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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 115/2006**of 23 January 2006****on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 18 January 2005 to 17 January 2011, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 in conjunction with Article 300(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles ⁽²⁾, the two parties conducted negotiations to determine the amendments or additions to be made to the Agreement at the end of the period of application of the Protocol thereto.
- (2) As a result of those negotiations, a new Protocol defining for the period 18 January 2005 to 17 January 2011 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in that Agreement was initialled on 23 September 2004.
- (3) It is in the Community's interest to approve that Protocol.
- (4) The scale for allocating the fishing opportunities among the Member States should be defined on the basis of the traditional allocation of fishing opportunities under the Fisheries Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Protocol setting out, for the period from 18 January 2005 to 17 January 2011, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the

European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Regulation ⁽³⁾.

Article 2

The fishing opportunities provided for in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

— tuna seiners:	Spain:	22 vessels
	France:	17 vessels
	Italy:	1 vessel
— surface longliners:	Spain:	2 vessels
	France:	5 vessels
	Portugal:	5 vessels

If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities laid down by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State.

Article 3

Member States whose vessels fish under the Protocol are obliged to notify the Commission of the quantities of each stock taken in the Seychelles fishing zone in accordance with the arrangements laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 500/2001 of 14 March 2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 on the monitoring of catches taken by Community fishing vessels in third-country waters and on the high seas ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of 15 December 2005 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 119, 7.5.1987, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 348, 30.12.2005, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 73, 15.3.2001, p. 8.

Article 4

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the persons empowered to sign the Protocol in order to bind the Community.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 23 January 2006.

For the Council
The President
J. PRÖLL

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 116/2006**of 24 January 2006****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 25 January 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

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to Commission Regulation of 24 January 2006 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	112,0
	204	54,8
	212	97,4
	624	120,2
	999	96,1
0707 00 05	052	136,4
	204	101,5
	999	119,0
0709 10 00	220	77,3
	999	77,3
0709 90 70	052	115,9
	204	136,2
	999	126,1
0805 10 20	052	51,0
	204	56,8
	212	50,0
	220	50,0
	624	58,5
	999	53,3
0805 20 10	204	77,7
	999	77,7
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	67,2
	204	100,4
	400	88,1
	464	148,0
	624	72,6
	662	32,0
	999	84,7
0805 50 10	052	44,9
	220	60,5
	999	52,7
0808 10 80	400	123,8
	404	102,3
	720	67,7
	999	97,9
0808 20 50	388	104,4
	400	80,2
	720	47,4
	999	77,3

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 750/2005 (OJ L 126, 19.5.2005, p. 12). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 117/2006**of 24 January 2006****opening a tendering procedure for the sale of wine alcohol for use as bioethanol in the Community**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 of 25 July 2000 laying down detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine with regard to market mechanisms ⁽²⁾ lays down, among other things, detailed rules for disposing of stocks of alcohol obtained from distillation under Articles 35, 36 and 39 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽³⁾ and referred to in Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and held by the intervention agencies.
- (2) A tendering procedure for the sale of wine alcohol for exclusive use as bioethanol in the fuel sector in the Community should be organised in accordance with Article 92 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 with a view to reducing Community stocks of wine alcohol and ensuring the continuity of supplies to firms approved under that Article.
- (3) Since 1 January 1999, in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro ⁽⁴⁾, the selling price and securities must be expressed, and payments made, in euro.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

Article 1

1. Tendering procedure No 4/2006 EC is hereby opened for the sale of wine alcohol for use as bioethanol in the Community.

The alcohol concerned has been produced from distillation under Articles 35 and 36 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 and Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and is held by the intervention agencies of the Member States.

2. The total volume put up for sale is 666 095,04 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol., broken down as follows:

- (a) one lot with the number 31/2006 EC for a quantity of 50 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (b) one lot with the number 32/2006 EC for a quantity of 100 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (c) one lot with the number 33/2006 EC for a quantity of 50 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (d) one lot with the number 34/2006 EC for a quantity of 100 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (e) one lot with the number 35/2006 EC for a quantity of 100 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (f) one lot with the number 36/2006 EC for a quantity of 50 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (g) one lot with the number 37/2006 EC for a quantity of 100 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (h) one lot with the number 38/2006 EC for a quantity of 100 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.;
- (i) one lot with the number 39/2006 EC for a quantity of 16 095,04 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2165/2005 (OJ L 345, 28.12.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 45. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1820/2005 (OJ L 293, 9.11.2005, p. 8).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1. Regulation repealed by Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.

