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REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 967/2008

of 29 September 2008

amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 ⁽¹⁾ has introduced rules for compulsory indications to be used on organic products, which, from 1 January 2009, includes the use of the Community logo on pre-packaged food, in accordance with Article 24(1)(b) of that Regulation.

(2) It has appeared that the Community logo in place pursuant to Annex V 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 ⁽²⁾ could be confused with other logos in place for protected geographical indications and protected designations of origin, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1898/2006 of 14 December 2006 laying down detailed rules of implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications

and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽³⁾ and the logo for traditional specialties guaranteed, defined by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1216/2007 of 18 October 2007 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 509/2006 on agricultural products and foodstuffs as traditional specialties guaranteed ⁽⁴⁾.

(3) It is important for the perception of consumers to ensure an informative labelling with a distinctive and appealing Community logo, which symbolises organic production and clearly identifies the products. The design of such a Community logo requires a certain time period to be developed and to be made known to the public.

(4) In order to avoid unnecessary financial and organisational burdens on operators, the compulsory use of the Community logo should be postponed for the time needed to create the new Community logo. This decision does not prevent operators from using, on a voluntary basis, the current logo defined in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 42 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007:

‘However, Article 24(1)(b) and (c) shall apply as from 1 July 2010.’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 22.7.1991, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 369, 23.12.2006, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 275, 19.10.2007, p. 3.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 29 September 2008.

For the Council
The President
M. BARNIER

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 968/2008**of 2 October 2008****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 Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 of 21 December 2007 laying down implementing rules for Council Regulations (EC) No 2200/96, (EC) No 2201/96 and (EC) No 1182/2007 in the fruit and vegetable sector ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 138(1) thereof,

Whereas:

Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 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 Annex XV, Part A thereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 138 of Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 October 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 October 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 350, 31.12.2007, p. 1.

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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	91,4
	MK	39,4
	TR	88,1
	ZZ	73,0
0707 00 05	JO	156,8
	TR	74,9
	ZZ	115,9
0709 90 70	TR	120,2
	ZZ	120,2
0805 50 10	AR	79,0
	BR	51,8
	EG	71,4
	TR	92,0
	UY	95,7
	ZA	71,1
0806 10 10	ZZ	76,8
	TR	87,7
	US	162,4
	ZZ	125,1
0808 10 80	CL	127,5
	CN	93,4
	CR	67,4
	NZ	109,1
	US	92,2
	ZA	92,6
0808 20 50	ZZ	97,0
	CN	69,9
	TR	137,5
	ZA	92,0
	ZZ	99,8

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down 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 969/2008**of 2 October 2008****amending the representative prices and additional import duties for certain products in the sugar sector fixed by Regulation (EC) No 945/2008 for the 2008/2009 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (single CMO Regulation) ⁽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 Article 36(2), second subparagraph, second sentence thereof,

Whereas:

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

for the 2008/2009 marketing year are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 945/2008 ⁽³⁾.

- (2) The data currently available to the Commission indicate that those amounts should be amended 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 applicable to imports of the products referred to in Article 36 of Regulation (EC) No 951/2006, as fixed by Regulation (EC) No 945/2008 for the 2008/2009, marketing year, are hereby amended as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 October 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 October 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 178, 1.7.2006, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 258, 26.9.2008, p. 56.

ANNEX

Amended representative prices and additional import duties applicable to white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 95 from 3 October 2008

(EUR)

CN code	Representative price per 100 kg net of the product concerned	Additional duty per 100 kg net of the product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	25,77	3,56
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	25,77	8,65
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	25,77	3,42
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	25,77	8,22
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	26,72	11,87
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	26,72	7,35
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	26,72	7,35
1702 90 95 ⁽³⁾	0,27	0,38

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality defined in point III of Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 1234/2007.⁽²⁾ For the standard quality defined in point II of Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 1234/2007.⁽³⁾ Per 1 % sucrose content.

