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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**REGULATION (EC) No 772/2001 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 4 April 2001**

regarding the closure and liquidation of projects adopted by the Commission under Council Regulation (EC) No 213/96 on the implementation of the European Communities investment partners financial instrument for the countries of Latin America, Asia, the Mediterranean region and South Africa

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 179(1) thereof,

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

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 213/96 of 29 January 1996 on the implementation of the European Communities investment partners financial instrument for the countries of Latin America, Asia, the Mediterranean region and South Africa ⁽³⁾ expired on 31 December 1999.
- (2) Using Regulation (EC) No 213/96 as a basis, the Commission has approved the financing of a number of projects which have not yet been fully completed and which may require further sums to be committed so that they can be closed.
- (3) The many investment instruments managed by the Commission (AL-Invest, ASIA-Invest, MED-Invest, JOP, JEV and Proinvest) lack a centralised, coordinated and coherent organisational structure.
- (4) This transitional measure should serve not only to ensure compliance with the commitments entered into by the Commission up to 31 December 1999, but also to lay the foundations for a future, integrated programme for the promotion of investment in all developing countries.

- (5) The Commission should be empowered to take the steps necessary to allow the existing project portfolio to be liquidated,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Commission shall take the steps needed to close and liquidate the projects adopted under Regulation (EC) No 213/96.
2. Those steps shall include any action required, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 213/96 with the aim of liquidating the existing portfolio, to provide monitoring, management and auditing of operations for which the Commission has already adopted a financing decision, including the amendment of contracts already signed and the use of outside technical assistance.

Article 2

As soon as possible and at the latest by 31 March 2001, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the instrument for supporting the private sector in developing countries, followed, as soon as possible, by a legislative proposal to ensure the future of that instrument.

Article 3

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2001.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 150 E, 30.5.2000, p. 79.

⁽²⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 5 September 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal), Council Common Position of 10 November 2000 (OJ C 23, 24.1.2001, p. 46) and Decision of the European Parliament of 14 March 2001.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 28, 6.2.1996, p. 2.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 4 April 2001.

For the European Parliament

The President

N. FONTAINE

For the Council

The President

B. ROSENGREN

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 773/2001
of 20 April 2001
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 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 April 2001 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	110,0
	204	77,7
	212	63,2
	999	83,6
0707 00 05	052	101,1
	999	101,1
0709 90 70	052	90,8
	204	46,2
	999	68,5
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	72,5
	204	49,6
	212	47,5
	220	57,2
	600	65,4
	624	55,5
	999	58,0
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	91,2
	400	89,0
	404	82,9
	508	79,3
	512	78,4
	524	93,9
	528	86,7
	720	106,8
	804	111,5
	999	91,1
0808 20 50	388	84,2
	512	81,3
	528	73,0
	999	79,5

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2032/2000 (OJ L 243, 28.9.2000, p. 14). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 774/2001**of 20 April 2001****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 13 to 19 April 2001 at 224,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 775/2001**of 20 April 2001****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third European countries of wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 13 to 19 April 2001 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice to certain third European countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 776/2001**of 20 April 2001****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third countries of wholly milled medium and long grain A rice issued in Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 13 to 19 April 2001 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled medium and long grain A rice to certain third European countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 267, 15.10.1999, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 777/2001**of 20 April 2001****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 30 67 to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 13 to 19 April 2001 at 320,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 778/2001**of 20 April 2001****fixing the maximum subsidy on exports of husked long grain rice to Réunion pursuant to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10(1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 laying down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion ⁽³⁾ as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1453/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000 ⁽⁵⁾ opens an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion.
- (2) Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum subsidy.

