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## I

*(Acts whose publication is obligatory)*

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 16/96**  
**of 5 January 1996**  
**amending Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 on the buying-in of beef by invitation to tender**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,  
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 6 (7) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying-in of beef by invitation to tender<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2889/95<sup>(4)</sup>, buying-in by invitation to tender in certain Member States or regions of a Member State for certain quality groups ;

Whereas the application of Article 6 (2), (3) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 and the need to limit intervention to the buying-in of the quantities necessary to ensure reasonable support for the market result, on the basis of the prices of which the Commission is aware, in

an amendment, in accordance with the Annex hereto, to the list of Member States or regions of a Member State where buying-in is open by invitation to tender, and the list of the quality groups which may be bought in ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 January 1996.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 248, 14. 10. 1995, p. 39.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 159, 10. 6. 1989, p. 36.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 302, 15. 12. 1995, p. 15.

*ANEXO — BILAG — ANHANG — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE — ANEXO — LIITE — BILAGA*

Estados miembros o regiones de Estados miembros y grupos de calidades previstos en el apartado 1 del artículo 1 del Reglamento (CEE) n° 1627/89

Medlemsstater eller regioner og kvalitetsgrupper, jf. artikel 1, stk. 1 i forordning (EØF) nr. 1627/89

Mitgliedstaaten oder Gebiete eines Mitgliedstaats sowie die in Artikel 1 Absatz 1 der Verordnung (EWG) Nr. 1627/89 genannten Qualitätsgruppen

Κράτη μέλη ή περιοχές κρατών μελών και ομάδες ποιότητας που αναφέρονται στο άρθρο 1 παράγραφος 1 του κανονισμού (ΕΟΚ) αριθ. 1627/89

Member States or regions of a Member State and quality groups referred to in Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

États membres ou régions d'États membres et groupes de qualités visés à l'article 1<sup>er</sup> paragraphe 1 du règlement (CEE) n° 1627/89

Stati membri o regioni di Stati membri e gruppi di qualità di cui all'articolo 1, paragrafo 1 del regolamento (CEE) n. 1627/89

In artikel 1, lid 1, van Verordening (EEG) nr. 1627/89 bedoelde Lid-Staten of gebieden van een Lid-Staat en kwaliteitsgroepen

Estados-membros ou regiões de Estados-membros e grupos de qualidades referidos no n° 1 do artigo 1º do Regulamento (CEE) n° 1627/89

Jäsenvaltiot tai alueet ja asetuksen (ETY) N:o 1627/89 1 artiklan 1 kohdan tarkoittamat laaturyhmit

Medlemsstater eller regioner och kvalitetsgrupper som avses i artikel 1.1 i förordning (EEG) nr 1627/89

|                                                   |             |   |   |             |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|---|---|-------------|---|---|
| Estados miembros o regiones de Estados miembros   | Categoría A |   |   | Categoría C |   |   |
| Medlemsstat eller region                          | Kategori A  |   |   | Kategori C  |   |   |
| Mitgliedstaaten oder Gebiete eines Mitgliedstaats | Kategorie A |   |   | Kategorie C |   |   |
| Κράτος μέλος ή περιοχή κράτους μέλους             | Κατηγορία Α |   |   | Κατηγορία Γ |   |   |
| Member States or regions of a Member State        | Category A  |   |   | Category C  |   |   |
| États membres ou régions d'États membres          | Catégorie A |   |   | Catégorie C |   |   |
| Stati membri o regioni di Stati membri            | Categoria A |   |   | Categoria C |   |   |
| Lid-Staat of gebied van een Lid-Staat             | Categorie A |   |   | Categorie C |   |   |
| Estados-membros ou regiões de Estados-membros     | Categoria A |   |   | Categoria C |   |   |
| Jäsenvaltiot tai alueet                           | Luokka A    |   |   | Luokka C    |   |   |
| Medlemsstater eller regioner                      | Kategori A  |   |   | Kategori C  |   |   |
|                                                   | U           | R | O | U           | R | O |
| France                                            |             |   |   |             |   | × |
| Great Britain                                     |             |   |   |             | × |   |
| Ireland                                           |             |   |   | ×           | × | × |
| Northern Ireland                                  |             |   |   | ×           | × |   |

