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COUNCIL COMMON POSITION
of 9 October 2000
concerning the extension of Common Position 96/635/CFSP on Burma/Myanmar
(2000/601/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Common Position 96/635/CFSP of 28 October 1996 on Burma/Myanmar ⁽¹⁾, as last extended and amended by Common Position 2000/346/CFSP of 26 April 2000 ⁽²⁾, expires on 29 October 2000.
- (2) In the light of point 6 of Common Position 96/635/CFSP, that Common Position should be further extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

Article 1

Common Position 96/635/CFSP is hereby extended until 29 April 2001.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Common Position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Luxembourg, 9 October 2000.

For the Council
The President
H. VÉDRINE

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 287, 8.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 122, 24.5.2000, p. 1.

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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2238/2000
of 9 October 2000
amending Regulation (EC) No 384/96 on protection against dumped imports from countries not
members of the European Community**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By Regulation (EC) No 384/96 ⁽¹⁾ the Council adopted common rules for protection against dumped imports from countries which are not members of the European Community.
- (2) Article 2(7) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96 lays down that, in the case of imports from non-market-economy countries and, in particular, those listed in a footnote to that provision, normal value shall, *inter alia*, be determined on the basis of the price or constructed value in an analogous market-economy third country.
- (3) Article 2(7) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96 further lays down that, in the case of imports from the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China, normal value may be determined in accordance with the rules applicable to market-economy countries in cases where it can be shown that market conditions prevail for one or more producers subject to investigation in relation to the manufacture and sale of the product concerned.
- (4) The process of reform in the Ukraine, Vietnam and Kazakhstan has fundamentally altered the economies of those countries and has led to the emergence of firms for which market-economy conditions prevail. These three countries have as a result moved away from the economic circumstances which inspired the use of the analogue-country method.
- (5) It is appropriate to revise the Community's anti-dumping practice in order to be able to take account of the changed economic conditions in the Ukraine, Vietnam and Kazakhstan.
- (6) It is also appropriate to grant similar treatment to imports from such countries which are members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) at the date of the initiation of the relevant anti-dumping investigation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2(7) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96 is amended as follows:

— paragraph (b) is replaced by:

‘(b) In anti-dumping investigations concerning imports from the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Ukraine, Vietnam and Kazakhstan and any non-market-economy country which is a member of the WTO at the date of the initiation of the investigation, normal value will be determined in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 6, if it is shown, on the basis of properly substantiated claims by one or more producers subject to the investigation and in accordance with the criteria and procedures set out in subparagraph (c) that market economy conditions prevail for this producer or producers in respect of the manufacture and sale of the like product concerned. When this is not the case, the rules set out under subparagraph (a) shall apply.’,

— the footnote is replaced by:

‘(*) Including Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, North Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.’

Article 2

This Regulation applies to all anti-dumping investigations initiated after the date of its entry into force. In the case of imports from non-market-economy countries which become members of the WTO after the entry into force of this Regulation, it applies to all anti-dumping investigations concerning products originating in those countries which are initiated after the date of their accession to the WTO.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 905/98 (OJ L 128, 30.4.1998, p. 18).

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

Done at Luxembourg, 9 October 2000.

For the Council

The President

H. VÉDRINE

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2239/2000
of 10 October 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 11 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 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.

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to the Commission Regulation of 10 October 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	100,5
	064	68,9
	999	84,7
0707 00 05	628	132,0
	999	132,0
0709 90 70	052	67,1
	999	67,1
0805 30 10	052	60,0
	388	61,7
	524	62,0
	528	60,8
0806 10 10	999	61,1
	052	96,9
	064	81,9
	400	218,7
	632	65,7
	999	115,8
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	039	84,3
	388	55,5
	400	57,4
	800	158,6
	804	64,2
	999	84,0
0808 20 50	052	88,5
	064	60,5
	999	74,5

⁽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 2240/2000
of 10 October 2000**

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 388/92 laying down detailed rules for implementation of the
specific arrangements for the supply of cereal products to the French overseas departments (FOD)
and establishing the forecast supply balance**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 of 16 December 1991 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The quantities of products eligible for the specific supply arrangements are determined by means of periodic forecast balances which may be revised according to the essential requirements of the market taking into account local production and traditional trade flows.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91, the forecast supply balance of cereal products to the FOD for 2000 was established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 388/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2622/1999 ⁽⁴⁾. In order to meet the needs of

this region, amendments must be made to this forecast supply balance. Subsequently, Regulation (EEC) No 388/92 should be amended.