3. The location and references of the vats making up the lots, the quantity of alcohol in each vat, the alcoholic strength and the characteristics of the alcohol are as set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

4. Only firms approved under Article 92 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 may take part in the tendering procedure.

Article 2

The sale shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 93, 94, 94b, 94c, 94d, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100 and 101 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98.

Article 3

1. Tenders shall be delivered to the intervention agencies holding the alcohol listed in Annex II or sent by registered mail to the address of the intervention agency.

2. Tenders shall be placed in a sealed double envelope, the inside envelope marked 'Tender under procedure No 4/2006 EC for use as bioethanol in the Community', the outer envelope bearing the address of the intervention agency concerned.

3. Tenders must reach the intervention agency concerned not later than 12 noon Brussels time on 1 March 2006.

Article 4

1. To be eligible for consideration, tenders must comply with Articles 94 and 97 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000.

2. To be eligible for consideration, when they are presented, tenders must be accompanied by:

(a) proof that a tendering security of EUR 4 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol. has been lodged with the intervention agency holding the alcohol concerned;

(b) the name and address of the tenderer, the reference number of the notice of invitation to tender and the price proposed, expressed in euro per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol.;

(c) an undertaking by tenderers that they will comply with all the rules applicable to this tendering procedure;

(d) a statement by tenderers to the effect that:

(i) they waive all claims in respect of the quality and characteristics of any alcohol awarded to them,

(ii) they agree to submit to any checks made on the destination and use made of the alcohol,

(iii) they accept that it is their responsibility to provide evidence that the alcohol is used as specified in the notice of invitation to tender in question.

Article 5

The notifications provided for in Article 94a of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 relating to the tendering procedure opened by this Regulation shall be sent to the Commission at the address given in Annex III to this Regulation.

Article 6

The formalities for sampling shall be as set out in Article 98 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000.

The intervention agency shall provide all the necessary information on the characteristics of the alcohol put up for sale.

On application to the intervention agency concerned, interested parties may obtain samples of the alcohol put up for sale, taken by a representative of the intervention agency concerned.

Article 7

1. The intervention agencies in the Member States in which the alcohol put up for sale is stored shall carry out appropriate checks to verify the nature of the alcohol at the time of end-use. To that end, they may:

(b) carry out checks on samples using nuclear magnetic resonance analysis to verify the nature of the alcohol at the time of end-use.

2. The costs of the checks referred to in paragraph 1 shall be borne by the firms to which the alcohol is sold.

Article 8

(a) apply Article 102 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 *mutatis mutandis*;

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 24 January 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Member State and lot number	Location	Vat No	Quantity in hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.	Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 (Article)	Regulation (EC) No 822/87 (Article)	Type of alcohol
Spain Lot No 31/2006 EC	Tarancón	C-5	24 831	30		raw
		C-6	25 169	30		raw
	Total		50 000			
Spain Lot No 32/2006 EC	Tarancón	C-1	25 117	27		raw
		C-2	24 998	27		
		D-3	25 159	27		
		D-4	24 726	27		raw
	Total		100 000			
France Lot No 33/2006 EC	Onivins — Longuefuye 53200 Longuefuye	10	22 420	28		raw
		12	22 440	28		raw
		18	5 140	28		raw
	Total		50 000			
France Lot No 34/2006 EC	Onivins — Port-La-Nouvelle Entrepôt d'alcool Av. Adolphe Turrel, BP 62 11210 Port-La-Nouvelle	10	7 205	27		raw
		9	22 280	27		raw
		26	12 370	30		raw
		25	12 245	27		raw
		24	12 515	27		raw
		23	780	28		raw
		23	11 340	30		raw
		23	140	30		raw
		22	11 090	28		raw
		22	1 330	30		raw
		36	8 705	27		raw
	Total		100 000			
France Lot No 35/2006 EC	Deulep — PSL 13230 Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône Deulep Bld Chanzy 30800 Saint-Gilles-du-Gard	B1	42 640	27		raw
		72	38 690	30		raw
		72	6 890	30		raw
		72	470	27		raw
		73	11 310	30		raw
	Total		100 000			

