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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1415/2004**of 19 July 2004****fixing the maximum annual fishing effort for certain fishing areas and fisheries**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 of 4 November 2003 on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 establishes the conditions and procedures for the introduction of a system for the management of fishing effort in certain Community fishing areas and resources.
- (2) The Member States have submitted to the Commission the information required in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 and in particular the annual average fishing effort over the period 1998 to 2002 exerted by vessels equal to or more than 15 m in length overall in the areas defined in that Regulation and the annual average fishing effort over the period 1998 to 2002 exerted by vessels equal to or more than 10 m in length overall in the biologically sensitive area defined in that Regulation.
- (3) In the assessment of fishing effort referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003, the installed power has been understood as the power of a vessel, as defined in Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 of 22 September 1986 defining characteristics for fishing vessels ⁽²⁾.

- (4) The Commission forwarded to the Member States the information required pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 and, after consultation with them, assessed

the data provided in relation to fishing effort limitations adopted under previous or current Community measures which involve or have involved the management of fishing effort.

- (5) The maximum annual fishing effort, to be fixed for the vessels flying the flag of a Member State, by group of species, area and fishery, should be equal to the global fishing effort exerted over the five-year period 1998 to 2002 by those vessels, divided by five,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Subject matter**

This Regulation sets the maximum annual fishing effort for each Member State and for each area and fishery defined in Articles 3 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003.

*Article 2***Maximum levels**

1. The maximum levels of annual fishing effort by group of species, area and fishery, and by Member State, for the areas referred to in Article 3(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003, are set out in Annex I to this Regulation.
2. The maximum levels of annual fishing effort by group of species, area and fishery, and by Member State, for the area referred to in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003, are set out in Annex II to this Regulation.

*Article 3***Transiting through an area**

1. Each Member State shall ensure that the utilisation of fishing effort allocations by area, as defined in Articles 3 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003, will not result in more time spent fishing by comparison to fishing effort levels exerted during the reference period.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 289, 7.11.2003, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 274, 25.9.1986, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3259/94 (OJ L 339, 29.12.1994, p. 11).

2. Fishing effort established as a result of a vessel transiting through an area where no fishing operation had taken place during the reference period shall not be used for the purpose of carrying out fishing operations in that area. Each Member State shall record such fishing effort separately.

Article 4

Methodology

Each Member State shall ensure that the method used to record fishing effort is the same as the one used in assessing the levels of fishing effort according to Articles 3 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003.

Article 5

Compliance with other fishing effort limitation schemes

The maximum levels of annual fishing effort fixed in Annexes I and II shall be without prejudice to fishing effort limitations fixed under recovery plans or any other management measure under Community law provided that the measure with the lower amount of fishing effort is complied with.

Article 6

Entry into force

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

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

Done at Brussels, 19 July 2004.

For the Council

The President

C. VEERMAN

Maximum levels of annual fishing effort as determined on the basis of Article 3(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003

Fishing area (except, where appropriate, for the area defined in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003)	Annual average of fishing effort, in kW(x) days ⁽¹⁾ , in connection with vessels equal to or more than 15 metres in length							
	Belgium	Denmark	Germany	Spain	France	Ireland	The Netherlands	Portugal

Table A

Demersal species excluding those covered by Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002

[illegible]

Table B

Scallops

[illegible]

Fishing area (except, where appropriate, for the area defined in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003)	Annual average of fishing effort, in kW/(x) days (1), in connection with vessels equal to or more than 15 metres in length								
	Belgium	Denmark	Germany	Spain	France	Ireland	The Netherlands	Portugal	United Kingdom
Table C									
Edible crab and spider crab									
<i>Total</i>	0	0	0	2 920 000	2 465 482	505 960	0	0	1 245 658
ICES V, VI	0	0	0	0	0	465 000	0	0	702 292
ICES VII	0	0	0	0	1 946 719	40 960	0	0	543 366
ICES VIII	0	0	0	500 000	518 763	0	0	0	0
ICES IX	0	0	0	750 000	0	0	0	0	0
ICES X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CECAF 34.1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CECAF 34.1.2	0	0	0	1 670 000	0	0	0	0	0
CECAF 34.2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(1) For the calculation of fishing effort by vessel in a particular area, the activity is defined, for a vessel absent from port, as the number of days at sea by trip in the area, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

ANNEX II

Maximum levels of annual fishing effort as determined in the biologically sensitive area referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003