- (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

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 388/92 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 24.12.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 43, 19.2.1992, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 318, 11.12.1999, p. 12.

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Cereals supply balance for the French overseas departments (2000)

(tonnes)

[illegible]

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2241/2000**of 10 October 2000****reducing, for the 2000/01 marketing year, the amount of aid for small citrus fruits delivered for processing following an overrun of the processing threshold**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 of 28 October 1996 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 858/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 establishes a processing threshold for small citrus fruits of 320 000 tonnes. Article 5(2) lays down that, for a given marketing year, overrunning of the processing threshold is to be assessed on the basis of the average of the quantities processed under the aid scheme during the three marketing years preceding the marketing year in question, or during an equivalent period. When an overrun has been established, the aid fixed for the marketing year in question in the Annex to that Regulation is to be reduced by 1 % per tranche of the overrun equal to 3 200 tonnes.
- (2) The Member States, in accordance with Article 22(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1169/97 of 26 June 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2729/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, communicated the quantities of small citrus fruits processed under the aid scheme. Based on this information, a processing threshold overrun of 92 915

tonnes was established. Therefore, the amounts of aid for small citrus fruits laid down in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 for 2000/01 marketing year must be reduced by 29 %.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96, the amount of aid for small citrus fruit delivered for processing for the 2000/01 marketing year shall be:

(EUR/100 kg)			
	Mandarins	Clementines	Satsumas
Multiannual contracts	8,15	7,37	6,86
Annual contracts	7,09	6,41	5,96
Individual producers	6,38	5,77	5,37

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, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 169, 27.6.1997, p. 15.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 35.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2242/2000
of 10 October 2000**

**reducing, for the 2000/01 marketing year, the amount of aid for oranges delivered for processing
following an overrun of the processing threshold**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 of 28 October 1996 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 858/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 establishes a processing threshold for oranges of 1 189 000 tonnes. Article 5(2) lays down that, for a given marketing year, overrunning of the processing threshold is to be assessed on the basis of the average of the quantities processed under the aid scheme during the three marketing years preceding the marketing year in question, or during an equivalent period. When an overrun has been established, the aid fixed for the marketing year in question in the Annex to that Regulation is to be reduced by 1 % per tranche of the overrun equal to 11 890 tonnes.
- (2) The Member States, in accordance with Article 22(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1169/97 of 26 June 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2729/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, communicated the quantities of oranges

processed under the aid scheme. Based on this information, a processing threshold overrun of 358 233 tonnes was established. Therefore, the amounts of aid for oranges laid down in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 for the 2000/01 marketing year must be reduced by 30 %.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96, the amount of aid for oranges delivered for processing for the 2000/01 marketing year shall be:

— multiannual contracts:	EUR 7,96/100 kg,
— annual contracts:	EUR 6,92/100 kg,
— individual producers:	EUR 6,23/100 kg.

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, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 169, 27.6.1997, p. 15.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 35.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2243/2000
of 10 October 2000
on the issue of import licences for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 936/97 of 27 May 1997 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled and frozen beef and for frozen buffalo meat ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 134/1999 ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 936/97 provides in Articles 4 and 5 the conditions for applications and for the issue of import licences for meat referred to in Article 2(f).
- (2) Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 fixes the amount of high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal originating in and imported from the United States of America and Canada which may be imported on special terms for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 at 11 500 t.