Member State and lot number	Location	Vat No	Quantity in hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.	Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 (Article)	Regulation (EC) No 822/87 (Article)	Type of alcohol
Italy Lot No 36/2006 EC	Bertolino — Partinico (PA)	3A-33A-34A	27 100	27 + 30		raw
	Trapas — Petrosine (TP)	20A	8 500	30		raw
	Enodistil	22A	2 700	30		raw
	S.V.M. — Sciacca (AG)	4A-30A-32A-35A	2 200	27		raw
	GE.DIS — Marsala (TP)	88-10B	9 500	30		raw
	Total		50 000			
Italy Lot No 37/2006 EC	S.V.A. — Ortona (CH)	20A	2 000	27		raw
	Bonollo — Paduni-Anagni (FR)	15A-35A-49A-51A	35 000	27 + 30		raw
	Deta — Barberino Val d'Elsa (FI)	5A	1 500	27		raw
	Balice Distill. — San Bastilio Motolla (TA)	2A	1 000	27		raw
	D'Auria — Ortona (CH)	17A-19A-21A-22A-41A	12 000	27		raw
	De Luca — Novoli (LE)	7A-16A	9 950,62	27		raw
	Di Lorenzo — Ponte Valleceppi (PG)	26A	6 929,30	30		raw
	Di Lorenzo — Pontenuovo di Torgiano (PG)	1B		27		raw
	Balice S.n.c. — Valenano (BA)	11A-46A-49A-50A-51A	14 500	27		raw
	D.C.A. — Ascoli Piceno (AP)	101-81-17-103-44	1 306,93		35 + 36	raw/neutral
	Distill. Del Sud — Rutigliano	18 + 23 + 36 + 72 + 73	7 242,45		36	neutral
	Caviro — Carapelle (FG)	5C	8 570,70	27		raw
	Total		100 000			
Italy Lot No 38/2006 EC	Caviro — Faenza (RA)	3A-12A-13A-14A	25 429,30	27 + 30		raw
	Di Lorenzo — Pontenuovo di Torgiano (PG)	1B	8 570,70	27		raw
	Mazzari — S.Agata sul Santerno (RA)	5A-6A	34 000	27		raw
	Dister — Faenza (RA)	121A-124A	7 000	27 + 30		raw
	I.C.V. — Borgoricco (PD)	5A	2 000	27		raw
	Tampieri — Faenza (RA)	15A-17A-18A-19A	3 000	27		raw
	Villapana — Faenza (RA)	6A-8A	11 000	27		raw
	Cipriani — Chizzola di Ala	2A-3A-24A-30A	9 000	27		raw
	Total		100 000			

Member State and lot number	Location	Vat No	Quantity in hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.	Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 (Article)	Regulation (EC) No 822/87 (Article)	Type of alcohol
Hungary Lot No 39/2006 EC	Miskolci Likőrgyár Rt. 3527 Miskolc, Vitéz u. 13. Hrsz.: 4686/5, 4686/2	I/3	129,11	27		raw
		I/4	139,57	27		raw
		I/5	136,19	27		raw
		I/6	136,84	27		raw
		I/7	123,37	27		raw
		I/8	140,10	27		raw
		I/9	136,15	27		raw
		I/10	137,61	27		raw
		I/11	123,42	27		raw
		I/12	137,57	27		raw
		III/31	129,11	27		raw
		III/32	129,11	27		raw
		III/33	129,11	27		raw
		III/34	129,11	27		raw
	Tokaj Kereskedőház Rt. 3934 Tolcsva, Petőfi Sándor u. 32. Hrsz.: 142/1	2214440	4 819,02	27		raw
		2214450	3 962,76	27		raw
	Tokaj Kereskedőház Rt. 3943 Bodrogolaszi, Ország út 19. Hrsz.: 196-198, 200-202	SZ/I	1 832,10	27		raw
		SZ/II	1 842,46	27		raw
		SZ/III	1 782,33	27		raw
	Total		16 095,04			