Target species in the biologically sensitive area defined in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003	Annual average of fishing effort, in kW(x) days ⁽¹⁾ , for vessels equal to or more than 10 metres in length overall								
	Belgium	Denmark	Germany	Spain	France	Ireland	The Netherlands	Portugal	United Kingdom
Demersal species excluding those covered by Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002	135 432	0	8 326	5 642 215	9 559 653	7 154 490	0	0	3 061 485
Scallops	0	0	0	0	31 039	109 395	0	0	1 223
Edible crab and spider crab	0	0	0	0	84 690	63 198	0	0	393
Total	135 432	0	8 326	5 642 215	9 675 382	7 327 083	0	0	3 063 101

⁽¹⁾ For the calculation of fishing effort by vessel in a particular area, the activity is defined, for the vessel absent from port, as the number of days at sea by trip in the area, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

⁽¹⁾ For the calculation of fishing effort by vessel in a particular area, the activity is defined, for the vessel absent from port, as the number of days at sea by trip in the area, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1416/2004**of 4 August 2004****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⁾, 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 5 August 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2004.

For the Commission

J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ

Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1947/2002 (OJ L 299, 1.11.2002, p. 17).

ANNEX

to Commission Regulation of 4 August 2004 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0707 00 05	052	44,5
	999	44,5
0709 90 70	052	64,8
	999	64,8
0805 50 10	382	52,7
	388	56,5
	508	46,6
	520	45,9
	524	59,7
	528	49,8
	999	51,9
0806 10 10	052	121,0
	204	108,5
	220	118,7
	400	172,3
	624	144,9
	628	136,6
	999	133,7
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	88,6
	400	100,9
	404	98,5
	508	72,6
	512	59,2
	528	80,5
	720	56,3
	800	124,8
	804	77,9
	999	84,4
0808 20 50	052	104,0
	388	79,3
	528	46,7
	804	125,4
	999	88,9
0809 20 95	052	293,6
	400	285,3
	404	286,5
	999	288,5
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	052	149,6
	999	149,6
0809 40 05	066	32,0
	093	41,6
	094	37,5
	512	91,6
	624	104,2
	999	61,4

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1417/2004**of 29 July 2004****on surveillance measures regarding imports of certain textile products originating in the Syrian Arab Republic**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 of 7 March 1994 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11(1)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2040/2002 of 15 November 2002 on surveillance measures regarding imports of certain textile products originating in the Syrian Arab Republic⁽²⁾ expires on 17 May 2004.

(2) Surveillance of imports of certain Syrian textile products over the last 18 months has shown that the surge of imports into the Community, in 2000, of very low-priced cotton yarn of Category 1 originating in the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria), which had entailed a rise in imports from almost nil in 1996 to 10 % of Community imports in 2000, had stabilised in the first years of the surveillance. However, there has been a further surge in 2003: 2003 imports increased by 39,8 % over 2002 in volume and by 26,1 % in value. According to the latest data in 2004 that trend is continuing, since imports in January 2004 have doubled in volume compared to the same month in 2003.

(3) The investigations conducted by the Commission in 2001 and in 2002 had demonstrated that the increase in Syria's production capacity and, simultaneously, in its Community export sales, was related to an increase in the capacity of production of cotton yarn in Syria. This is

almost exclusively export-oriented and mainly focused on the Community market. A further capacity increase, which seems to have taken place since then, seems to have been the cause of the 2003 surge in Syrian exports to the Community.

(4) The past stability in Syrian export volume thus seems to have vanished and exports have become more significant. The average Syrian export prices to the Community are still decreasing, accounting for some of the lowest Community import prices.

(5) The results of the investigations carried out so far point to a likely further price reduction and a consequent resumption of the rise in such exports to the Community, due to the installation by Syria around mid-2002 of new capacity for cotton yarn production. However, all the main Community suppliers of cotton yarn are subject either to quotas or to import licensing, with the exceptions of Egypt since 1 January 2004, and of Customs Union partner Turkey.

(6) Consequently, imports into the Community of Category 1 cotton yarn originating in Syria should continue to be closely monitored. It is therefore appropriate to renew the surveillance mechanism put in place by Commission Regulation (EC) No 956/2001⁽³⁾. Accordingly, cotton yarn products shipped from Syria and put into free circulation in the Community should enter the Community under the surveillance mechanism and subject to the requirements as to production of an import document set out in Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 517/94.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the committee established by Regulation (EC) No 517/94,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 67, 10.3.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2309/2003 (OJ L 342, 30.12.2003, p. 21).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 313, 16.11.2002, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 134, 17.5.2001, p. 31.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Imports into the Community of cotton yarn of Category 1, originating in the Syrian Arab Republic and released for free circulation into the Community, shall be subject to prior Community surveillance.