- (3) It should be recalled that licences issued pursuant to this Regulation will, throughout the period of validity, be open for use only in so far as provisions on health protection in force permit,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. All applications for import licences from 1 to 5 October 2000 for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal as referred to in Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 shall be granted in full.
2. Applications for licences may be submitted, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 936/97, during the first five days of November 2000 for 4 432,336 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 137, 28.5.1997, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 17, 22.1.1999, p. 22.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2244/2000**of 10 October 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 1520/2000 of 13 July 2000 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⁾, 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 1520/2000, 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 1520/2000 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 1 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 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 177, 15.7.2000, p. 1.

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to the Commission Regulation of 10 October 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	9,00
		03	11,00
		04	4,50
	b) On exportation of other goods	01	4,50
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	55,00
0408 19	– – Other:		
	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
ex 0408 19 81	– – – – Liquid:		
	not sweetened	01	25,00
ex 0408 19 89	– – – – Frozen:		
	not sweetened	01	25,00
	– Other:		
0408 91	– – Dried:		
ex 0408 91 80	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
	not sweetened	01	41,00
0408 99	– – Other:		
ex 0408 99 80	– – – Suitable for human consumption:		
	not sweetened	01	10,50

(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 2245/2000
of 10 October 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 1931/2000 ⁽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 11 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 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 231, 13.9.2000, p. 7.

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to the Commission Regulation of 10 October 2000 fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1484/95

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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”	107,3	3	01
		107,4	3	03
0207 14 10	Boneless cuts of fowl of the species <i>gallus domesticus</i> , frozen	270,8	9	01
		262,7	11	02
0207 14 70	Other parts of chicken, frozen	250,0	10	01
1602 32 11	Preparations uncooked of fowl of the species <i>gallus domesticus</i>	276,2	3	02

(¹) Origin of imports:

- 01 Brazil
- 02 Thailand
- 03 Croatia.’

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2246/2000
of 10 October 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 11 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 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 10 October 2000 fixing the export refunds on eggs

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
0407 00 11 9000	A02	EUR/100 pcs	2,60
0407 00 19 9000	A02	EUR/100 pcs	1,20
0407 00 30 9000	E01	EUR/100 kg	9,00
	E02	EUR/100 kg	4,50
	E03	EUR/100 kg	11,00
0408 11 80 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	55,00
0408 19 81 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	25,00
0408 19 89 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	25,00
0408 91 80 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	41,00
0408 99 80 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	10,50

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

The other destinations are defined as follows:

E01 Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Hong Kong SAR and Russia

E02 all destinations except Switzerland and those of E01 and E03

E03 South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines and Egypt

E04 all destinations except Switzerland and Estonia

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2247/2000
of 10 October 2000
fixing the export refunds on pigmeat

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1365/2000⁽²⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices for these 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 pigmeat that the refund should be fixed as set out below.

(3) In the case of products falling within CN code 0210 19 81, the refund should be limited to an amount which takes account of the qualitative characteristics of each of the products falling within these codes and of the foreseeable trend of production costs on the world market. It is important that the Community should continue to take part in international trade in the case of certain typical Italian products falling within CN code 0210 19 81.

(4) Because of the conditions of competition in certain third countries, which are traditionally importers of products falling within CN codes 1601 00 and 1602, the refund for these products should be fixed so as to take this situation into account. Steps should be taken to ensure

that the refund is granted only for the net weight of the edible substances, to the exclusion of the net weight of the bones possibly contained in the said preparations.

(5) Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 provides that the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund on the products listed in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 according to destination.

(6) The refunds should be fixed taking account of the amendments to the refund nomenclature established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1000/2000⁽⁴⁾.

(7) Refunds should be granted only on products that are allowed to circulate freely within the Community. Therefore, to be eligible for a refund, products should be required to bear the health mark laid down in Council Directive 64/433/EEC⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Directive 95/23/EC⁽⁶⁾, Council Directive 94/65/EC⁽⁷⁾ and Council Directive 77/99/EEC⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/76/EC⁽⁹⁾.

