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REGULATIONS

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1318/2007

of 9 November 2007

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 10 November 2007.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2007.

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 756/2007 (OJ L 172, 30.6.2007, p. 41).

ANNEX

to Commission Regulation of 9 November 2007 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	MA	75,0
	MK	46,6
	TR	74,3
	ZZ	65,3
0707 00 05	JO	196,3
	MA	247,0
	MK	70,4
	TR	103,9
	ZZ	154,4
0709 90 70	MA	74,1
	TR	105,9
	ZZ	90,0
0805 20 10	MA	93,3
	ZZ	93,3
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	HR	39,1
	IL	67,9
	TR	77,0
	UY	94,2
	ZZ	69,6
0805 50 10	AR	62,8
	TR	92,2
	ZA	62,4
	ZZ	72,5
0806 10 10	BR	241,5
	TR	117,1
	US	291,2
	ZZ	216,6
0808 10 80	AR	80,9
	AU	183,7
	CA	110,6
	CL	86,0
	MK	31,5
	US	99,6
	ZA	86,5
0808 20 50	ZZ	97,0
	AR	49,3
	CN	75,7
	TR	139,6
	ZZ	88,2

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1319/2007**of 9 November 2007****amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 as regards use of feed from parcels in their first year of conversion to organic farming**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second indent of Article 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 provides for livestock to be fed primarily with feed grown on the holding itself and a wide use of pasturage for herbivores. In order to comply with that requirement, organic farmers enlarge their holdings in particular by purchasing or renting pasture and perennial forage parcels.
- (2) In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 purchased and rented non-organic land has to pass through a conversion period before becoming organic. Further, feedingstuffs obtained during the first year of conversion are not considered to be in-conversion feedingstuffs, nor can they be sold easily for use in conventional farming, as there is a very limited market for such non-organic perennial forage.
- (3) The use of non-organically produced feedingstuffs for herbivores will be incompatible with Annex I, Part B, point 4.8(a), of Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 after 31 December 2007. Any requirement to continue grazing to use land purchased or rented for the holding itself during its first year of conversion to organic farming will become difficult to fulfil after that date.
- (4) It is therefore necessary to allow the inclusion of a certain percentage of feed obtained from first year in-conversion parcels in the feed formula of rations.

- (5) Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up by Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Part B of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91, point 4.4 is replaced by the following:

‘4.4. Until 31 December 2008, up to 50 % of the feed formula of rations on average may comprise in-conversion feedingstuffs. When the in-conversion feedingstuffs come from a unit of the holding itself, this percentage may be increased to 80 %.

As from 1 January 2009, up to 30 % of the feed formula of rations on average may comprise in-conversion feedingstuffs. When the in-conversion feedingstuffs come from a unit of the holding itself, this percentage may be increased to 60 %.

Up to 20 % of the total average amount of feedingstuffs fed to the livestock may originate from the grazing or harvesting of permanent pastures or perennial forage parcels in their first year of conversion, provided that they are part of the holding itself and have not been part of an organic production unit of that holding in the last five years. When both in-conversion feedingstuffs and feedingstuffs from parcels in their first year of conversion are being used, the total combined percentage of such feedingstuffs shall not exceed the maximum percentages fixed in the first and second paragraphs.

These figures shall be calculated annually as a percentage of the dry matter of feedingstuffs of agricultural origin.’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 198, 22.7.1991, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 807/2007 (OJ L 181, 11.7.2007, p. 10).

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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2007.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

II

(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is not obligatory)

DECISIONS

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 October 2007

on the granting of an emergency State aid by the authorities of Romania to mitigate the consequences of drought in 2006/2007 in the agricultural sector

(2007/722/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

accelerated water evaporation caused by higher than average temperatures during winter 2006-2007 and spring 2007.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 88(2), third subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Government of Romania on 25 July 2007,

Whereas:

(1) On 25 July 2007, Romania presented to the Council a request for a decision in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 88(2) of the Treaty, declaring that the plan of Romania to grant national aid to Romanian farmers hit by extreme drought in order to allow them to restart the production cycle is compatible with the common market.

(2) Romania has faced the most severe and longest drought in the last 60 years, due to rainfall deficit in winter 2006/2007 and spring 2007 (less than 350 mm/m² from 1 September 2006 to 31 May 2007) and extremely high temperatures in the summer of 2007.

(3) Before the long-lasting spell of dry weather in the summer of 2007, water reserves in the soil had already strongly decreased in large parts of Romania, due to

(4) According to the assessment of the impact on spring and autumn crops, the drought has dramatically reduced both the cereal and the fodder production, with the estimated average cereal production in 2007 reaching not even 45 % of the average of previous years.

(5) Romanian farmers in 34 counties from a total of 42 have been severely hit by the long-lasting spell of dry weather, which has resulted in major damages to the vegetal and animal breeding sectors, with an estimated value amounting to approximately EUR 1 200 million (RON 3 878 million), not including the profit that could have resulted from sales of the cereals.