(3) The criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 should be taken into account when fixing this maximum subsidy. Successful tenderers shall be those whose bids are at or below the level of the maximum subsidy.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A maximum subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98 is hereby set on the basis of the tenders lodged from 16 to 19 April 2001 at 320,00 EUR/t pursuant to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 261, 7.9.1989, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 19.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 779/2001
of 20 April 2001**

fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in under the 265th partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 17(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 of 15 March 2000 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 as regards the buying-in of beef ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 590/2001 ⁽³⁾, lays down buying standards. Pursuant to the above Regulation, an invitation to tender was opened under Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying-in of beef by invitation to tender ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 710/2001 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 lays down that a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received. In accordance with Article 36 of that Regulation, only tenders quoting prices not exceeding the maximum buying-in price and not exceeding the average national or regional market price, plus the amount referred to in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 590/2001 are to be accepted.
- (3) Once tenders submitted in respect of the 265th partial invitation to tender have been considered pursuant to Article 47(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999, and taking account of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughtering and prices, the maximum buying-in price and the quantities which may be bought in should be fixed for category A and no award made for category C.
- (4) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 590/2001 also opens buying-in of carcasses and half-carcasses of store cattle and lays down special rules in addition to those laid

down for the buying-in of other products. The differences in prices found within this framework make it necessary to set different maximum buying-in prices in Spain and in the other Member States.

- (5) Veterinary measures to combat foot-and-mouth disease in certain regions, adopted in accordance with Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, and/or Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, currently restrict the movement of animal products. In accordance with Article 4(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000, the products concerned from those regions should be excluded from this tendering procedure.
- (6) In the light of developments, this Regulation should enter into force immediately.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the 265th partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89:

(a) for category A:

- the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 225,50/100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses of quality R3,
- the maximum quantity of carcasses, half-carcasses, and forequarters accepted shall be 16 648,4 t,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 68, 16.3.2000, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 86, 27.3.2001, p. 30, Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 719/2001 (OJ L 100, 11.4.2001, p. 13).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 159, 10.6.1989, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 99, 10.4.2001, p. 6.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

- (b) for category C no award shall be made;
- (c) for carcasses and half-carcasses of store cattle as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 590/2001:
- the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 331,00/100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses, offered in Spain and EUR 376,00/100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses offered in the other Member States,
 - the maximum quantity of carcasses and half-carcasses shall be 208 t.

Article 2

In accordance with Article 4(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000, carcasses or half-carcasses, the movement of which is restricted under the measures against foot-and-mouth disease adopted in accordance with Directives 90/425/EEC and/or 89/662/EEC, may not be bought into intervention under the tendering procedure provided for by this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 780/2001
of 20 April 2001
fixing the maximum purchase price for beef under the first partial invitation to tender pursuant to
Regulation (EC) No 690/2001

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 of 3 April 2001 on special market support measures in the beef sector ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In application of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 Commission Regulation (EC) No 713/2001 ⁽³⁾ on the purchase of beef under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 establishes the list of Member States in which the tendering is open for the first partial invitation to tender on 17 April 2001.
- (2) In accordance with Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 690/2001, where appropriate, a maximum purchase price for the reference class shall be fixed in the light of the tenders received, taking into account the provisions of Article 3(2) of that Regulation.

- (3) Because of the need to support in a reasonable way the market for beef a maximum purchase price should be fixed in the Member States concerned. In the light of the different level of market prices in those Member States, different maximum purchase prices should be fixed.
- (4) Due to the urgency of the support measures, this Regulation should enter into force immediately.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee of Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the first partial invitation to tender on 17 April 2001 opened under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 the following maximum purchase price shall be fixed:

— Austria: EUR 154,45/100 kg.

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, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 95, 5.4.2001, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 100, 11.4.2001, p. 3.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 781/2001**of 20 April 2001****amending Regulation (EC) No 572/2001 and increasing to 20 000 tonnes the standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of rice held by the French intervention agency**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the last indent of Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 ⁽³⁾ lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 572/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ opens a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 10 000 tonnes of rice held by the French intervention agency.
- (3) Given the current market situation the quantity put up for sale on the internal market should be increased by

some 10 000 tonnes of *Japonica* paddy rice held by the French intervention agency.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 572/2001, the phrase '10 000 tonnes of *Japonica* paddy rice held by that agency' is replaced by '20 000 tonnes of *Japonica* paddy rice held by that agency'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 85, 24.3.2001, p. 3.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

**DECISION No 1/2001 OF THE EU-MOROCCO ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 4 April 2001
setting up a working party on social affairs and migration**

(2001/321/EC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

Article 73 of the Agreement provides that a working party be set up to evaluate continuously and regularly the implementation of Chapters I, II and III of Title VI of the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Pursuant to Article 73 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', a working party on social affairs and migration, hereinafter referred to as 'the working party', is hereby set up to perform a continuous and regular evaluation of the implementation of Chapters I, II and III of Title VI of the Agreement.