(8) The Management Committee for Pigmeat has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of products on which the export refund specified in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 is granted and the amount of the refund shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

The products concerned must comply with the relevant provisions on health marks laid down in:

- Chapter XI of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC,
- Chapter VI of Annex I to Directive 94/65/EC,
- Chapter VI of Annex B to Directive 77/99/EEC.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 October 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 156, 29.6.2000, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 114, 13.5.2000, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012/64.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 10.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 85.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 10, 16.1.1998, p. 25.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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to the Commission Regulation of 10 October 2000 amending the export refunds on pigmeat

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
0210 11 31 9110	P03	EUR/100 kg	65,00
0210 11 31 9910	P03	EUR/100 kg	65,00
0210 12 19 9100	P03	EUR/100 kg	14,00
0210 19 81 9100	P03	EUR/100 kg	68,00
0210 19 81 9300	P03	EUR/100 kg	55,00
1601 00 91 9000	P03	EUR/100 kg	20,00
1601 00 99 9110	P03	EUR/100 kg	18,00
1602 41 10 9210	P03	EUR/100 kg	45,00
1602 42 10 9210	P03	EUR/100 kg	24,00
1602 49 19 9120	P03	EUR/100 kg	18,00

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

The other destinations are defined as follows:

P03 All destinations except the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2248/2000**of 10 October 2000****determining the world market price for unginned cotton and the rate for the aid**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular paragraphs 3 and 10 of Protocol 4 on cotton, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995 ⁽²⁾ laying down general rules for the system of aid for cotton and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1419/98 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 3, 4 and 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires a world market price for unginned cotton to be periodically determined from the world market price determined for ginned cotton, using the historical relationship between the two prices as specified in Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89 of 3 May 1989 laying down rules for implementing the system of aid for cotton ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1624/1999 ⁽⁵⁾. If it cannot be determined in this way it is to be based on the last price determined.
- (2) Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires the world market price for ginned cotton to be determined for a product of specific characteristics using the most favourable offers and quotations on the world market of those considered representative of the real market trend. To this end an average is to be calculated of offers and quotations on one or more European exchanges for a cif product to a North European port from the supplier countries considered most representative as regards international trade. These rules for determination of the world market price for ginned cotton provide for adjust-

ments to reflect differences in product quality and the nature of offers and quotations; whereas these adjustments are specified in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89.

- (3) Application of the above rules gives the world market price for unginned cotton indicated hereunder.
- (4) The first subparagraph of Article 5(3a) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 stipulates that the advance payment rate for the aid is to be the guide price less the world market price and less a further amount calculated by the formula applicable when the guaranteed maximum quantity based on the production estimated for unginned cotton plus at least 15 %. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1842/2000 ⁽⁶⁾ fixes the production estimated for the 2000/2001 marketing year. The application of this method results in the fixing of the advance payment rate for each Member State at the levels set out below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The world market price for unginned cotton as indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is set at 37,398 EUR/100 kg.
2. The advance payment of the aid referred to in Article 5(3a), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is fixed at:
 - 43,390 EUR/100 kg in Spain,
 - 24,362 EUR/100 kg in Greece,
 - 68,902 EUR/100 kg in other Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 October 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 148, 30.6.1995, p. 48.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 123, 4.5.1989, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 39.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 220, 31.8.2000, p. 14.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2249/2000
of 10 October 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 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 ⁽²⁾,

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 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 ⁽⁴⁾, 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 1411/2000 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1973/2000 ⁽⁶⁾.

- (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 11 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 161, 1.7.2000, p. 22.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 235, 19.9.2000, p. 14.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 10 October 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 ⁽¹⁾	30,65	2,09
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	30,65	6,21
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	30,65	1,96
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	30,65	5,78
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	30,96	9,75
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	30,96	5,23
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	30,96	5,23
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,31	0,34

⁽¹⁾ 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).