II

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

DECISIONS

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 October 2008

**concerning the financial contribution by the Community, for the year 2008, towards a pilot project
in the field of health professionals**

(2008/773/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Whereas:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 49(6)(a) and 75 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 90 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 80/154/EEC of 21 January 1980 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in midwifery and including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services ⁽³⁾ and its subsequent amendments,

Having regard to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications ⁽⁴⁾.

- (1) The General Budget of the European Union — Financial Year 2008 contains the budgetary line 04 04 11 'Pilot project — New employment situation in the health sector: best practices for improving professional training and qualifications of health care workers and their remuneration'.
- (2) Article 49(6)(a) of the Financial Regulation provides that appropriations for pilot schemes of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness may be implemented without a basic act as long as the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competence of the Community or the Union and the relevant commitment appropriations are entered in the budget for only two successive financial years.
- (3) In accordance with Article 75 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and with Article 90 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002, the commitment of the expenditure shall be preceded by a financing decision which determines the essential elements of an action involving expenditure from the budget.
- (4) This action will support the European Commission green paper on EU workforce for health planned for the second half of 2008,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 33, 11.2.1980, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The pilot project referred to in the Annex is approved and shall be financed through the budget line 040411 of the budget of the European Communities for 2008 up to a maximum of EUR 1 000 000.

The Director-General of Directorate-General for Health and Consumer is in charge of its implementation.

Done at Brussels, 2 October 2008.

For the Commission
Androulla VASSILIOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Domain: health professionals

Legal basis: Articles 49(6)(a) and 75 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.

Pilot project under budget line: 04 04 11.

Political objectives: The Budget Authority asks the Commission in its appropriation to fund initiatives which help dealing with the new employment situation in the health sector particularly in relation to professional qualifications and duties carried out by healthcare workers, healthcare-assistants and lower skilled nurses. The measures include:

- analysing factors and policies aimed at better meet the need for measures to increase the supply and to improve the qualification of healthcare staff in the long run,
- Promoting exchange policies and best practices aimed at facing the increase in care consumption due to demographic change,
- Funding initiatives examining the cross border effects on the health services,
- Paying attention to the effects of the different levels of remuneration, which may come out of this context, studies, meetings with experts and information campaign. A solution should also be found to maintain the level of care in the national health systems.

The tasks of the project are in line with the Commission planned green paper on EU workforce for health which will start a process of detailed consideration of health workforce planning and supply and the impact of health worker mobility within Member States and within the EU.

Appropriations 2008: Budget line 04 04 11 pilot project: New employment situation in the health sector: best practices for improving professional training and qualification of health care workers and their remuneration. EUR 1 000 000.

Number of specific actions planned: 4.

The first one will be a contribution of maximum EUR 100 000 to a study on 'Healthcare Services, Sectors and Products in Europe Assessment of the Current state, Opportunities, Challenges and Socio-Economic Impact' launched by Enterprise and Industry DG in cooperation with Health and Consumers DG. The action shall be implemented via an open call for tender. The selection procedure is due to be finalised in September 2008.

The second one will be a direct grant of maximum EUR 400 000 and 80 % to the WHO Observatory for the organisation of workshops on exchange of best practices on policies to maintain or retain healthcare workforce. As foreseen by Article 168(1)(f) of the detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation, the grant will be awarded without a call of proposal due to the specific characteristics of this action and the high degree of specialisation of WHO.

The third one will be a direct grant of maximum EUR 300 000 and 60 % to the OECD for a study assessing the working conditions of nurses and policies to promote a more efficient management of the nurse workforce. As foreseen by Article 168(1)(f) of the detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation, the grant will be awarded without a call of proposal due to the specific characteristics of this action and the high degree of specialisation of OECD.

The fourth one will be the organisation of a workshop in Brussels in December 2008 for maximum EUR 200 000. The workshop will be funded through various contracts after the publication of the green paper on EU workforce for health to launch an information campaign, foster the debate and encourage contribution aiming at identifying best practices.

NOTE TO THE READER

The institutions have decided no longer to quote in their texts the last amendment to cited acts.

Unless otherwise indicated, references to acts in the texts published here are to the version of those acts currently in force.