Article 2

The working party shall be competent in the following areas:

1. ensuring compliance with the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of nationality between workers of Moroccan nationality and workers who are nationals of each Member State as regards working conditions, remuneration and dismissal and social security (within the meaning of the Agreement);
2. implementing the social security provisions laid down in Articles 65 to 68 of the Agreement;

3. dialogue in accordance with Article 69 of the Agreement;
4. cooperation projects referred to in Article 71 of the Agreement.

Article 3

The working party shall be convened by its chair with the parties' mutual consent. It shall meet alternately in Brussels and in the territory of Morocco.

Article 4

The working party shall be chaired in turn by a representative of the party acting as President of the Association Council.

Article 5

1. The chair shall draw up the provisional agenda for each meeting. It shall be sent with the convening notice to the members of the working party no later than 20 days before the beginning of the meeting.

2. The provisional agenda shall include the items in respect of which the chair has received a request for inclusion on the agenda together with any relevant document from any of the working party's members not later than 25 days before the date of the meeting.

3. The agenda shall be adopted by the working party at the beginning of each meeting. Any item other than those on the provisional agenda may be placed on the agenda if the Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, so agree.

Article 6

The working party shall consist of officials of the Member States of the European Communities, Morocco and the Commission of the European Communities assisted by officials of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 70, 18.3.2000, p. 1.

An official of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union and an official of the Moroccan Government shall jointly provide the working party with secretarial services.

If both parties agree that the presence or participation of particular experts is required in order to obtain specialised information, the working party may invite such experts for such purposes as it shall define.

Article 7

The working party shall report after each of its meetings to the Association Council and may submit to it drafts or proposals for decisions and/or recommendations.

Article 8

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

Done at Brussels, 4 April 2001.

For the Association Council

The President

M. BENAÏSSA

Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or Iceland or Norway

The above Agreement between the European Community, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway, which the Council decided to conclude on 15 March 2001, entered into force on 1 April 2001 since notifications concerning the completion of the procedures stipulated in Article 14 of the Agreement were given on 16 March 2001.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 April 2001

amending Decision 2001/276/EC in order to take account of the animal health situation in Argentina

(notified under document number C(2001) 1133)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/322/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Council Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, in particular Articles 3 and 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2001/276/EC ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Imports have been suspended from Argentina by Decision 2001/276/EC until 15 April 2001 as a precautionary measure until more detailed information can be obtained following changes in the health situation in Argentina and the suspension by Argentina of their exports of fresh meat to Canada, Chile and the USA.
- (3) Following this decision the competent authority of Argentina itself suspended exports to the Community of fresh meat from species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease, introduced a reorganisation of the veterinary services and a completely new strategic plan including regionalisation to control foot-and-mouth is being developed. At least until these changes can be properly evaluated it is necessary to prolong this suspension.
- (4) The suspension of imports from Argentina was implemented through the replacement by Decision 2001/276/EC of the Annexes to Decision 93/402/EEC; for the sake of legal certainty it shall be necessary to adopt a

new measure updating fully these Annexes and therefore it is not appropriate to limit in the meantime the validity of the current Annexes excluding Argentina. However the decision to suspend imports of meat from Argentina will be reviewed within 2 months of its notification.

- (5) Argentina stopped certifying consignments from 13 March 2001 and for the sake of legal certainty consignments produced and certified on or prior to this date should be accepted.
- (6) Decision 2001/276/EC should be amended accordingly.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Decision 2001/276/EC is replaced by the following wording:

'Member States shall accept consignments produced and certified on or before 13 March 2001.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 95, 5.4.2001, p. 41.