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

⁽³⁾ By 1 % sucrose content.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 28 September 2000

on the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway on the participation of Norway in the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

(2000/602/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 30 in conjunction with the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 of 8 February 1993 on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ⁽³⁾, provides, in Article 13 thereof, that the Centre is to be open to the participation of non-Community countries which share the Community's interests and those of its Member States in the Centre's objectives and work.
- (2) The Agreement between the Community and Norway on the participation of the latter in the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, negotiated, on behalf of the European Community, by the Commission should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway on the participation of Norway in the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is authorised to designate the person who shall be empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community and to give the notification by means of the diplomatic note provided for in Article 12 of the Agreement ^(*).

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2000.

For the Council
The President
D. VAILLANT

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 376 E, 28.12.1999, p. 58.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 16 June 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.1993, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3294/94 (OJ L 341, 30.12.1994, p. 7.)

^(*) The date of the entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

AGREEMENT**between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway on the participation of Norway in the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction**

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Aware of the need for international cooperation to combat the threat of drugs and drug addiction in society,

Reaffirming the very close cultural, commercial and social links historically established between the European Union and Norway, especially the economic, political and juridical links established through the European Economic Area Agreement,

Considering that the European Community concluded, by Decision 90/611/EEC ⁽¹⁾, the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, hereinafter referred to as the 'Vienna Convention', and deposited a declaration of competence regarding Article 27 thereof ⁽²⁾, and considering that Norway ratified the Vienna Convention on 14 November 1994,

Considering that the European Community has established, by Council Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 ⁽³⁾ ('the Regulation'), the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ('the Centre'),

Whereas:

- (1) The Regulation provides in its Article 13 that the Centre shall be open to the participation of those non-Community countries which share the Community's interests and those of its Member States; whereas Norway has made a request to participate.
- (2) Norway shares in the aims and objectives laid down for the Centre in the Regulation.
- (3) Norway subscribes to the description of the tasks of the Centre and to its work method and priority areas as described in the Regulation.
- (4) There exists in Norway an institution suitable to be linked to the European information network on drugs and drug addiction,

HAVE DECIDED TO CONCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT:

Article 1

Norway shall participate fully in the work of the Centre, on the terms set out in this Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 24.11.1990, p. 56.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 326, 24.11.1990, p. 57.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.1993, p. 1.

Article 2**European information network on drugs and drug addiction (Reitox)**

1. Norway shall be linked to the European information network on drugs and drug addiction (Reitox).
2. Norway shall notify the Centre of the main elements of its national information network within 28 days of the entry into force of this Agreement, including its national monitoring centre, and name any other specialised centres which could make a useful contribution to the Centre's work.
3. A specialised centre shall be designated in Norway as a national focal point, by a unanimous decision of the members of the Management Board.

Article 3**Management Board**

The Management Board of the Centre shall invite a representative of Norway to participate in its meetings. The representative shall participate fully without the right to vote. Nevertheless, the Management Board may convoke exceptionally a meeting restricted to representatives of Member States and of the European Commission on issues of interest particular to the Community and its Member States.

The Management Board, in session with representatives of Norway, will lay down the detailed arrangements concerning the participation of Norway in the work of the Centre.

Article 4**Scientific Committee**

The Management Board of the Centre shall invite a representative of Norway to participate fully in the meetings of the Scientific Committee without the right to vote.

Article 5**Budget**

Norway will make a payment to the Centre equivalent to 5,5 % of the European Union's subsidy excluding the subsidy to the National focal points of the Reitox network.

Article 6**Protection and confidentiality of data**

1. Where on the basis of this Agreement personal data which do not enable natural persons to be identified are forwarded by the Centre to Norwegian authorities in accordance with national law, such data may be used only for the stated purpose and under the conditions prescribed by the forwarding authority.

2. Data on drugs and drug addiction provided to the Norwegian authorities by the Centre may be published subject to compliance with Community and Norwegian rules on the dissemination and confidentiality of information. Personal data may not be published or made accessible to the public.

3. Designated specialised centres in Norway shall be under no obligation to provide information classified as confidential under Norwegian legislation.