(6) Since the income of Romanian farmers affected by the drought has been drastically reduced, they face the serious risk of not having the financial means to plant the autumn crops and to prepare the 2008 spring sowing campaign.

(7) The State aid to be granted amounts to approximately EUR 400 million (RON 1 320 million) and will benefit some 250 000 to 300 000 farmers, accounting for approximately 3 million hectares. The respective aid amounts will be approximately 150 EUR/ha for autumn wheat, 120 EUR/ha for rapeseed and 130 EUR/ha for barley and other autumn crops.

- (8) The aid will be granted on farmer's application only, for the specific purpose of restarting the production cycle (purchase of seeds, fuel, fertilisers and pesticides). The Romanian Payment Agency will monitor and control the aid, *inter alia*, by carrying out on-the-spot checks.
- (9) In order to be effective, the State aid must be granted and accessed by farmers as soon as possible.
- (10) The Commission has not at this stage given an opinion on the nature and compatibility of the aid.
- (11) Exceptional circumstances therefore exist, making it possible to consider such aid, by way of derogation and to the extent strictly necessary to remedy the emergency situation which has risen, to be compatible with the common market on the terms specified in the Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Exceptional additional aid by the Romanian authorities to the agricultural sector, amounting to a maximum of EUR 400 million, shall be considered to be compatible with the common market.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Romania.

Done at Luxembourg, 22 October 2007.

For the Council
The President
J. SILVA

COUNCIL DECISION**of 8 November 2007****appointing three Slovak members and three Slovak alternate members to the Committee of the Regions**

(2007/723/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 proposal from the Slovak Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 January 2006 the Council adopted Decision 2006/116/EC appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2006 to 25 January 2010 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Three members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the mandates of Mr BENČ, Mr SLAFKOVSKÝ and Mr BOBÍK. Three alternate members' seats have become vacant following the end of the mandates of Mr KRÁLIK, Mr VÍTEK and Ms MIKUŠOVÁ,

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 Andrej ĎURKOVSKÝ
Primátor hlavného mesta SR — Bratislavy,

— Mr František KNAPÍK

Primátor mesta Košice,

— Mr István ZACHARIAŠ

Primátor mesta Moldava nad Bodvou,

and

(b) as alternate members:

— Mr Ján BLCHÁČ, PhD

Primátor mesta Liptovský Mikuláš,

— Mr Andrej HRNČIAR

Primátor mesta Martin,

— Mr Pavel HAGYARI

Primátor mesta Prešov.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 8 November 2007.

For the Council
The President
R. PEREIRA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

III

(Acts adopted under the EU Treaty)

ACTS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE V OF THE EU TREATY

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION BiH/10/2007

of 25 September 2007

**on the appointment of an EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in
Bosnia and Herzegovina**

(2007/724/CFSP)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 25(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP of 12 July 2004 on the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6 of Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take further decisions on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander.
- (2) According to PSC Decision BiH/2/2004, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander for Europe (DSACEUR) General Sir John REITH was appointed EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (3) NATO has decided to appoint General John McCOLL as DSACEUR to replace General Sir John REITH. The assignment of General John McCOLL will begin on 22 October 2007.
- (4) In accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the

European Community, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and implementation of decisions and actions of the European Union which have defence implications.

- (5) The Copenhagen European Council adopted on 12 and 13 December 2002 a declaration stating that the 'Berlin plus' arrangements and the implementation thereof will apply only to those EU Member States which are also either NATO members or parties to the 'Partnership for Peace', and which have consequently concluded bilateral security agreements with NATO,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

General John McCOLL is hereby appointed EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on 22 October 2007.

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2007.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
C. DURRANT PAIS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 28.7.2004, p. 10.

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION BiH/12/2007**of 25 September 2007****on the appointment of the Head of the EU Command Element at Naples for the European Union
military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

(2007/725/CFSP)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 25, third paragraph, thereof,

Having regard to the Council Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP of 12 July 2004 on the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Exchange of Letters between the Secretary-General/High Representative and the NATO Secretary-General on 28 September 2004 and 8 October 2004, respectively, the North Atlantic Council has agreed to make available the Chief of Staff of the Joint Force Command Headquarters Naples as Head of the EU Command Element at Naples.
- (2) The EU Operation Commander has recommended to appoint the Chief of Staff of the Joint Force Command Headquarters Naples, Lieutenant General Eduardo ZAMARRIPA, as Head of the EU Command Element at Naples for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (3) The EU Military Committee has supported the recommendation.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 6 of Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to exercise the political and strategic direction of the EU military operation.

(5) In accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and implementation of decisions and actions of the European Union which have defence implications.

(6) The Copenhagen European Council adopted on 12 and 13 December 2002 a declaration stating that the 'Berlin plus' arrangements and the implementation thereof will apply only to those EU Member States which are also either NATO members or parties to the 'Partnership for Peace' and which have consequently concluded bilateral security agreements with NATO,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Lieutenant General Eduardo ZAMARRIPA is hereby appointed Head of the EU Command Element at Naples for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2007.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
C. DURRANT PAIS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 28.7.2004, p. 10.