany is hereby authorised to apply a differentiated rate of duty on mineral oils used as fuel in local public passenger transport vehicles from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2003 provided that this reduction is in accordance with the obligations laid down in Council Directive 92/82/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the approximation of the rates of excise duties on mineral oils ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 12, Directive as last amended by Directive 94/74/EC (OJ L 365, 31.12.1994, p. 46).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 19, Directive as last amended by Directive 94/74/EC (OJ L 365, 31.12.1994, p. 46).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 June 2000.

For the Council
The President
M. ARCANJO

COUNCIL DECISION

of 29 June 2000

authorising the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC

(2000/434/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/81/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on mineral oils ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission may authorise any Member State to introduce further exemptions or reductions in the excise duty charged on mineral oils for specific policy considerations.
- (2) The United Kingdom authorities have informed the Commission that they wish to exempt the water content of water/diesel emulsion (a substitute for diesel) from excise duty from 1 September 2000.
- (3) Current United Kingdom legislation and Article 2(3) of Directive 92/81/EEC make the water content of this fuel taxable as a fuel additive. The water content in water/diesel emulsion is not used as a fuel but aids fuel combustion, which allows the combustion temperature to be lowered and slows the formation of nitrogen oxide. The United Kingdom wishes to exempt the water content from duty.
- (4) The other Member States have been informed thereof.
- (5) The Commission and all the Member States accept that the application of an exemption from excise duty of the water content of water/diesel emulsions will not give rise to distortions of competition or hinder the operation of the internal market.
- (6) This Decision does not prejudice the outcome of any State aid procedures that may be undertaken in accordance with Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty.

(7) The Commission regularly reviews reductions and exemptions to check that they do not distort competition or the operation of the internal market or are incompatible with Community policy on protection of the environment.

(8) The United Kingdom has requested authorisation to exempt the water content of water/diesel emulsions from excise duty from 1 September 2000 to 31 December 2002.

(9) The Council will review this Decision on the basis of a proposal from the Commission no later than 31 December 2002, when the authorisation granted by this Decision expires,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is authorised to apply from 1 September 2000 to 31 December 2002 a differentiated rate of excise duty to water/diesel emulsion fuels provided that the differentiated rate is in accordance with the obligations laid down in Council Directive 92/82/EC of 19 October 1992 on the approximation of the rates of excise duties on mineral oils ⁽²⁾, and in particular the minimum rates of excise duty provided for in Article 5 thereof.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 June 2000.

For the Council

The President

M. ARCANJO

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 12. Directive as last amended by Directive 94/74/EC (OJ L 365, 31.12.94, p. 46).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Directive 94/74/EC (OJ L 365, 31.12.94, p. 46).

COUNCIL DECISION
of 29 June 2000
amending Decisions 97/375/EC, 97/510/EC, 98/20/EC, 98/23/EC and 98/161/EC

(2000/435/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) of 17 May 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 27 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 27(1) of the Sixth Directive, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, may authorise any Member State to introduce or extend special measures for derogation from the Directive, in order to simplify the procedure for charging the tax or to prevent certain types of tax evasion or avoidance.
- (2) By letters received by the Secretariat-General of the Commission on 11 November 1999, Ireland, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland requested the extension until 31 December 2003 of several authorisations originally granted by the Council until 31 December 1999.
- (3) Ireland has requested an extension of Decision 97/510/EC ⁽³⁾ authorising it to apply a measure derogating from Article 21 of the Sixth Directive, which enabled it to combat tax evasion and tax fraud in the real-estate sector.
- (4) The Netherlands has requested the extension of two Decisions, namely Decision 98/20/EC ⁽⁴⁾, allowing the application in the ready-to-wear clothing industry of a scheme for shifting to the tax authorities to the clothing firm (the contractor) the subcontractor's obligation to pay VAT, and Decision 98/161/EC ⁽⁵⁾ allowing the application of a special taxation scheme for used and waste materials. Both of these measures should allow the effective combating of fraud in the sectors concerned.
- (5) The United Kingdom has asked for the extension of Decision 98/23/EC ⁽⁶⁾ allowing the appropriate authorities, under certain conditions, to direct that the open-market value be taken as the taxable amount for intra-Community acquisitions of goods where there are

family, legal or business links between the person acquiring the goods and the supplier. This special measure is an anti-avoidance measure derogating from Article 28e(1) of the Sixth Directive.

- (6) The United Kingdom has also requested an extension of Decision 97/375/EC ⁽⁷⁾ authorising it to extend the application of an optional cash accounting scheme for enterprises with an annual turnover below a certain ceiling, whereby tax is assessed on the basis of payments made and received. In addition, the United Kingdom has asked to be able to raise the ceiling of GBP 400 000 to GBP 600 000. Raising the ceiling for the simplified scheme, and thus also for the derogation which forms an integral part of it, will allow a greater number of firms to opt for the scheme.
- (7) The matters of law and of fact which justified the application of the special measures in question have not changed and still pertain.
- (8) The period for the authorisations should therefore be extended until 31 December 2003 and the ceiling of GBP 400 000 in Article 1 of Decision 97/375/EC should be raised to GBP 600 000.
- (9) The derogations in question have no impact on the European Communities' own resources from valued added tax,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision 97/375/EC shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 1

By way of derogation from the provisions of Article 17(1) of Directive 77/388/EEC, the United Kingdom is hereby authorised, until 31 December 2003, to provide, within an optional scheme, that enterprises with an annual turnover not higher than GBP 600 000 must postpone the right of deduction of tax until it has been paid to the supplier.'

