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## I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1643/2000  
of 26 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, 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 27 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

## ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 26 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 <sup>(1)</sup> | Standard import value |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0707 00 05                         | 628                               | 136,5                 |
|                                    | 999                               | 136,5                 |
|                                    | 052                               | 63,0                  |
| 0709 90 70                         | 528                               | 65,2                  |
|                                    | 999                               | 64,1                  |
|                                    | 388                               | 54,0                  |
| 0805 30 10                         | 524                               | 92,4                  |
|                                    | 528                               | 60,5                  |
|                                    | 999                               | 69,0                  |
| 0806 10 10                         | 052                               | 104,7                 |
|                                    | 220                               | 170,1                 |
|                                    | 400                               | 206,4                 |
| 0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90 | 508                               | 155,6                 |
|                                    | 512                               | 61,8                  |
|                                    | 600                               | 82,2                  |
| 0808 20 50                         | 624                               | 149,9                 |
|                                    | 999                               | 133,0                 |
|                                    | 388                               | 93,0                  |
| 0809 10 00                         | 400                               | 61,7                  |
|                                    | 508                               | 67,2                  |
|                                    | 512                               | 107,2                 |
| 0809 20 95                         | 528                               | 84,6                  |
|                                    | 720                               | 93,3                  |
|                                    | 800                               | 203,0                 |
| 0809 40 05                         | 804                               | 86,4                  |
|                                    | 999                               | 99,5                  |
|                                    | 388                               | 81,9                  |
| 0809 90 00                         | 512                               | 71,9                  |
|                                    | 528                               | 78,0                  |
|                                    | 720                               | 118,7                 |
| 0809 90 00                         | 804                               | 81,8                  |
|                                    | 999                               | 86,5                  |
|                                    | 052                               | 176,2                 |
| 0809 90 00                         | 064                               | 134,9                 |
|                                    | 066                               | 109,3                 |
|                                    | 999                               | 140,1                 |
| 0809 90 00                         | 052                               | 355,2                 |
|                                    | 400                               | 215,8                 |
|                                    | 404                               | 574,4                 |
| 0809 90 00                         | 616                               | 255,0                 |
|                                    | 999                               | 350,1                 |
|                                    | 064                               | 52,5                  |
| 0809 90 00                         | 624                               | 171,3                 |
|                                    | 999                               | 111,9                 |

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 1644/2000**  
**of 26 July 2000**  
**amending Regulation (EC) No 1490/2000 opening a standing invitation to tender for the export of**  
**rye held by the German intervention agency**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1510/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 39/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down the procedures and conditions for the sale of cereals held by the intervention agencies.
- (2) A later date must be set for the last partial invitation to tender for the tender opened by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1490/2000 <sup>(5)</sup>.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1490/2000, is replaced by the following:

‘3. The last partial invitation to tender shall expire on 28 September 2000, at 9 a.m. (Brussels time).’

*Article 2*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 174, 13.7.2000, p. 11.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 64.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 168, 8.7.2000, p. 5.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1645/2000****of 26 July 2000****fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for molasses in the sugar sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the market in sugar <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Commission Regulation 1527/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>,

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

Whereas:

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

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

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

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 July 2000.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 12.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 145, 27.6.1968, p. 12.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX

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

(in EUR)

| CN code                   | Amount of the representative price in 100 kg net of the product in question | Amount of the additional duty in 100 kg net of the product in question | Amount of the duty to be applied to imports in 100 kg net of the product in question because of suspension as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 <sup>(2)</sup> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1703 10 00 <sup>(1)</sup> | 8,40                                                                        | —                                                                      | 0                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1703 90 00 <sup>(1)</sup> | 8,87                                                                        | —                                                                      | 0                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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

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

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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1646/2000**  
**of 26 July 2000**  
**altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1572/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) It follows from applying the detailed rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 1572/2000 to the information known to the Commission that the export refunds at

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, undenatured and exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1572/2000 are hereby altered to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 181, 20.7.2000, p. 6.

## ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 26 July 2000 altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

| Product code    | Amount of refund                |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
|                 | — EUR/100 kg —                  |
| 1701 11 90 9100 | 35,06 <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| 1701 11 90 9910 | 32,25 <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| 1701 11 90 9950 | <sup>(2)</sup>                  |
| 1701 12 90 9100 | 35,06 <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| 1701 12 90 9910 | 32,25 <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| 1701 12 90 9950 | <sup>(2)</sup>                  |
|                 | — EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg — |
| 1701 91 00 9000 | 0,3811                          |
|                 | — EUR/100 kg —                  |
| 1701 99 10 9100 | 38,11                           |
| 1701 99 10 9910 | 39,20                           |
| 1701 99 10 9950 | 37,32                           |
|                 | — EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg — |
| 1701 99 90 9100 | 0,3811                          |

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Fixing suspended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2689/85 (OJ L 255, 26.9.1985, p. 12), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3251/85 (OJ L 309, 21.11.1985, p. 14).

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1647/2000**  
**of 26 July 2000**  
**prohibiting fishing for blue whiting by vessels flying the flag of Ireland**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1447/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down quotas for blue whiting for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.
- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of blue whiting in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, XII and XIV by vessels flying

the flag of Ireland or registered in Ireland have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. Ireland has prohibited fishing for this stock from 30 March 2000. Therefore this date should also be adopted in this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Catches of blue whiting in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, XII and XIV by vessels flying the flag of Ireland or registered in Ireland are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Ireland for 2000.

Fishing for blue whiting in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, XII and XIV by vessels flying the flag of Ireland or registered in Ireland is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

*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 30 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 163, 4.7.2000, p. 5.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1648/2000****of 25 July 2000****laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 with regard to the Community Tobacco Fund and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2427/93**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1336/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> and in particular Article 14a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92, a Community Tobacco Fund is set up. Detailed rules for the application of that provision should be adopted, in particular as regards fixing the deduction of 2 % of the premium.
- (2) Funding should be provided for measures to discourage smoking, and in particular for improving public awareness of the dangers of tobacco consumption.
- (3) Funding should be provided for research to steer tobacco production towards varieties and cultivation methods that result in the least possible harm to human health and are better geared to market conditions and more environment-friendly.
- (4) Support should be provided for research to create or develop alternative uses for raw tobacco.
- (5) Action should be taken to finance studies on the possibilities for producers of raw tobacco of switching to other crops or activities.
- (6) Action should be taken also to disseminate the scientific and practical results to national authorities and to the sectors concerned.
- (7) The financial resources should be allocated to the various Fund objectives in an appropriate way. However, if the funds earmarked for one or other objective are not used up in full, the initial allocation should be adjusted for the benefit of the other objectives.
- (8) The various proposals presented under the procedures adopted should be assessed in accordance with criteria that will ensure the best possible choice. Provision should be made also for projects to be carried out on the initiative and on behalf of the Commission. To that

end, a call for proposals or, as appropriate, a public invitation to tender seem the most appropriate course.

- (9) Eligibility criteria should be laid down for natural or legal persons who may present proposals.
- (10) In the interests of sound administration, the research and information projects approved by the Commission should be carried out within a specified period. The time limit originally envisaged may prove difficult to meet in exceptional cases. Provision should be made, therefore, for the time limit to be extended under certain conditions.
- (11) In order to make the best possible choice and ensure the proper implementation of the approved projects, provision should be made for the Commission to be assisted in the selection of the projects by a scientific and technical committee. The Commission should have access to the services of independent experts in assessing the projects.
- (12) In order to guarantee the proper implementation of each project accepted for financing by the Fund, it is necessary for details of the conditions of implementation to be included in the contracts concluded with the Commission. Where an application is made for an advance, contractors must lodge a security in favour of the Commission on the conditions laid down in Title III of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85 of 22 July 1985 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of securities for agricultural products <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1932/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>.
- (13) Provision should be made to prevent the unjustified cumulation of measures for the same project.
- (14) Provision should be made for payments to be recovered in certain cases, particularly in the event of irregularities.
- (15) Commission Regulation (EEC) 2427/93 of 1 September 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 with regard to the Community Fund for tobacco research and information <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1620/95 <sup>(6)</sup>, should be repealed as its provisions are replaced by those of this Regulation. However, it must continue to apply to projects approved before the entry into force of this Regulation.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 154, 27.6.2000, p. 2.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 205, 3.8.1985, p. 5.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 240, 10.9.1999, p. 11.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 223, 2.9.1993, p. 3.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 154, 5.7.1995, p. 12.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

1. The Community Tobacco Fund, hereinafter called 'the Fund', shall finance research and information programmes, in accordance with this Regulation.