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 17/96

of 5 January 1996

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<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2933/95<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95<sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas 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;

Whereas, 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 6 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 January 1996.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 307, 20. 12. 1995, p. 21.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

## ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 5 January 1996 establishing the standard import values  
for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

| (ECU/100 kg)                          |                        |                       | (ECU/100 kg)                                      |                        |                       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| CN code                               | Third country code (1) | Standard import value | CN code                                           | Third country code (1) | Standard import value |
| 0702 00 15                            | 052                    | 97,7                  | 0805 20 13, 0805 20 15,<br>0805 20 17, 0805 20 19 | 052                    | 56,8                  |
|                                       | 060                    | 80,2                  |                                                   | 464                    | 55,2                  |
|                                       | 064                    | 59,6                  |                                                   | 624                    | 82,5                  |
|                                       | 066                    | 41,7                  |                                                   | 999                    | 64,8                  |
|                                       | 068                    | 62,3                  | 0805 30 20                                        | 052                    | 69,8                  |
|                                       | 204                    | 48,8                  |                                                   | 204                    | 59,8                  |
|                                       | 208                    | 44,0                  |                                                   | 388                    | 67,5                  |
|                                       | 212                    | 117,9                 |                                                   | 400                    | 55,8                  |
|                                       | 624                    | 120,7                 |                                                   | 512                    | 54,8                  |
|                                       | 999                    | 74,8                  |                                                   | 520                    | 66,5                  |
| 0707 00 10                            | 052                    | 111,6                 |                                                   | 524                    | 100,8                 |
|                                       | 053                    | 166,9                 |                                                   | 528                    | 94,7                  |
|                                       | 060                    | 61,0                  |                                                   | 600                    | 80,6                  |
|                                       | 066                    | 53,8                  |                                                   | 624                    | 78,0                  |
|                                       | 068                    | 60,4                  |                                                   | 999                    | 72,8                  |
|                                       | 204                    | 144,3                 | 0808 10 51, 0808 10 53,<br>0808 10 59             | 052                    | 64,0                  |
|                                       | 624                    | 134,7                 |                                                   | 064                    | 78,6                  |
|                                       | 999                    | 104,7                 |                                                   | 388                    | 39,2                  |
| 0709 10 10                            | 220                    | 345,9                 |                                                   | 400                    | 70,5                  |
|                                       | 999                    | 345,9                 |                                                   | 404                    | 69,5                  |
| 0709 90 71                            | 052                    | 104,6                 | 0808 20 31                                        | 508                    | 68,4                  |
|                                       | 204                    | 77,5                  |                                                   | 512                    | 51,2                  |
|                                       | 412                    | 54,2                  |                                                   | 524                    | 57,4                  |
|                                       | 624                    | 209,5                 |                                                   | 528                    | 48,0                  |
|                                       | 999                    | 111,4                 |                                                   | 728                    | 107,3                 |
| 0805 10 01, 0805 10 05,<br>0805 10 09 | 052                    | 38,6                  |                                                   | 800                    | 78,0                  |
|                                       | 204                    | 57,2                  |                                                   | 804                    | 21,0                  |
|                                       | 208                    | 68,2                  |                                                   | 999                    | 62,8                  |
|                                       | 388                    | 40,5                  |                                                   | 052                    | 86,3                  |
|                                       | 448                    | 35,3                  |                                                   | 064                    | 72,5                  |
|                                       | 600                    | 58,4                  |                                                   | 388                    | 79,6                  |
|                                       | 624                    | 79,6                  |                                                   | 400                    | 95,6                  |
|                                       | 999                    | 54,0                  |                                                   | 512                    | 89,7                  |
| 0805 20 11                            | 052                    | 74,3                  |                                                   | 528                    | 84,1                  |
|                                       | 204                    | 68,5                  |                                                   | 624                    | 79,0                  |
|                                       | 624                    | 86,3                  |                                                   | 728                    | 115,4                 |
|                                       | 999                    | 76,4                  |                                                   | 800                    | 55,8                  |
|                                       |                        |                       |                                                   | 804                    | 112,9                 |
|                                       |                        |                       |                                                   | 999                    | 87,1                  |