ANNEX II**Intervention agencies holding the alcohol referred to in article 3**

Onivins-Libourne — Délégation nationale, 17 avenue de la Ballastière, BP 231, F-33505 Libourne Cedex (Tel. (33) 557 55 20 00; telex 57 20 25; Fax (33) 557 55 20 59)

FEGA — Beneficencia, 8, E-28004 Madrid (Tel. (34) 913 47 64 66; Fax (34) 913 47 64 65)

AGEA — Via Torino, 45, I-00184 Roma (Tel. (39-06) 49 49 97 14; Fax (39-06) 49 49 97 61)

Mezőgazdasági és Vidékfejlesztési Hivatal — H-1385 Budapest, 62, Pf. 867 (Tel. (36) 1-219 45 14; Fax (36) 1-219 45 11, (36) 1-219 45 12).

ANNEX III

Address referred to in article 5

European Commission
Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Unit D-2
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels
Fax (32-2) 298 55 28
E-mail address: agri-market-tenders@cec.eu.int

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 118/2006**of 24 January 2006****fixing the standard fee per farm return for the 2006 accounting year of the farm accountancy data network**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 79/65/EEC of 15 June 1965 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1915/83 of 13 July 1983 on certain detailed implementing rules concerning the keeping of accounts for the purpose of determining the incomes of agricultural holdings ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1915/83 provides that a standard fee shall be paid by the Commission to the Member States for each duly completed farm returns forwarded to it within the period prescribed in Article 3 of that Regulation.

- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2189/2004 ⁽³⁾ fixed the amount of the standard fee for the 2005 accounting year at EUR 142 per farm return. The trend in costs and its effects on the costs of completing the farm return justify a revision of the fee.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Community Committee for the Farm Accountancy Data Network,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard fee provided for in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1915/83 shall be fixed at EUR 145.

Article 2

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

It shall apply for the 2006 accounting year.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 109, 23.6.1965, p. 1859/65. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 660/2004 (OJ L 104, 8.4.2004, p. 97).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 190, 14.7.1983, p. 25. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1192/2005 (OJ L 194, 26.7.2005, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 373, 21.12.2004, p. 20.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 119/2006**of 24 January 2006****fixing the definitive rate of refund and the percentage of system B export licences to be issued in the fruit and vegetables sector (tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes and apples)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001 of 8 October 2001 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6(7) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1702/2005 ⁽³⁾ fixed the indicative quantities for the issue of B system export licences.

(2) The definitive rate of refund for tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes and apples covered by licences applied for under system B between 16 November 2005 and 16 January 2006, should be fixed at the indicative rate, and the percentage of licences to be issued for the quantities applied for should be laid down,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For applications for system B export licences submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1702/2005 between 16 November 2005 and 16 January 2006, the percentages of licences to be issued and the rates of refund applicable are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 26 January 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 (OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 268, 9.10.2001, p. 8. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 273, 19.10.2005, p. 9.

ANNEX

Percentages for the issuing of licences and rates of refund applicable to system B licences applied for between 16 November 2005 to 16 January 2006 (tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes and apples)

Product	Rate of refund (EUR/t net)	Percentages of licences to be issued for the quan- tities applied for
Tomatoes	30	100 %
Oranges	38	100 %
Lemons	60	100 %
Table grapes	22	100 %
Apples	35	100 %

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 120/2006**of 24 January 2006****amending the representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the sugar sector fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1011/2005 for the 2005/2006 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾,

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 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second sentence of the second subparagraph of Article 1(2), and Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The representative prices and additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups for the 2005/2006 marketing year are fixed by

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1011/2005 ⁽³⁾. These prices and duties were last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 111/2006 ⁽⁴⁾.

- (2) The data currently available to the Commission indicate that the said amounts should be changed in accordance with the rules and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95,

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, as fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1011/2005 for the 2005/2006 marketing year are hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 25 January 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 (OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 170, 1.7.2005, p. 35.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 19, 24.1.2006, p. 4.