Such programmes may cover research and information projects, including the dissemination of the results obtained to national authorities and the sectors concerned, in the following areas:

- (a) improving public awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco consumption in any form, in particular by means of information and education; supporting the collection of data with a view to determining tobacco consumption trends and devising epidemiological studies of smoking across the Community; conducting studies on preventing smoking;
- (b) steering tobacco production towards varieties and cultivation methods that are less harmful to human health and are better geared to market conditions and more environment-friendly, mainly by creating and developing new varieties and appropriate cultivation and drying methods, examining the impact of production on the environment and diminishing its harmful effects; creating and developing alternative uses for raw tobacco; studying the possibilities for producers of raw tobacco of switching to other crops or activities.

Projects in this field must include specific measures for the targeted and widespread dissemination of the results that will allow know-how to be transferred between production zones.

2. Expenditure by the Fund in each of the two areas referred to in paragraph 1 may amount to 50 % of the total amount of the Fund.

However, where the amount available for one of those areas is not used up in full, the Commission shall reallocate the remaining amount to the other, on condition that, in the latter area, there are eligible projects still outstanding.

#### Article 2

Projects shall be the subject, as appropriate, of a call for proposals or a public invitation to tender, in accordance with the relevant provisions, published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, within the period set in the notice.

#### Article 3

1. Proposals for research and information projects may be submitted by any natural or legal person established in the Community who:

- possesses recognised skills and at least five years' professional experience in the field in question;
- undertakes to contribute from his own resources at least 25 % of the total financing of the project; however, projects carried out on the initiative and on behalf of the Commission shall be financed by the Fund at the rate of up to 100 % of the total cost;
- undertakes to carry out the proposed programme within the time limit laid down,
- agrees to provide regular reports on the progress of the work,
- agrees to make his accounts and other supporting documents on expenditure available for verification by the Commission,
- agrees to the conditions laid down in Articles 6, 7 and 8.

2. Research and information projects may be carried out during a period of one or more years, which may not however exceed five years from the date on which the contract is signed.

However, the time limit for implementation may be extended if the interested party requests the Commission to extend it and provides proof that, because of exceptional circumstances beyond his control, he is not able to comply with the time limit initially laid down.

#### Article 4

1. The Commission, with the assistance of a scientific and technical committee, shall be responsible for the management of the Fund.

2. The Scientific and Technical Committee shall be made up of nine members appointed by the Commission. Producers, on the one hand, and the public health sector, on the other, shall each be represented by at least two members. The Committee shall be chaired by the Commission. The Commission shall see to it that members of the Committee are independent as regards the projects submitted to them.

3. Projects submitted in response to a call for proposals shall be assessed by a group of independent experts selected by the Commission. The following factors shall be taken into account in the assessment:

- (a) with regard to the two areas referred to in Article 1(1), the work must be done in collaboration between natural or legal persons established in several Member States;
- (b) with regard to the area referred to in Article 1(1)(a):
  - the projects must pay particular attention to the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the Member States, notably in the case of information campaigns directed at the public at large, and to groups at risk,

- the projects must show that they have a methodology and firm scientific backing. They must be innovative and take account of work that has been carried out already and of experience gained under past or present national or Community programmes, so as to avoid any likelihood of duplication in the allocation of Community resources,
- the projects must, depending on the circumstances, contribute objectively and effectively to improving public awareness of the harmful effects on health of using tobacco or to collecting and analysing relevant epidemiological data, or ensure the rapid implementation of practical preventive measures,
- the measures must be assessed. Contractors must see to it that the results of their projects are disseminated in recognised scientific journals and/or presented at international conferences.

Priority will be given to projects covering the whole of the territory of the Community and coming from public health organisations which are recognised and/or are expressly supported by national or regional health authorities;

(c) with regard to the area referred to in Article 1(1)(b):

- the scientific and technological excellence and the innovative character of the research,
- the resources, partnership and management
- the Community value added and the potential contribution to Union policies,
- the contribution to the pursuit of the Community's social objectives,
- the prospects for the dissemination/exploitation of the results

as defined in Council Decision 1999/167/EC <sup>(1)</sup>.