(1) Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 3079/94 (OJ No L 325, 17. 12. 1994, p. 17). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 18/96**  
**of 5 January 1996**  
**amending the export refunds on poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of the Council of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 8 (3) thereof,

Whereas the export refunds on poultrymeat were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2864/95 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2/96 <sup>(4)</sup>;

Whereas it follows from foreseen criteria contained in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 to the informa-

tion known to the Commission that the export refunds at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 paragraph 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75, exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to amended Regulation (EC) No 2864/95 are hereby altered as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 January 1996.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 77.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 305, 19. 12. 1995, p. 49.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 300, 13. 12. 1995, p. 9.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 1, 3. 1. 1996, p. 3.

## ANNEX

## to the Commission Regulation of 5 January 1996 altering the export refunds on poultrymeat

| Product code   | Destination of refund <sup>(1)</sup> | Amount of refund <sup>(2)</sup> | Product code   | Destination of refund <sup>(1)</sup> | Amount of refund <sup>(2)</sup> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                |                                      | ECU/100 units                   |                |                                      | ECU/100 kg                      |
| 0105 11 11 000 | 01                                   | 2,00                            | 0207 25 10 000 | 04                                   | 8,00                            |
| 0105 11 19 000 | 01                                   | 2,00                            | 0207 25 90 000 | 04                                   | 8,00                            |
| 0105 11 91 000 | 01                                   | 2,00                            | 0207 14 20 900 | 04                                   | 4,50                            |
| 0105 11 99 000 | 01                                   | 2,00                            | 0207 14 60 900 | 04                                   | 4,50                            |
| 0105 12 00 000 | 01                                   | 3,00                            | 0207 14 70 190 | 04                                   | 4,50                            |
| 0105 19 20 000 | 01                                   | 3,00                            | 0207 14 70 290 | 04                                   | 4,50                            |
|                |                                      | ECU/100 kg                      | 0207 27 10 990 | 04                                   | 15,00                           |
| 0207 12 10 900 | 02                                   | 30,00                           | 0207 27 60 000 | 04                                   | 6,50                            |
|                | 03                                   | 8,00                            | 0207 27 70 000 | 04                                   | 6,50                            |
| 0207 12 90 190 | 02                                   | 33,00                           |                |                                      |                                 |
|                | 03                                   | 8,00                            |                |                                      |                                 |

<sup>(1)</sup> The destinations are as follows :

01 All destinations except the United States of America,

02 Angola, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan,

03 All destinations except the United States of America, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and those of 02 above,

04 All destinations except the United States of America, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

<sup>(2)</sup> Refunds on exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) may be granted only where the conditions laid down in amended Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 and Regulation (EC) No 2815/95 are observed.

NB : The product codes and the footnotes are defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 19/96

of 5 January 1996

determining the percentage of quantities covered by applications for export  
licences for poultrymeat which may be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1372/95 of 16 June 1995 laying down detailed rules for implementing the system of export licences in the poultrymeat sector<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2841/95<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 3 (4) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1371/95 provides for specific measures where applications for export licences concern quantities and/or expenditure which exceed the normal trade patterns or where there is a risk that they will be exceeded, taking account of the limit referred to in Article 8 (12) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95<sup>(4)</sup>, and/or the corresponding expenditure during the period in question;

