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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1378/2006
of 19 September 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 20 September 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc 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 19 September 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	76,1
	096	39,6
	999	57,9
0707 00 05	052	96,6
	999	96,6
0709 90 70	052	95,7
	999	95,7
0805 50 10	388	63,1
	524	46,9
	528	53,3
	999	54,4
0806 10 10	052	77,0
	220	32,1
	400	151,9
	624	145,3
	999	101,6
0808 10 80	388	89,4
	400	92,1
	508	80,3
	512	94,4
	528	74,1
	720	82,6
	800	159,5
	804	92,0
0808 20 50	999	95,6
	052	118,0
	388	85,9
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	999	102,0
	052	122,5
0809 40 05	999	122,5
	052	115,5
	066	74,0
	098	29,3
	624	134,6
	999	88,4

⁽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 1379/2006**of 18 September 2006****prohibiting fishing for greater forkbeard in ICES zones VIII and IX (Community waters and international waters) by vessels flying the flag of Portugal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 26(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2270/2004 of 22 December 2004 fixing for 2005 and 2006 the fishing opportunities for Community fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks ⁽³⁾ lays down quotas for 2005 and 2006.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2006.

- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

*Article 3***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 18 September 2006.

For the Commission

Jörgen HOLMQUIST

Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 (OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 396, 31.12.2004, p. 4. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 742/2006 (OJ L 130, 18.5.2006, p. 7).

ANNEX

No	25
Member State	PORTUGAL
Stock	GFB/89-
Species	Greater forkbeard (<i>Phycis blennoides</i>)
Zones	VIII and IX (Community waters and international waters)
Date	8 August 2006

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1380/2006

of 19 September 2006

on import licences in respect of beef and veal products originating in Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia

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 Council Regulation (EC) No 2286/2002 of 10 December 2002 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2247/2003 of 19 December 2003 laying down detailed rules for the application in the beef and veal sector of Council Regulation (EC) No 2286/2002 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2247/2003 provides for the possibility of issuing import licences for beef and veal products originating in Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia. However, imports must take place within the limits of the quantities specified for each of these exporting non-member countries.
- (2) The applications for import licences submitted between 1 to 10 September 2006, expressed in terms of boned meat, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2247/2003, do not exceed, in respect of products originating from Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia, the quantities available from those States. It is therefore possible to issue import licences in respect of the quantities applied for.

- (3) The quantities in respect of which licences may be applied for from 1 October 2006 should be fixed within the scope of the total quantity of 52 100 t.

- (4) This Regulation is without prejudice 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 ⁽⁴⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Member States shall issue on 21 September 2006 import licences for beef and veal products, expressed as boned meat, originating in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific States, in respect of the following quantities and countries of origin:

Germany:

- 100 t originating in Botswana,
- 360 t originating in Namibia;

United Kingdom:

- 500 t originating in Botswana,
- 300 t originating in Namibia.

Article 2

Licence applications may be submitted, pursuant to Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2247/2003, during the first 10 days of October 2006 for the following quantities of boned beef and veal:

Botswana:	14 359 t,
Kenya:	142 t,
Madagascar:	7 579 t,
Swaziland:	3 363 t,
Zimbabwe:	9 100 t,
Namibia:	7 492 t.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 September 2006.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 333, 20.12.2003, p. 37. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1118/2004 (OJ L 217, 17.6.2004, p. 10).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36).

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

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1381/2006**of 19 September 2006****amending the representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the sugar sector fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1002/2006 for the 2006/2007 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 of 20 February 2006 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2006 of 30 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 as regards trade with third countries in the sugar sector ⁽²⁾, and in particular of the Article 36,

Whereas:

- (1) The representative prices and additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups

for the 2006/2007 marketing year are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1002/2006 ⁽³⁾. These prices and duties have been last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1357/2006 ⁽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 951/2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 36 of Regulation (EC) No 951/2006, as fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1002/2006 for the 2006/2007 marketing year are hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 September 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 55, 28.2.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 178, 1.7.2006, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 178, 1.7.2006, p. 36.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 252, 15.9.2006, p. 11.

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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 20 September 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⁾	24,53	4,03
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	24,53	9,27
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	24,53	3,84
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	24,53	8,84
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	31,97	9,25
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	31,97	4,75
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	31,97	4,75
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,32	0,34

⁽¹⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.III to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 (OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.II to Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.

⁽³⁾ Fixed per 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1382/2006**of 19 September 2006****establishing a prohibition of fishing for redfish in ICES zone V, XII, XIV (EC and international waters) by vessels flying the flag of Latvia**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 26(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to common fisheries policy ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 of 22 December 2005 fixing for 2006 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required ⁽³⁾, lays down quotas for 2006.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2006.

- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2006 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

*Article 3***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 September 2006.

For the Commission

Jörgen HOLMQUIST

Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 (OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 16, 20.1.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1267/2006 (OJ L 230, 24.8.2006 p. 4).