Article 2

In Article 1 of Decisions 97/510/EC, 98/20/EC, 98/23/EC and 98/161/EC the date 31 December 1999 shall be replaced by 31 December 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 145, 13.6.1977, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 99/85/EC (OJ L 277, 28.10.1999, p. 34).

⁽²⁾ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 214, 6.8.1997, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 8, 14.1.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 53, 24.2.1998, p. 19.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 8, 14.1.1998, p. 24.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 158, 17.6.1997, p. 43.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 June 2000.

For the Council
The President
M. ARCANJO

COUNCIL DECISION
of 29 June 2000
setting up a Social Protection Committee

(2000/436/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 202 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In its communication 'a concerted strategy for modernising social protection' of 14 July 1999, the Commission made suggestions for the enhancement of cooperation in the field of social protection by, among other things, setting up a group of high-level officials.
- (2) In its Resolution of 16 February 2000 on the communication from the Commission on a concerted strategy for modernising social protection, the European Parliament welcomed the Commission's communication and the creation of such a group.
- (3) In its conclusions of 17 December 1999 on the strengthening of cooperation for modernising and improving social protection⁽¹⁾, the Council underlined the need for cooperation in modernising social protection, based on a structural and permanent dialogue, follow-up and exchange of information, experience and good practice between the Member States.
- (4) The Council, in the same conclusions:
 - supported the Commission's suggestion to establish a mechanism for enhanced cooperation brought about by the work of the group of high-level officials for the implementation of this action,
 - underlined that this kind of cooperation should cover all forms of social protection and help the Member States, where necessary, to improve and strengthen their social protection systems in accordance with their national priorities, and recalled the competence of the Member States for the organisation and financing of social protection,
 - considered it particularly important that this new cooperation towards improving and modernising social protection should be a coherent action, parallel to, and interactive with, the European employment strategy as well as to the macroeconomic dialogue,
 - endorsed the four broad objectives as identified by the Commission, namely: to make work pay and provide secure income, to make pensions safe and pension systems sustainable, to promote social inclusion and to ensure high quality and sustainable health care; and recognised that the aspects relating to finance are common to all the objectives,
- (5) The Council conclusions of the Lisbon European Council on 23 and 24 March 2000 acknowledged the importance of social protection in further developing and modernising an active and dynamic welfare State in Europe, and invited the Council to strengthen cooperation between Member States by exchanging experiences and best practice on the basis of improved information networks, which are the basic tools in this field.
- (6) To support this cooperation, the Lisbon European Council assigned certain key tasks to the group of high-level officials, in particular, as a first priority:
 - to prepare a study on the future evolution of social protection from a long-term point of view, giving particular attention to the sustainability of pension systems, and
 - to be involved in the setting of adequate targets and in establishing indicators to support the implementation of the efforts of the Member States and the European Union to promote social inclusion.
- (7) It is appropriate to continue the work already begun by the interim group of high-level officials, established following the aforementioned Council conclusions, by replacing it by an advisory Committee in accordance with this Decision,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. An Advisory Social Protection Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee') is hereby established to strengthen cooperation between the Member States on social protection policies, in full compliance with the Treaty and with due regard for the powers of the Community's institutions and organs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 8, 12.1.2000, p. 7.

2. The tasks of the Committee shall be:
- to monitor the development of social protection policies in the Member States and the Community,
 - to promote exchanges of information, experience and good practice between Member States and with the Commission,
 - without prejudice to Article 207 of the Treaty, to prepare an annual report on social protection to be submitted to the Council, reporting on policy developments in respect of the achievement of objectifs pointed out by the Council.

The Committee may, at the request of the Council or the Commission or on its own initiative, prepare other reports or opinions or undertake other work in the area of its competence.

3. The Committee shall work, as appropriate, in cooperation with other relevant bodies and committees dealing with social and economic policy matters, such as the Employment Committee and the Economic Policy Committee.

4. In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee shall establish appropriate contacts with the social partners.

Article 2

1. The Committee shall consist of two representatives appointed by each Member State and two representatives of the Commission. These representatives may be assisted by two alternates.

2. The Committee may call on external experts where appropriate to its agenda.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall elect its chairperson from among the representatives of the Member States for a non-renewable term of two years.

2. The chairperson shall be assisted by four vice-chairpersons, of whom two shall be elected by the Committee from among its members for a term of two years. The third shall be a representative from the Member State holding the Presidency

of the Council and the fourth shall be a representative from the Member State which will hold the next Presidency.

3. The Commission shall provide the analytical and organisational support for the Committee. It shall designate a member of its staff as Secretary, who shall act on the instructions of the Committee when assisting the Committee in carrying out its tasks. The Commission shall liaise with the General Secretariat of the Council with regard to the holding of meetings.

4. The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.

5. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the chairperson, either on his or her own initiative or at the request of at least half of the members of the Committee.

Article 4

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

Article 5

The interim working party of high-level officials, established following the Council Conclusions of 17 December 1999, shall cease its activity on the date of the first meeting of the Committee set up by this Decision. The first meeting of the Committee shall take place no later than six months after the date of adoption of this Decision.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 June 2000.

For the Council

The President

M. ARCANJO