Whereas the market for certain poultrymeat products is affected by uncertainties; whereas the refunds currently applicable for these products could lead to applications being made for export licences for speculative purposes; whereas there is a risk that the issue of certificates for the quantities applied for from 1 to 3 January 1996 may lead to the quantities corresponding to the normal trade

patterns for the products concerned being exceeded; whereas applications for which export licences have not yet been granted should be rejected for the products concerned and acceptance coefficients applying to the quantities requested should be fixed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Applications for export licences for poultrymeat submitted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1372/95 shall be dealt with as follows:

1. for applications from 1 to 3 January 1996, 100 % of the quantities applied for in the case of categories 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 referred to in Annex I to the abovementioned Regulation shall be accepted;
2. no further action shall be taken in respect of applications pending for certificates which should have been issued from 8 January 1996 for category 6 referred to in Annex I to the abovementioned Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 January 1996.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 133, 17. 6. 1995, p. 26.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 296, 9. 12. 1995, p. 8.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 77.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 305, 19. 12. 1995, p. 49.

## II

*(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)*

## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 December 1995

establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to indoor paints and varnishes

(96/13/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 of 23 March 1992 on a Community eco-label award scheme<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 5 (1) thereof,

Whereas the first subparagraph of Article 5 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 provides that the conditions for the award of the Community eco-label shall be defined by product group;

Whereas Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 states that the environmental performance of a product shall be assessed by reference to the specific criteria for product groups;

Whereas Article 4 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 states that an eco-label may not be awarded to products which are substances or preparations classified as dangerous in accordance with Council Directive 67/548/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 94/69/EC<sup>(3)</sup> and Council Directive 88/379/EEC<sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 93/18/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, but that it may be awarded to products containing such substances or preparations in so far as they meet the objectives of the Community eco-label award scheme;

Whereas paints and varnishes contain substances or preparations classified as dangerous under the Directives mentioned above;

Whereas the ecological criteria established by this Decision include restrictions limiting to a minimum the content of substances and preparations classified as dangerous in paints and varnishes which may be awarded an eco-label;

Whereas paints and varnishes fulfilling these criteria have therefore reduced environmental impact and meet the objectives of the Community eco-label award scheme;

Whereas in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92, the Commission has consulted the principal interest groups within a consultation forum;

Whereas the measures set out in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee set up under Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The product group 'indoor paints and varnishes' shall mean:

'decorative indoor paints and varnishes for do-it-yourself and professional users'.

*Article 2*

The environmental performance and the fitness for use of the product group as defined in Article 1 shall be assessed by reference to the specific ecological and fitness-for-use criteria set out in the Annex.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 99, 11. 4. 1992, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 196, 16. 8. 1967, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 381, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 187, 16. 7. 1988, p. 14.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 104, 29. 4. 1993, p. 46.

*Article 3*

The product group definition and the criteria for the product group as defined in Article 1 shall be valid for a period of three years from the date on which this Decision takes effect.

*Article 4*

For administrative purposes, the code number assigned to the product group as defined in Article 1 shall be '007'.

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 December 1995.

*For the Commission*

Ritt BJRREGAARD

*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX

## 1. ECO-LABEL CRITERIA — GENERAL

Products shall be in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 on a Community eco-label award scheme and with the following criteria during the entire period covered by the contract with the Competent Body for the award of the label.

The criteria are classified into three types :

- ecological criteria (paragraph 4),
- general criteria (paragraph 5),
- fitness-for-use criteria (paragraph 6).

Some of these criteria are dependent on :

- the kind of product : paint or varnish as defined in Appendix 1,
- the class of paint : class 1 or class 2, as defined in paragraph 3.

## 2. FIELD OF APPLICATION

As far as paints are concerned the following, in particular, are included in the field of application :

- decorative indoor paints in liquid or paste formulas which have been pre-conditioned, tinted or prepared by the manufacturer to meet the consumer's needs,
- products which are tinted by distributors at the request of amateur or professional decorators.

The following are excluded from the field of application :

- anti-corrosion coatings,
- anti-fouling coatings,
- wood preservation products,
- wood stains,
- coating for particular industrial uses,
- floor coatings,
- facade coatings.