Article 2

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 July 2004.

For the Commission

Pascal LAMY

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1418/2004**of 4 August 2004****determining the groups of high-quality varieties exempt from application of the quota buyback programme in raw tobacco for the 2004 harvest**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco⁽¹⁾, and in particular the sixth indent of Article 14a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 34(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 of 22 December 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 as regards the premium scheme, production quotas and the specific aid to be granted to producer groups in the raw tobacco sector⁽²⁾, the Commission must determine, on the basis of proposals from the Member States, which sensitive production areas and/or groups of high-quality varieties are to be exempt from the quota buyback programme.
- (2) Some Member States have asked for a number of high-quality varieties to be exempted from quota buyback for the 2004 harvest. These groups of high-quality varieties should therefore be determined for the 2004 harvest.

(3) As Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 requires Member States to make public their intention to sell from 1 November, this Regulation should apply from 1 November 2004.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities of groups of high-quality varieties exempt from the quota buyback programme for the 2004 harvest are as follows:

- (a) in France:
- Group III 2 576,480 tonnes;
- (b) in Portugal:
- Group I 1 231,000 tonnes,
 - Group II 218,000 tonnes.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 November 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 864/2004 (OJ L 161, 30.4.2004, p. 48).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 17. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1983/2002 (OJ L 306, 8.11.2002, p. 8).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1419/2004

of 4 August 2004

on the continuation of the application of the Multiannual Financing Agreements and the Annual Financing Agreements concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, on the one hand and the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia on the other, and providing for certain derogations from the Multiannual Financing Agreements and from Council Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 and Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession, and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Multiannual Financing Agreements (MAFAs) and Annual Financing Agreements (AFAs) were concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, on the one hand and the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as 'the new Member States') on the other.
- (2) In areas falling within the scope of the EU Treaty, the relationship between the new Member States and the EU, as of 1 May 2004, when these States acceded to the EU, is governed by EU law. In principle, bilateral agreements, without any particular legal acts being necessary, continue to apply as far as they do not contradict obligatory EU law in general and Community law in particular. In certain areas, the MAFAs and AFAs provide for rules which are different from Community law whilst not being contrary to any binding provisions. However, it is appropriate to foresee that in respect of Sapard the new Member States should, as far as possible, follow the same rules as those which apply to any other areas of Community law.
- (3) It is therefore appropriate to provide for the continuation of the applicability of the MAFAs and AFAs subject to certain derogations and amendments. At the same time, certain provisions are no longer needed given the fact that the Community is no longer dealing with third

countries but with Member States and that the new Member States will be directly submitted to provisions under Community law. Such MAFA provisions should therefore no longer apply.

- (4) Council Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 of 21 June 1999 on coordinating aid to the applicant countries in the framework of the pre-accession strategy and amending Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89⁽¹⁾ and Commission Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000 of 7 June 2000 laying down financial rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 on Community support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe in the pre-accession period⁽²⁾ have been the legal bases for the Commission to confer the management of aid under the Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (Sapard) on implementing agencies in the applicant countries, on a case-by-case basis. The MAFAs were concluded based on that possibility. However, in relation to Member States, Community law does not require a conferral of management procedure but an accreditation procedure at national level for paying agencies, referred to in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾. The MAFAs provide basically for an identical accreditation procedure in their Article 4 of Section A of the Annex. With regard to Member States there is, therefore, no longer a need to provide for a conferral of the management of aid. Therefore, derogation from these provisions is appropriate.
- (5) On 3 March 2004 the Commission decided on the conclusion of a new Agreement for the year 2003 amending the AFAs 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and the MAFA with the applicant countries. Meanwhile, the new Member States have joined the EU and there is no room for the conclusion of further bilateral agreements between the EU and these States in areas falling within the competences of the EU. Rather than concluding bilateral agreements with these States, the Commission should therefore include the substance of these envisaged agreements in this Regulation. In particular, the amounts committed in view of the AFA 2003 and decided upon by the Commission in that decision should now be incorporated in the present Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 68.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 253, 7.10.2000, p. 5. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 188/2003 (OJ L 27, 1.2.2003, p. 14).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