4. In relation to data supplied by the Norwegian authorities to the Centre, the latter will be bound by the rules laid down in Article 6 of the Regulation.

Article 7

Legal status

The Centre shall have legal personality under Norwegian law and shall enjoy in Norway the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under Norwegian law.

Article 8

Liability

The liability of the Centre shall be governed by the rules laid down in Article 16 of the Regulation.

Article 9

Court of Justice

Norway recognises the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Communities over the Centre, as laid down in Article 17 of the Regulation.

Article 10

Privileges

Norway shall grant privileges and immunities to the Centre equivalent to those contained in the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities.

Article 11

Staff regulations

By way of derogation from Article 12(2)(a) of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, Norwegian nationals enjoying their full rights as citizens may be engaged under contract by the Executive Director of the Centre.

Article 12

Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of receipt of the latter diplomatic note confirming that legal requirements of the respective Contracting Party concerning the entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.

Article 13

Validity and termination

1. This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period.
2. Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by a written notification to the other Contracting Party. The Agreement shall cease to be in force 12 months after the date of such notification.

Declaration by the Commission of the European Communities

The Commission will invite the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, while preparing the budget, to take the fullest account of the comments made by Norway concerning its own contribution.

**COUNCIL DECISION
of 28 September 2000
appointing three Belgian members of the Committee of the Regions**

(2000/603/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 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas three seats as member of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignations of Mr Johan SAUWENS, Mr Luc VAN DEN BOSSCHE and Mr Karel DE GUCHT, notified to the Council on 28 August, 5 September and 12 September 2000 respectively;

Having regard to the proposal from the Belgian Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Bert ANCIAUX is hereby appointed in place of Mr Johan SAUWENS, Mr Gilbert BOSSUYT in place of Mr Luc VAN DEN BOSSCHE, and Mr Stefaan PLATTEAU in place of Mr Karel DE GUCHT for the remainder of their current terms of office, which run until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2000.

For the Council

The President

D. VAILLANT

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 29 September 2000
on the composition and the statutes of the Economic Policy Committee

(2000/604/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 209 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Economic Policy Committee (hereinafter 'the Committee') was set up by Council Decision 74/122/EEC ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The Committee has exercised all the functions hitherto assigned to the Short-term Economic Policy Committee set up by Council Decision of 9 March 1960 on coordination of the conjunctural policies of the Member States ⁽²⁾, the Budgetary Policy Committee set up by Council Decision of 8 May 1964 on cooperation between the competent government departments of Member States in the field of budgetary policy ⁽³⁾, and the Medium-term Economic Policy Committee set up by Council Decision of 15 April 1964 setting up a Medium-term Economic Policy Committee ⁽⁴⁾.
- (3) The Committee is provided for in Article 272 of the Treaty.
- (4) The statutes of the Committee should reflect the new institutional environment created by entry into the third stage of economic and monetary union; it seems advisable to maintain the basic structure of the Committee while making the necessary adjustments to improve its functioning and to describe its tasks more precisely.
- (5) The task assigned to the Committee shall be without prejudice to the right of the Commission to formulate recommendations or deliver opinions on matters dealt with in the Treaty.
- (6) The introduction of the euro reinforces the need for a close coordination of economic policies and sustained convergence of the economic performances of the Member States; according to the resolution of the European Council of 13 December 1997 on economic policy coordination in stage 3 of economic and monetary union ⁽⁵⁾ enhanced economic policy coordination should include a closer monitoring of macroeconomic develop-

ments in Member States and of Member States structural policies in labour, product and services markets, as well as of cost and price trends, particularly in so far as they affect the chances of achieving sustained non-inflationary growth and job creation.