ANNEX

Amended representative prices and additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99 applicable from 25 January 2006

(EUR)

CN code	Representative price per 100 kg of the product concerned	Additional duty per 100 kg of the product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	34,28	1,00
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	34,28	4,62
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	34,28	0,87
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	34,28	4,32
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	32,27	9,10
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	32,27	4,66
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	32,27	4,66
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,32	0,34

⁽¹⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.II to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 (OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.I to Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001.

⁽³⁾ Fixed per 1 % sucrose content.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 January 2006

adjusting the weightings applicable from 1 February, 1 March, 1 April, 1 May and 1 June 2005 to the remuneration of officials, temporary staff and contract staff of the European Communities serving in third countries and of certain officials remaining in post in the 10 new Member States for a maximum period of 15 months after accession (Article 33(4) of the Treaty of Accession of the 10 new Member States)

(2006/32/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the conditions of employment of other servants of the Communities laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 13 of Annex X thereto,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of the 10 new Member States, and in particular Article 33(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 13 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations, the weightings to be applied from 1 July 2004 to the remuneration of officials, contract staff and temporary staff of the European Communities serving in third countries payable in the currency of their country of employment were last laid down by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 257/2005 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Some of these weightings need to be adjusted in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 13 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations, with effect from 1 February, 1 March, 1 April, 1 May and 1 June 2005, since the statistics available to the Commission show that in certain third countries the variation in the cost

of living measured on the basis of the weighting and the corresponding exchange rate has exceeded 5 % since weightings were last laid down or adjusted,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

With effect from 1 February, 1 March, 1 April, 1 May and 1 June 2005, the weightings applied to the remuneration of officials, temporary staff and contract staff of the European Communities serving in third countries and of certain officials remaining in post in the 10 new Member States for a maximum period of 15 months after accession, payable in the currency of the country of employment, shall be adjusted as shown in the Annex hereto.

The exchange rates used for the calculation of this remuneration shall be established in accordance with the rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation and shall correspond to the date of application of the weightings.

Done at Brussels, 16 January 2006.

For the Commission

Benita FERRERO-WALDNER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2104/2005 (OJ L 337, 22.12.2005, p. 7).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 46, 17.2.2005, p. 1.

ANNEX

Place of employment	Weightings February 2005
Bolivia	46,6
Dominican Republic	76,7
Eritrea	45,0
Gambia	43,0
Georgia	90,2
Guinea	71,7
Kenya	72,5
Madagascar	70,5
Malawi	70,7
Pakistan	47,5
Philippines	46,8
Rwanda	78,2
Saudi Arabia	81,0
Serbia and Montenegro	59,4
Sri Lanka	54,4
Sudan	39,3
Turkey	86,0
Vietnam	49,7
Zambia	46,9
Zimbabwe	65,5

Place of employment	Weightings March 2005
Angola	108,6
Central African Republic	115,4
Egypt	50,8
Nicaragua	61,7
Nigeria	74,9
Paraguay	57,6
South Korea	100,3
Syria	63,1

Place of employment	Weightings April 2005
Bangladesh	49,9
Barbados	111,4
Benin	92,8
Eritrea	46,1
Ethiopia	66,2
Fiji	74,5
Lesotho	71,8
Malawi	72,9
Mauritania	65,1
Syria	64,4
Zimbabwe	69,4

Place of employment	Weightings May 2005
Brazil	65,9
Burkina Faso	86,6
Costa Rica	66,9
Cuba	88,6
Gambia	46,7
Guinea	60,5
Guyana	57,1
Haiti	91,9
Laos	71,1
Madagascar	71,1
Nepal	68,0
Niger	93,0
Nigeria	79,8
Pakistan	50,1
Sierra Leone	68,5
Slovenia	78,2
Swaziland	71,3
Zimbabwe	74,8

Place of employment	Weightings June 2005
Ethiopia	75,5
Indonesia	75,9
Kenya	81,4
Solomon Islands	82,1
Venezuela	58,0
Zimbabwe	60,5

COMMISSION DECISION**of 20 January 2006****establishing a high-level advisory group on social integration of ethnic minorities and their full participation in the labour market**