- (6) To allow a smooth transition from the pre-accession requirements, it is appropriate to provide for immediate entry into force and, with regard to certain provisions, a retrospective application of this Regulation.
- (7) The Treaty of Accession enables the Commission to adopt transitional measures for a period of three years as of the date of accession. Given the fact that certain programmes under the MAFAs/AFAs may still continue after accession it is appropriate to provide for the applicability of this Regulation until 30 April 2007.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and of the Committee of the European Agriculture Guarantee and Guidance Fund,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Continuation of the applicability of the MAFAs and the AFAs after accession

1. Without prejudice to the continuation of the validity of the Multiannual Financing Agreements (hereinafter referred to as 'MAFAs') and the Annual Financing Agreements (hereinafter referred to as 'AFAs'), as listed in Annex I, concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, on the one hand and the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as 'the new Member States') on the other, these Agreements shall continue to apply subject to the provisions of this Regulation.

2. Articles 2 and 4 of the MAFAs shall cease to apply.

3. The following provisions of the Annex to the MAFAs shall cease to apply:

(a) Articles 1 and 3 of Section A; however, any references to these Articles in the MAFAs or AFAs shall be construed as referring to the national accreditation decision in accordance with Article 4 of Section A;

(b) Article 14(2.6) and (2.7) of Section A;

(c) Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of Section C;

(d) Item 8 of Section F;

(e) Section G.

4. Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 and Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000 shall no longer apply to the new Member States with regard to the Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (Sapard).

Article 2

Derogations from MAFA provisions and from Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000

By way of derogation from the last subparagraph of Article 4(7) and Article 5(4) of Section A of the Annex to the MAFAs and Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000, the Commission shall immediately be informed of any modifications in the implementation or paying arrangements of the Sapard Agency after its accreditation.

Article 3

Amendment of the MAFAs

The following subparagraph is added to Article 10(3) of Section A of the Annex to the MAFAs:

'However, interest not accounted for by projects assisted under the programme of Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, respectively, shall be paid to the Commission in euro'.

Article 4

Amendment of Article 3 of AFAs 2000 to 2003

The amount provided for in Article 2 of the AFA 2003 for the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, respectively, shall be replaced by the amounts referred to in Annex II.

Article 5

Amendment of Article 3 of AFAs 2000 to 2003

At the end of Article 3 of each of the AFAs, the following subparagraph is added:

'Any part of the Community contribution referred to in Article 2 for which no contracts with the final beneficiaries have been signed as of the date referred to in the second subparagraph shall be notified to the Commission within three months of this amount being known'.

*Article 6***Entry into force**

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

It shall apply as of its entry into force and shall continue to apply until 30 April 2007. However, Article 1(2) and (3) and

Article 2 shall apply as of 1 May 2004. Any communications which were sent to the Commission between 1 May 2004 and the entry into force of this Regulation in accordance with the last subparagraph of Article 4(7) and Article 5(4) of Section A of the Annex to the MAFAs and Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000, shall be construed as having been sent in accordance with Article 2 of this Regulation.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

1. LIST OF MAFAS

The following MAFAs were concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, and

- the Czech Republic the tenth day of December in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Estonia the twenty-eighth day of May in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Hungary the fifteenth day of June in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Latvia the fourth day of July in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Lithuania the twenty-ninth day of August in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Poland the eighteenth day of May in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Slovakia the sixteenth day of May in the year two thousand and one and
- the Republic of Slovenia the twenty-eighth day of August in the year two thousand and one.

2. LIST OF AFAS

A. **Annual financing agreement 2000**

The following AFAs for 2000 were concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, and

- the Czech Republic the tenth day of December in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Estonia the twenty-eighth day of May in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Hungary the fifteenth day of June in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Latvia the eleventh day of May in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Lithuania the twenty-ninth day of August in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Poland the eighteenth day of May in the year two thousand and one,
- the Republic of Slovakia the sixteenth day of May in the year two thousand and one and
- the Republic of Slovenia the sixteenth day of October in the year two thousand and one.

B. **Annual financing agreement 2001**

The following AFAs for 2001 were concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, and

- the Czech Republic the nineteenth day of June in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Estonia the tenth day of July in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Hungary the twenty-sixth day of May in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Latvia the thirtieth day of May in the year two thousand and two,
- the Republic of Lithuania the eighteenth day of July in the year two thousand and two,
- the Republic of Poland the tenth day of June in the year two thousand and two,
- the Republic of Slovakia the fourth day of November in the year two thousand and two and
- the Republic of Slovenia the seventeenth day of July in the year two thousand and two.