ANNEX

No	27
Member State	Latvia
Stock	RED/51214.
Species	Redfish (<i>Sebastes spp.</i>)
Zone	EC and international waters of V, XII, XIV
Date	30 August 2006

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1383/2006**of 19 September 2006****establishing a prohibition of fishing for tusk in ICES zone IV (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of the United Kingdom**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 26(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to common fisheries policy ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 of 22 December 2005 fixing for 2006 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required ⁽³⁾, lays down quotas for 2006.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2006.

- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2006 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

*Article 3***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 September 2006.

For the Commission

Jörgen HOLMQUIST

Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 (OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 16, 20.1.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1262/2006 (OJ L 230, 24.8.2006, p. 4).

ANNEX

No	28
Member State	The United Kingdom
Stock	USK/04-N.
Species	Tusk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>)
Zone	IV (Norwegian waters)
Date	3 August 2006

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 11 July 2006

abrogating Decision 2005/184/EC on the existence of an excessive deficit in Cyprus

(2006/627/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 104(12) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas:

be brought to a halt in 2004 and reversed thereafter. The Council invited the Cypriot authorities to ensure that budgetary consolidation towards the medium-term objective (MTO) be sustained after the excessive deficit has been corrected.

(1) By Decision 2005/184/EC⁽¹⁾, following a recommendation from the Commission in accordance with Article 104(6) of the Treaty, it was decided that an excessive deficit existed in Cyprus.

(2) In accordance with Article 104(7) of the Treaty and Article 3(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97 of 7 July 1997 on speeding up and clarifying the implementation of the excessive deficit procedure⁽²⁾, the Council made a recommendation on 5 July 2004 addressed to Cyprus with a view to bringing the excessive deficit situation to an end by 2005 at the latest. The recommendation was made public. Specifically, it was recommended that the measures envisaged in the May 2004 convergence programme be implemented with vigour; in particular, that effective action be taken by 5 November 2004 in order to bring the deficit below 3 % of GDP in 2005 in a credible and sustainable manner. The Council also recommended ensuring that the rise in the debt ratio

(3) In accordance with Article 104(12) of the Treaty, a Council Decision on the existence of an excessive deficit is to be abrogated when the excessive deficit in the Member State concerned has, in the view of the Council, been corrected.

(4) In accordance with the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty, the Commission provides the data for the implementation of the procedure. As part of the application of that Protocol, Member States are to provide data on government deficits and debt and other associated variables twice a year, namely before 1 April and before 1 October, in accordance with Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 of 22 November 1993 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community⁽³⁾.

(5) Based on data provided by the Commission (Eurostat) in accordance with Article 8g of Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 following the notification by Cyprus before 1 April 2006 and on the Commission services' Spring 2006 forecast, the following conclusions are warranted:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 6. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1056/2005 (OJ L 174, 7.7.2005, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 332, 31.12.1993, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2103/2005 (OJ L 337, 22.12.2005, p. 1).

— the general government deficit was reduced from 4,1 % of GDP in 2004 to 2,4 % of GDP in 2005, which is below the 3 % of GDP deficit reference value. This compares with a target of 2,9 % of GDP set in the May 2004 update of the convergence programme and with the 2,5 % target of the latest Convergence Programme update of December 2005. The reduction below the reference value in 2005 is in line with the recommendation under Article 104(7) of the Treaty. Fiscal adjustment was pursued in 2005 through both revenue increases and expenditure restraint. Although some one-off measures helped reduce the deficit, the budgetary consolidation in Cyprus was achieved mainly through structural measures. The structural deficit (the cyclically adjusted deficit net of one-off and other temporary measures) fell to 3 % of GDP, compared to almost 5 % and 8 % of GDP in 2004 and 2003 respectively,

— for 2006, the Commission services' spring 2006 forecast projects the deficit to be reduced further, to 2,25 % of GDP, largely through measures of a structural nature. This is slightly above the official deficit target of 1,9 % of GDP set in the December 2005 update of the convergence programme. For 2007, the spring forecast projects, on a no-policy-change basis, a further decline in the deficit to 2 % of GDP. This suggests that the deficit has been brought below the 3 % of GDP ceiling in a credible and sustainable manner, as required by the recommendation under Article 104(7),

— Government debt declined from 71,75 % of GDP in 2004 to 70,25 % in 2005. According to the Commission services' spring 2006 forecast, the debt ratio is projected to fall further to around 69 % and 68 % of GDP in 2006 and 2007 respectively. The pace of debt reduction towards the 60 % of GDP reference value is in line with the recommendation under Article 104(7).

- (6) According to the Council opinion of 14 March 2006 on the updated convergence programme of Cyprus, 2005 to

2009, the measures planned by the Cypriot authorities over the programme period would bring the structural deficit to about 0,5 % of GDP by 2009, which is considered the medium-term objective chosen by the Cypriot authorities. Based on the estimated outturn for 2005 and taking account of the balance of risks to the budgetary targets, the budgetary stance in the programme seems sufficient to ensure that the programme's MTO is almost reached by 2009, as envisaged in the programme. In the years following the correction of the excessive deficit, the pace of adjustment towards the programme's MTO implied by the programme is broadly in line with the Stability and Growth Pact.