- (7) The broad economic policy guidelines and the multilateral surveillance procedure as provided for in Article 99 of the Treaty are at the centre of economic policy coordination; without prejudice to the tasks of the Economic and Financial Committee, the Committee should provide support for the formulation of the guidelines and contribute to the multilateral surveillance procedure in the areas mentioned in this Decision.
- (8) The European Council at its meeting in Cardiff on 16 June 1998 welcomed the decision of the Ecofin Council and the ministers meeting in that Council on 1 May 1998 ⁽⁶⁾ to establish a light procedure, fully respecting the subsidiarity principle, for monitoring progress on economic reform.
- (9) The resolution of the European Council of 3 and 4 June 1999 launched a process of macroeconomic dialogue at Community level. This macroeconomic dialogue is aimed at improving the interaction between wage developments and macroeconomic policies. The European Council has concluded that the macroeconomic dialogue at technical level should take place in a working party set up in the framework of the Committee in collaboration with the Employment and Labour Market Committee, with the participation of representatives of both committees (including the European Central Bank), of the Commission and of the Macroeconomic Group of the Social Dialogue. The Committee should in particular organise the contribution of government representatives to the dialogue at this level.
- (10) The resolution of the European Council of 16 June 1997 on growth and employment ⁽⁷⁾ called for an enhanced coordination of economic policies to complement the procedure as envisaged in the new title on employment in the Treaty, and requested that the Employment Committee should work closely together with the Committee.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 63, 5.3.1974, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ 31, 9.5.1960, p. 764/60.

⁽³⁾ OJ 77, 21.5.1964, p. 1205/64.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ 64, 22.4.1964, p. 1031/64.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 35, 2.2.1998, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 139, 11.5.1998, p. 28.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ C 236, 2.8.1997, p. 3.

- (11) The Treaty provides for the establishment of an Economic and Financial Committee. The tasks of the Economic and Financial Committee are set out in Article 114(2) of the Treaty. The statutes of the Economic and Financial Committee have been adopted by Council Decision of 31 December 1998 ⁽¹⁾. The Committee should work in close cooperation with the Economic and Financial Committee when assisting the Council.
- (12) The Treaty calls for the establishment of an employment committee. Close cooperation with that committee is also required.
- (13) The description of the tasks of the Committee is to be without prejudice to any possible future secondary legislation on the multilateral surveillance procedure as provided for in Article 99(5) of the Treaty.
- (14) The Member States, the Commission and the European Central Bank should be adequately represented in the Committee. They should each nominate four members.
- (15) Members of the Committee should be appointed in their personal capacity and should be guided in performing their duties by the general interests of the Community.
- (16) The President of the Committee should be elected for a period of two years. As a rule, this term should not be renewable. It should be possible to extend the term if there is no other candidate for the Presidency.

- (17) The membership of the Committee of officials from the European Central Bank and national central banks is to be without prejudice to Article 108 of the Treaty,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The statutes of the Economic Policy Committee provided for in Article 272 of the Treaty ('the Committee') are hereby adopted.

The text of the statutes is set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Decision 74/122/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect from the day following its publication.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 2000.

For the Council

The President

L. FABUS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 71.

ANNEX

Statutes of the Economic Policy Committee

PART I

TASKS OF THE COMMITTEE*Article 1*

1. Without prejudice to Articles 114 and 207 of the Treaty, the Economic Policy Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'), shall contribute to the preparation of the work of the Council of coordinating the economic policies of the Member States and of the Community and provide advice to the Commission and the Council.
2. The Committee shall contribute to the preparation of the work of the Council by providing economic analyses, opinions on methodologies and draft formulations for policy recommendations, particularly on structural policies for improving growth potential and employment in the Community. In this context, it shall focus in particular on:
 - the functioning of goods, capital, services and labour markets, including wage, productivity, employment and competitiveness developments,
 - the role and efficiency of the public sector and the long-term sustainability of public finances,
 - the economy-wide implications of specific policies, such as those relating to the environment, to research and development and to social cohesion.
3. In the areas mentioned above, the Committee shall, without prejudice to Articles 114 and 207 of the Treaty, provide support for the work of the Council, in particular in the formulation of the broad economic policy guidelines, and shall contribute to the multilateral surveillance procedure referred to in Article 99(3) of the Treaty. In this context, the Committee shall conduct regular country reviews focused in particular on structural reforms in Member States.
4. Without prejudice to Articles 130 and 207 of the Treaty, the Committee shall contribute to the work of the Council under the Employment Title of the Treaty.
5. The Committee shall support the Economic and Financial Committee, in particular in keeping under review the short and medium-term macroeconomic developments in the Member States and the Community by providing analysis and opinions mainly on methodological questions relating to the interaction between structural and macroeconomic policies and on wage developments in the Member States and the Community.
6. The Committee shall provide the framework within which the macroeconomic dialogue involving representatives of the Committee (including the European Central Bank), the Economic and Financial Committee, the Employment Committee, the Commission and social partners shall take place at technical level.
7. The Committee shall be consulted by the Commission on the maximum rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure of the general budget of the European Communities as provided for in Article 272 of the Treaty.