C. **Annual financing agreement 2002**

The following AFAs 2002 were concluded between the European Commission, representing the European Community, and

- the Czech Republic the third day of June in the year two thousand and four,
- the Republic of Estonia the eleventh day of December in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Hungary the twenty-second day of December in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Latvia the twelfth day of May in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Lithuania the sixth day of June in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Poland the fourteenth day of April in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Slovakia the thirtieth day of September in the year two thousand and three and
- the Republic of Slovenia the twenty-eighth day of July in the year two thousand and three.

D. Annual financing agreement 2003

The following AFAs 2003 were concluded between the European Commission representing the European Community and

- the Czech Republic the second day of July in the year two thousand and four,
- the Republic of Estonia the eleventh day of December in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Hungary the twenty-second day of December in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Latvia the first day of December in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Lithuania the fifteenth day of January in the year two thousand and four,
- the Republic of Poland the tenth day of June in the year two thousand and three,
- the Republic of Slovakia the twenty sixth day of December in the year two thousand and three and
- the Republic of Slovenia the eleventh day of November in the year two thousand and three.

ANNEX II

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT 2003
ALLOCATION BY COUNTRY**

(EUR)

Country	Amount
Czech Republic	23 923 565
Estonia	13 160 508
Hungary	41 263 079
Latvia	23 690 433
Lithuania	32 344 468
Poland	182 907 972
Slovakia	19 831 304
Slovenia	6 871 397
Total	343 992 726

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1420/2004**of 4 August 2004****determining the extent to which applications for import rights lodged in respect of the quota for frozen meat of bovine animals, provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1203/2004, can be accepted**

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 1203/2004 of 29 June 2004 opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for frozen meat of bovine animals covered by CN code 0202 and products covered by CN code 0206 29 91 (1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005) ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1203/2004 fixes at 53 000 tonnes the quantity of the quota in respect of which

Community importers can lodge an application for import rights based on the quantities of beef falling under CN code 0201, 0202, 0206 10 95 or 0206 29 91 imported by him/her or on his/her account under the relevant customs provisions, between 1 January 2003 and 30 April 2004. As the import rights applied for exceed the available quantity referred to in Article 1, a reduction coefficient should be fixed in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1203/2004,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Each application for import rights lodged in accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1203/2004 shall be accepted at a rate of 14,95821 % of the import rights applied for.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 5 August 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2004.

For the Commission

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Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 230, 30.6.2004, p. 27.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

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Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation

The Agreement between the European Community and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation, which the Council decided to conclude on 29 April 2004 ⁽¹⁾, entered into force on 1 June 2004, notification of the completion of the procedures referred to in Article 20 of the Agreement having been accomplished on 30 March 2004.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 97.

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Commission Decision 2004/344/EC of 23 March 2004 fixing the allocation of performance reserve by Member States for Community Structural Funds assistance under Objectives 1, 2 and 3 and the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance outside Objective 1**

(Official Journal of the European Union L 111 of 17 April 2004)

In Annex 1 'Objective 1 and Objective 1 transitional performance reserve amounts', the tables from page 43 to page 46 relating to Germany are replaced by the tables in Annex I to this corrigendum.

In Annex 2 'Objective 2 and Objective 2 transitional performance reserve amounts', the tables from page 61 to page 63 relating to Austria are replaced by the tables in Annex II to this corrigendum.

ANNEX I

‘Germany				
CCI No	Objective 1	Objective 1	Objective 1 transitional	Total
1999DE161PO001	East Berlin	0	29 433 000	29 433 000
	1. Support for competitiveness			1 000 000
	2. Improvement of infrastructure			679 000
	3. Environmental protection and improvement			0
	4. Action to create jobs and guarantee equality of opportunity			27 472 000
	5. Rural development			282 000
	6. Technical assistance			0
1999DE161PO002	Thuringia	125 000 000	0	125 000 000
	1. Promotion of business competitiveness especially for SMEs			27 000 000
	2. Infrastructural measures			45 100 000
	3. Protection and improvement of the environment			11 700 000
	4. Promotion of human resources and equal opportunities			16 000 000
	5. Promotion of rural development			23 000 000
	6. Technical assistance			2 200 000
1999DE161PO003	Programme for Sachsen-Anhalt	146 000 000	0	146 000 000
	1. Aid to enterprises			83 000 000
	2. Infrastructure development			0
	3. Environment			0
	4. Human resources			31 000 000
	5. Rural development			32 000 000
	6. Technical assistance			0
1999DE161PO004	Programme for Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	106 561 144	0	106 561 144
	1. Promotion of business competitiveness especially for SMEs			8 325 144
	2. Infrastructure			39 460 900
	3. Protection and improvement of the environment			32 575 200
	4. Promotion of human resources			24 710 000
	5. Rural development			0
	6. Technical assistance			1 489 900