Priority will be given to projects geared towards practical application, likely to have a rapid effect on production, and those which provide for rapid dissemination among producers of the knowledge or results obtained.

4. On the basis of the assessment, the Commission shall submit a list of the projects considered for financing to the Scientific and Technical Committee. The Committee shall deliver an opinion on the list.

5. As part of the public tendering procedure, projects to be carried out on the initiative and on behalf of the Commission, and considered for financing, shall also be submitted by the Commission to the Scientific and Technical Committee. The Committee shall deliver an opinion on those projects.

6. Pursuant to Article 5(4) of Decision 646/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>, the Commission shall inform the Committee referred to in Article 5 of that Decision of the projects considered for financing in the area

referred to in Article 1(1)(a) of this Regulation, accompanied by the opinion of the Scientific and Technical Committee.

7. Pursuant to Article 24 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92, the Commission shall inform the Management Committee for Tobacco of the projects considered for financing in the area referred to in Article 1(1)(b) of this Regulation, accompanied by the opinion of the Scientific and Technical Committee.

#### Article 5

1. On the basis of the opinions referred to in Article 4(4) and (5) of this Regulation, the Commission shall make a selection of the projects and decide on their financing by the Fund. It may decide not to proceed with any of the projects.

2. Projects accepted for financing by the Fund shall be the subject of a contract concluded by the Commission. A list of the projects financed in this way shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

3. The Commission shall monitor the implementation of projects accepted for financing by the Fund. It shall inform the Management Committee for Tobacco regularly of the contracts concluded and the progress of work.

4. The programme shall be the subject of evaluations, in particular during the third year following the entry into force of this Regulation. The reports shall be submitted to the Management Committee for Tobacco.

#### Article 6

1. Contracts shall be based on the appropriate standard contract drawn up by the Commission and shall reflect, where necessary, the various activities concerned. They shall specify in particular:

- the possibility of the payment of an advance by the Fund, within two months of the signature of the contract,
- the nature of the project deliverables necessary for obtaining subsequent payments, which shall be made in staggered instalments reflecting the progress of the work and on the basis of invoices and appropriate supporting documents,
- the deadline for submitting applications for payment of the balance following completion of the measures provided for in the contract, together with the nature of the accompanying deliverables, which shall include at least a summary of work carried out, appropriate supporting documents and an evaluation of the results obtained and how those results can be used,
- a maximum period for payments from the Fund of 60 days from the date of approval by the Commission of the project deliverables, which may be suspended by the Commission in order to carry out additional verifications.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 95, 1.4.1996, p. 9.

2. The payment of an advance by the Fund shall be subject to the lodging by the contractor, in favour of the Commission, of a security of an amount equivalent to 110 % of the advance, lodged in accordance with the conditions laid down in Title III of Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85. However, public institutions may be exempt from this requirement.

3. The security shall be released subject to payment of the balance of the contribution for the measures concerned.

4. Where the advance exceeds the amount due, the security shall be partially forfeit for an amount equal to the amount wrongly paid.

#### Article 7

Projects accepted for financing by the Fund may not receive Community financing from other sources.

#### Article 8

1. Where financing of a project has been wrongly paid, the Commission shall recover the amounts paid to the beneficiaries, plus interest from the date of payment to the date of actual recovery. The interest rate to be used shall be that charged by the European Central Bank on its euro operations as published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* on the first working day of each month.

2. The amounts recovered and the interest shall be paid to the Commission and deducted from expenditure in the tobacco

sector financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

#### Article 9

The amount of the premium to be paid to producers and the reimbursement to be made by the Member States to the processors, in accordance with Articles 18 and 20 respectively of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 of 22 December 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 as regards the premium scheme, production quotas and the specific aid to be granted to producer groups in the raw tobacco sector <sup>(1)</sup> shall be reduced, at the time of payment, by the amount withheld referred to in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92.

The amount thus reduced shall be declared by the Member States as expenditure of the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

#### Article 10

Regulation (EEC) No 2427/93 is hereby repealed. However, its provisions shall continue to apply to projects approved before the entry into force of this Regulation.