Article 2

The Committee shall deliver opinions at the request of the Council, the Commission or the Economic and Financial Committee or on its own initiative.

Article 3

In the fulfilment of its tasks the Committee shall work in close relation with the Economic and Financial Committee when reporting to the Council. In contributing to the preparation of the broad economic policy guidelines, the Committee will report to the Economic and Financial Committee. It shall coordinate its work with the Employment Committee and other committees and working groups preparing the work of the Council in the areas where these committees and working groups are competent.

PART II

COMPOSITION*Article 4*

1. The Member States, the Commission and the European Central Bank shall each appoint four members of the Committee.
2. The members of the Committee shall be selected from among senior officials possessing outstanding competence in the field of economic and structural policy formulation.

Article 5

Members of the Committee shall be guided, in the performance of their duties, by the general interests of the Community.

PART III

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIAT*Article 6*

1. The Committee shall elect from among its members, by a majority of its members, a president and up to three vice-presidents for a period of two years. As a rule, the two years term shall not be renewable.
2. The President shall delegate his/her voting right to another member of his/her delegation.

Article 7

In the event of being unable to fulfil his/her duties, the President shall be replaced by one of the Vice-Presidents of the Committee.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be assisted by a secretariat under the direction of a Secretary. The Secretary and the staff of the secretariat needed for carrying out the tasks of the secretariat shall be supplied by the Commission. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Commission after consultation of the Committee. The Secretary and his/her staff shall act on the instructions of the Committee when carrying out their responsibilities to the Committee.
2. The expenses of the Committee shall be included in the estimates of the Commission.

PART IV

PROCEEDINGS*Article 9*

Opinions or reports shall be adopted by a majority of members if a vote is requested. Each member shall have one vote. However, when advice or an opinion is given on questions on which the Council may subsequently take a decision, members from central banks and the Commission may participate fully in the discussion but shall not participate in a vote. The Committee shall also report on minority or dissenting views expressed in the course of the discussion.

Article 10

As a rule only members may speak during the meetings of the Committee. In exceptional circumstances the President may agree to alternative arrangements.

Article 11

The Committee may entrust the study of specific questions to subcommittees or working parties. The presidency of such groups shall be assumed by a member of the Committee, appointed by the Committee.

Article 12

The Committee, the subcommittees or working parties may invite experts to assist them.

Article 13

The Committee shall be convened by the President on his/her own initiative, or at the request of the Council, the Commission or at least five members.

Article 14

1. As a rule the President shall represent the Committee; in particular the President may be authorised by the Committee to report on discussions and deliver oral comments on opinions and reports prepared by the Committee.
2. The President of the Committee shall have the responsibility of maintaining the Committee's relations with the European Parliament, which shall be kept informed of the Committee's work, as appropriate.

Article 15

1. Unless decided otherwise, the proceedings of the Committee shall be confidential. The same rule shall apply to the proceedings of its subcommittees or working parties.
2. Reports or opinions prepared by the Committee shall be publicly available after they have been transmitted to the addressee unless there are overriding reasons to keep them confidential.

Article 16

The Committee shall adopt its own procedural arrangements.