1999DE161PO005	Brandenburg Objective 1 Programme	135 000 000	0	135 000 000
	1. Promotion of business competitiveness especially for SMEs			36 600 000
	2. Infrastructural measures			58 900 000
	3. Protection and improvement of the environment			0
	4. Promotion of human resources and equal opportunities			25 200 000
	5. Promotion of rural development			14 300 000
	6. Technical assistance			0
1999DE161PO006	Programme for Saxony	212 000 000	0	212 000 000
	1. Promotion of business competitiveness especially for SMEs			45 420 000
	2. Infrastructural measures			96 580 000
	3. Protection and improvement of the environment			70 000 000
	4. Promotion of human resources and equal opportunities			0
	5. Promotion of rural development			0
	6. Technical assistance			0
2000DE161PO001	Transport Infrastructure Objective 1 Programme	69 000 000	0	69 000 000
	1. Railway infrastructure			69 000 000
	2. Road infrastructure			0
	3. Waterway infrastructure			0
	4. Telematics and inter-modal transport			0
	5. Technical assistance			0
2000DE051PO007	Bund OP ESF	70 000 000	2 567 000	72 567 000
	1. Active and preventive labour market policies			36 067 902
	2. Society without exclusion			26 991 142
	3. Vocational and general education LLL (structures and systems)			0
	4. Adaptability and entrepreneurship			0
	5. Equal opportunities for men and women			9 507 956
	6. Local social capital			0
	7. Technical assistance			0

1999DE141PO001	Fisheries OP	3 438 856	0	3 438 856
	1. Adjustment of fishing effort			0
	2. Fleet renewal and modernisation			0
	3. Protection and development of aquatic resources, aquaculture, fishing, port facilities, processing, marketing and inland fishing			
	4. Other measures			3 438 856
	5. Technical assistance			0
Total Objective 1 Germany		867 000 000	32 000 000	899 000 000'

ANNEX II

Austria				
CCI No	Objective 2	Objective 2	Objective 2 transitional	Total
2000AT162DO001	Carinthia	3 473 000	314 000	3 787 000
	1. Commerce industry and production-related services			2 890 000
	2. Tourism and regional development			708 000
	3. Training and industry			189 000
	4. Technical assistance			0
2000AT162DO002	Lower Austria	6 712 000	1 088 000	7 800 000
	1. Mobilising endogenous potential for regional development business infrastructure and lead projects			4 102 000
	2. Developing business/industry innovation/technology			2 910 000
	3. Developing tourism and the leisure industry			788 000
	4. Technical assistance			0
2000AT162DO003	Upper Austria	4 088 000	1 205 000	5 293 000
	1. Business infrastructure			3 995 400
	2. Development of business industry services and tourism			1 057 600
	3. Sustainable regional economic development			240 000
	4. Technical assistance			0
2000AT162DO004	Salzburg	590 000	180 000	770 000
	1. Tourism and leisure			585 869
	2. Manufacturing sector and related services			184 131
	3. Cross sector regional development			0
	4. Technical assistance			0
2000AT162DO005	Vorarlberg	709 000	270 000	979 000
	1. Developing sustainable enterprises			270 000
	2. Developing competitive regions			709 000
	3. Technical assistance			0
2000AT162DO006	Steiermark	8 943 000	650 000	9 593 000
	1. The manufacturing and service sectors			4 058 000
	2. The information society			4 653 000
	3. Integrated regional development tourism and culture			777 000
	4. Employment and human resources			0
	5. Technical assistance			105 000

2000AT162DO007	Tyrol	1 672 000	293 000	1 965 000
	1. Aid to enterprises increasing the attractiveness of the region for businesses			0
	2. Tourism leisure and quality of life			1 965 000
	3. Innovative solutions for regional and environmental problems			0
	4. Technical assistance			0
2000AT162DO008	Vienna	813 000	0	813 000
	1. Developing the local urban structure			813 000
	2. Competitive business as the condition for job creation			0
	3. Society and human resources			0
	4. Technical assistance			0
		27 000 000	4 000 000	31 000 000'