#### Article 11

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 25 July 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 17.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1649/2000****of 25 July 2000****granting the Republic of Moldova the benefit of the special incentive arrangements concerning labour rights**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2820/98 of 21 December 1998 applying a multiannual scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2001 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1310/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Section 2 of Title II of Regulation (EC) No 2820/98 provides for the possibility of granting special incentive arrangements concerning labour rights.
- (2) On 11 February 1999, the Republic of Moldova submitted a request for taking advantage of this regime, giving the information and the commitment referred to in Article 11(1) of the aforementioned Regulation.
- (3) In accordance with Article 11(2), the Commission published a notice <sup>(3)</sup> announcing the request of the Republic of Moldova.
- (4) Certain interested parties made their comments known to the Commission.
- (5) The request was examined in accordance with Article 12 of the aforementioned Regulation.
- (6) The domestic legislation of the Republic of Moldova incorporates the substance of the standards laid down in ILO Conventions No 87, 98 and 138.
- (7) The examination carried out by the Commission showed that the Moldovan authorities have taken the necessary measures for the effective application and monitoring of these provisions.

(8) The Republic of Moldova has committed itself to ensure the effective application and the control of the special arrangements as well as the administrative cooperation referred to in Article 14 of the aforementioned Regulation.

(9) In the light of the comments received and of the findings of the examination, it is appropriate to approve the request.

(10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 31 of the aforementioned Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. The benefit of the special incentive arrangements concerning labour rights referred to in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 2820/98 is granted to the Republic of Moldova.

2. The products referred to in Annex I to the aforementioned Regulation benefit from the special incentive arrangements subject to the conditions set out in Article 14 thereof.

3. The Common Customs Tariff duty applicable to the products concerned will be reduced according to the provisions of Article 10 of the aforementioned Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the first day of the third month 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, 25 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Pascal LAMY

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 357, 30.12.1998, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 148, 22.6.2000, p. 28.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 176, 22.6.1999, p. 13.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1650/2000****of 25 July 2000****fixing for the 2000/01 marketing year the minimum price to be paid to producers for dried plums  
and the amount of production aid for prunes**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 markets in processed fruit and vegetable products <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2701/1999 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 3(3) and 4(9) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/97 of 19 March 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 as regards the system of production aid for products processed from fruit and vegetables <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1607/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down the dates of the marketing years.
- (2) The criteria for fixing the minimum price and the amount of the production aid are laid down in Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 respectively.
- (3) The products for which the minimum price and the aid are fixed are listed in Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 464/1999 of 3 March 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 as regards aid arrangements for prunes <sup>(5)</sup>. Article 2 of that Regulation lays down the

characteristics that these products must possess. The minimum price and the production aid should therefore be fixed for the 2000/01 marketing year.

- (4) 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*

For the 2000/01 marketing year:

- (a) the minimum price referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be EUR 193,523 per 100 kg net from the producer for dried plums derived from prunes d'Ente;
- (b) the production aid referred to in Article 4 of that Regulation shall be EUR 68,389 per 100 kg net for prunes.

*Article 2*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 25 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 327, 23.12.1999, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 78, 20.3.1997, p. 14.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 190, 23.7.1999, p. 11.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 56, 4.3.1999, p. 8.

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1651/2000

of 26 July 2000

**supplementing the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 on the entry of certain names in the 'Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications' provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1509/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(3) and (4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, France has sent the Commission an application for the registration of a name as a geographical indication.
- (2) In accordance with Article 6(1) of that Regulation, the application has been found to meet all the requirements laid down therein and in particular to contain all the information required in accordance with Article 4 thereof.
- (3) No statements of objection have been received by the Commission under Article 7 of that Regulation in respect of the name given in the Annex to this Regulation following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* <sup>(3)</sup>.

- (4) The name should therefore be entered in the 'Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications' and hence be protected throughout the Community as a protected geographical indication.
- (5) The Annex to this Regulation supplements the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1576/2000 <sup>(5)</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The name in the Annex hereto is added to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 and entered as a protected geographical indication (PGI) in the 'Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications' provided for in Article 6(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

*Article 2*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 174, 13.7.2000, p. 7.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 274, 28.9.1999, p. 5.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 327, 18.12.1996, p. 11.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 181, 20.7.2000, p. 35.