(2006/33/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

*Article 2***Task**

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

The group's task will be:

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of the Treaty establishing the European Community confers powers on the Community to take appropriate action to combat discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

— to analyse how to achieve better social integration of ethnic minorities and their full participation in the labour market within the European Union,

(2) Pursuant to the Communication from the Commission entitled 'Non-discrimination and equal opportunities for all' ⁽¹⁾ adopted on 1 June 2005, which highlights the need for the European Union to develop a coherent and effective approach to the social integration of ethnic minorities and their full participation in the labour market, the Commission wishes to draw on the expertise of specialists meeting in an advisory group.

— to submit, before the end of the '2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All', a report containing recommendations on the policies to be implemented in this connection.

The group will build on good practice in this field, and will focus more particularly on the following questions:

(3) The group should contribute to developing a coherent and effective approach to the social integration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities and their full participation in the labour market.

— the socioeconomic situation of ethnic minorities in today's European Union,

(4) The group should comprise experts from civil society, the world of research, business, the national and local authorities, as well as ethnic minorities and other stakeholders. It should be balanced, particularly in terms of geographical origin, gender, ethnic origin, and area of activity and expertise,

— the different situations and needs of minority groups, including recent migrants, established ethnic minorities, national minorities, the Roma and stateless persons,

— the impact of multiple discrimination and the influence of factors such as age, sex, disability and religion, as well as the impact of geographical isolation and level of education,

— the contribution of European Union policies and programmes to social integration of ethnic minorities and their full participation in the labour market,

— the impact of future developments, including possible new waves of accessions to the European Union (Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, western Balkans).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Chairman of the group may indicate to the Commission when it would be advisable to consult the group on a specific question.

Article 1

The Commission hereby establishes a high-level advisory group on social integration of ethnic minorities and their full participation in the labour market, hereinafter called 'the group'.

*Article 3***Composition — Appointment**

1. The members of the group shall be appointed by the Commission from among specialists with knowledge of the fields referred to in Article 2.

⁽¹⁾ COM(2005) 224 final.

2. The group shall comprise a maximum of 10 members.

3. The following provisions shall apply:

- members shall be appointed in a personal capacity and be required to advise the Commission independently of any outside influence,
- members of the group shall remain in office until such time as they are replaced or their mandate runs out,
- members who are no longer able to contribute effectively to the group's deliberations, who resign or who do not respect the conditions set out in the first or second point of this Article or Article 287 of the Treaty establishing the European Community may be replaced for the remaining period of their mandate,
- members shall each year sign an undertaking to act in the public interest and a declaration indicating the absence of any interest which may undermine their objectivity,
- the names of members appointed individually shall be published on the Internet site of the Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG and in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, series C. The names of members shall be collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ on the protection and processing of personal data.

Article 4

Operation

1. The Commission shall appoint the Chairman of the group.
2. The Commission's representative may ask experts or observers with specific competence on a subject on the agenda to participate in the group's deliberations where appropriate and/or necessary.
3. Information obtained by participating in the group's deliberations may not be divulged where the Commission states that this relates to confidential matters.

4. The group shall normally meet on Commission premises in accordance with the procedures and schedule established by it. The Commission shall provide secretarial services. Other Commission officials with an interest in the proceedings may attend these meetings.

5. The group shall adopt its rules of procedure on the basis of the standard rules of procedure adopted by the Commission ⁽²⁾.

6. The Commission may publish on the Internet, in the original language of the document concerned, any résumé, conclusion, partial conclusion or working document of the group.

Article 5

Meeting expenses

The Commission shall reimburse travel and, where appropriate, subsistence expenses for members, experts and observers in connection with the group's activities in accordance with the provisions in force at the Commission. The members shall not be paid for their duties.

Meeting expenses shall be reimbursed within the limits of the appropriations allocated to the departments concerned under the annual procedure for allocating resources.

Article 6

Entry into force

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. It shall be applicable until 31 December 2007. The Commission shall decide on a possible extension before that date.

Done at Brussels, 20 January 2006.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 38, 6.2.2001, p. 3.