- (7) Decision 2005/184/EC should therefore be abrogated,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

From an overall assessment it follows that the excessive deficit situation in Cyprus has been corrected.

Article 2

Decision 2005/184/EC is hereby abrogated.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2006.

For the Council

The President

E. HEINÄLUOMA

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 July 2006

fixing the date of application of Article 1(4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism

(2006/628/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 of 29 April 2004 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism ⁽¹⁾, and in particular to Article 2(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 specifies that the Regulation shall apply from a date to be fixed by the Council, as soon as the necessary preconditions have been fulfilled, and that the Council may decide to set different dates for the application of different provisions.
- (2) The preconditions mentioned in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 have been fulfilled in respect of Article 1(4) and (5) thereof.
- (3) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement signed between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, which falls within the area referred to in Article 1, point G of Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and

the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* ⁽²⁾, read in conjunction with Articles 4(1) of Council Decision 2004/849/EC ⁽³⁾ and Council Decision 2004/860/EC ⁽⁴⁾ both of 25 October 2004 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, and on the provisional application of certain provisions of the said Agreement with the Swiss Confederation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 1(4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 shall apply from 1 November 2006.

Article 2

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

It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2006.

For the Council
The President
K. RAJAMÄKI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 162, 30.4.2004, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 368, 15.12.2004, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 370, 17.12.2004, p. 78.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 15 September 2006
appointing a Lithuanian member of the Committee of the Regions
(2006/629/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Lithuanian Government,

Whereas:

(1) On 24 January 2006 the Council adopted Decision 2006/116/EC ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2006 to 25 January 2010.

(2) A seat as a member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the mandate of Ms Virginija LUKOŠIENĖ,

Article 1

Stasė SKUTULIENĖ, member of Šilutė District Municipality Council is hereby appointed a member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Ms Virginija LUKOŠIENĖ for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 15 September 2006.

For the Council
The President
E. TUOMIOJA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 15 September 2006
appointing three Danish members and five Danish alternate members to the Committee of the Regions
(2006/630/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposals from the Danish Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 January 2006 the Council adopted Decision 2006/116/EC ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2006 to 25 January 2010.
- (2) Three seats of members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignations of Mr Laust Grove VEJLSTRUP, Mr Johnny SØTRUP and Mrs Tove LARSEN. Three seats of alternate members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignations of Mr Sonny BERTHOLD, Mr Niels LARSEN and Mr Mads LEBECH. Two seats of alternate members of the Committee of the Regions will become vacant following the appointment as members of Mr Per Bødker ANDERSEN and Mrs Eva NEJSTGAARD, currently alternate members,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010:

(a) as members:

- Mr Per Bødker ANDERSEN, Borgmester, Kolding Kommune, in place of Mr Laust Grove VEJLSTRUP,

— Mr Bo ANDERSEN, Borgmester, Ringe Kommune, in place of Mr Johnny SØTRUP,

— Mrs Eva NEJSTGAARD, Borgmester, Allerød Kommune, in place of Mrs Tove LARSEN;

(b) as alternate members:

— Mrs Anna Margrethe KAALUND, Borgmester, Tjele Kommune, in place of Mr Sonny BERTHOLD,

— Mrs Mona HEIBERG, Medlem af Københavns Borgerrepræsentation, in place of Mr Per Bødker ANDERSEN,

— Mr Jens Christian GJESSING, Borgmester, Haderslev Kommune, in place of Mrs Eva NEJSTGAARD,

— Mr Jens Arne HEDEGAARD, Borgmester, Brønderslev Kommune, in place of Mr Niels LARSEN,

— Mr Bjørn DAHL, Borgmester, Roskilde Kommune, in place of Mr Mads LEBECH.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 15 September 2006.

For the Council
The President
E. TUOMIOJA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

(Acts adopted under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL DECISION 2006/631/JHA

of 24 July 2006

fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/211/JHA of 24 February 2005 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(4) of Decision 2005/211/JHA specifies that certain provisions of Article 1 of that Decision shall take effect from a date to be fixed by the Council, as soon as the necessary preconditions have been fulfilled, and that the Council may decide to fix different dates concerning the taking effect of those provisions.
- (2) The preconditions mentioned in said Article 2(4) have been fulfilled in respect of Article 1(9) (new Articles 101A and 101B) of Decision 2005/211/JHA.
- (3) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement signed between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, which falls within the area referred to in Article 1, point G of Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway

concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* ⁽²⁾, read in conjunction with Article 4(1) of Council Decision 2004/849/EC ⁽³⁾ and Council Decision 2004/860/EC ⁽⁴⁾ both of 25 October 2004 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, and on the provisional application of certain provisions of the said Agreement with the Swiss Confederation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 1(9) (new Articles 101A and 101B) of Decision 2005/211/JHA shall apply from 1 October 2006.

Article 2

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

It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2006.

For the Council
The President
K. RAJAMÄKI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 68, 15.3.2005, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 368, 15.12.2004, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 370, 17.12.2004, p. 78.