## ANNEX

**PRODUCTS LISTED IN ANNEX I TO THE EC TREATY, INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION****Meat**

FRANCE

Agneau du Limousin (PGI)

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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1652/2000****of 26 July 2000****determining the extent to which applications submitted in July 2000 for import licences for the tariff quota for beef and veal provided for in the European Agreement between the Community and the Republic of Slovenia can be accepted**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2768/1999 of 22 December 1999 laying down for 2000 detailed rules for the application of the tariff quota for beef and veal provided for in the European Agreement between the Community and the Republic of Slovenia<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

Article 1(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2768/1999 fixes the quantity of fresh or chilled beef and veal originating in Slovenia which may be imported under special conditions from 1 July to 31 December 2000. The quantity of meat for which import

licences have been submitted is such that applications may be granted in full,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Import licences shall be granted for the full quantities covered by applications submitted for the quota referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2768/1999 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 5.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1653/2000****of 26 July 2000****fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar for the 49th partial invitation to tender issued within the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 of 7 July 1999 on a standing invitation to tender to determine levies and/or refunds on exports of white sugar <sup>(3)</sup>, requires partial invitations to tender to be issued for the export of this sugar.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 a maximum export refund shall be fixed, as the case may be, account being taken in particular of the state and foreseeable development of the Community

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

- (3) Following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the 49th partial invitation to tender, the provisions set out in Article 1 should be adopted.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

For the 49th partial invitation to tender for white sugar issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1489/1999 the maximum amount of the export refund is fixed at 42,20 EUR/100 kg.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 172, 8.7.1999, p. 27.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1654/2000**  
**of 26 July 2000**  
**amending representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the**  
**sugar sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed implementing rules for the import of products in the sugar sector other than molasses <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 1(2), and Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of the representative prices and additional duties applicable to the import of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups are fixed by Commission Regulation

(EC) No 1441/1999 <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1621/2000 <sup>(6)</sup>.

- (2) It follows from applying the general and detailed fixing rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 to the information known to the Commission that the representative prices and additional duties at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 77.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 185, 25.7.2000, p. 71.

## ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 26 July 2000 amending representative prices and the amounts of additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99**

(EUR)

| CN code                   | Amount of representative prices per 100 kg net of product concerned | Amount of additional duty per 100 kg net of product concerned |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1701 11 10 <sup>(1)</sup> | 27,45                                                               | 3,05                                                          |
| 1701 11 90 <sup>(1)</sup> | 27,45                                                               | 7,81                                                          |
| 1701 12 10 <sup>(1)</sup> | 27,45                                                               | 2,92                                                          |
| 1701 12 90 <sup>(1)</sup> | 27,45                                                               | 7,38                                                          |
| 1701 91 00 <sup>(2)</sup> | 27,62                                                               | 11,42                                                         |
| 1701 99 10 <sup>(2)</sup> | 27,62                                                               | 6,90                                                          |
| 1701 99 90 <sup>(2)</sup> | 27,62                                                               | 6,90                                                          |
| 1702 90 99 <sup>(3)</sup> | 0,28                                                                | 0,37                                                          |

<sup>(1)</sup> For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 (OJ L 89, 10.4.1968, p. 3).

<sup>(2)</sup> For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 (OJ L 94, 21.4.1972, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> By 1 % sucrose content.

## II

*(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)*

## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

**of 20 July 2000**

**appointing a German alternate member of the Committee of the Regions**

(2000/478/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Franz Möller, alternate member, notified to the Council on 6 July 2000;

Having regard to the proposal from the German Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Mr Hans-Jörg Duppre is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Franz Möller for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2000.

*For the Council*

*The President*

F. PARLY

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

**CORRIGENDA****Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1469/2000 of 5 July 2000 opening import quotas in respect of special preferential raw cane sugar from the ACP States and India for supply to refineries in the period 1 July 2000 to 28 February 2001**

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 165 of 6 July 2000)

On page 14, in Article 1(a), last line:

for: '... serial number 09.4098;'

read: '... serial number 09.4097;'.  
  
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**Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1588/2000 of 19 July 2000 amending the rates of the refunds applicable to certain products from the sugar sector exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty**

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 181 of 20 July 2000)

On page 60 the table in the Annex should appear as follows:

| Product                                                     | Rate of refund in EUR/100 kg         |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
|                                                             | In case of advance fixing of refunds | Other  |
| White sugar:                                                |                                      |        |
| — pursuant to Article 4(5)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 | —                                    | —      |
| — in all other cases                                        | 38,11                                | 38,11' |