## 3. CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS

Paints are classified according to their specular gloss. Two classes are defined :

- Class 1 : Paints with a specular gloss below or equal to 45 units at  $\alpha=60^\circ$  <sup>(1)</sup>
- Class 2 : Paints with a specular gloss above 45 units at  $\alpha=60^\circ$  <sup>(1)</sup>

Criteria applicable to class 2 paints are also applicable to varnishes.

Community eco-label requirements on paints and varnishes take into account this classification, particularly for criteria No 3 (volatile organic compounds content), No 4 (volatile aromatic hydrocarbons content), No 9.A (hiding power) and No 9.B (resistance to liquids).

Criterion No 1 : **end use of the product**  
**applicable to all products.**

The packaging should state clearly that the product is intended for indoor use.

## 4. ECOLOGICAL CRITERIA

Criterion No 2 : **white pigments** (see definition (2) in Appendix 1)  
**applicable to paints.**

The paint will have a white pigments content lower or equal to 40 g per m<sup>2</sup> of dry film, with 98 % opacity.

Measurement of product necessary to cover 1 m<sup>2</sup> area with a 98 % opacity will be made in accordance with ISO 6504/1 method (see also criterion No 9.A).

<sup>(1)</sup> Specular gloss measurements are carried out in accordance with the ISO 2813 method.

Three types of white pigments consistent with the definition (2) given in Appendix 1 are usually used for the product group: titanium dioxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ), lithopone and zinc oxide.

In the case of  $\text{TiO}_2$ , the following criteria will apply for emissions and discharges of wastes related to the production of white pigment:

- $\text{SO}_x$  emissions (expressed as  $\text{SO}_2$ ) lower than 400 mg per  $\text{m}^2$  of dry film (98 % opacity),
- sulphate wastes lower than 30 g per  $\text{m}^2$  of dry film (98 % opacity),
- chlorine wastes lower than 5, 9 and 18 g per  $\text{m}^2$  of dry film (98 % opacity) respectively for neutral rutile, synthetic rutile and slag ores.

Criterion No 3: **volatile organic compounds content (VOC)** (definition (3) in Appendix 1).

Maximum volatile organic compounds content depends on the product:

3.A. *For Class 1 paints:*

VOC content will be lower or equal to 30 g/l (minus water).

3.B. *For varnishes and Class 2 paints:*

VOC content will be lower or equal to 200 g/l<sup>(1)</sup> (minus water).

VOC content unit used is: 'mass in grammes of VOC per litre of product (g/l minus water)'.

Criterion No 4: **volatile aromatic hydrocarbons** (see definition (4) in Appendix 1).

Maximum aromatic content depends on the product:

4.A. *For Class 1 paints:*

Volatile aromatic content will be lower or equal to 0.5 %<sup>(2)</sup> of product.

4.B. *For varnishes and Class 2 paints:*

Volatile aromatic content will be lower or equal to 1.5 %<sup>(2)</sup> of product.

Criterion No 5: **water pollution coming from the cleaning of application tools applicable to all products.**

The packaging should display recommendations for cleaning of tools in order to limit water pollution.

These recommendations will be adapted by the paint manufacturer to the type of product in question.

Criterion No 6: **solid waste applicable to all products.**

In order to limit solid waste (residues and can), the packaging shall display recommendations concerning product storage conditions after opening.

## 5. GENERAL CRITERIA

Criterion No 7: **Pigments and other substances applicable to all products.**

The ingredients used in the formula shall not contain substances using or based on:

- Cadmium,
- Lead,
- Chromium VI,
- Mercury,
- Arsenic.

Neither shall the ingredients used in the formula contain dibutyl, dioctyl or di(2-ethyl-hexyl)phthalates.

<sup>(1)</sup> In the case of paints for which the manufacturer demonstrates, using ISO test 6504/1 method, that the paint has a superior covering performance of at least 15  $\text{m}^2/\text{l}$  at 98 % opacity, then up to 250 g/l (minus water) of VOC content is permitted. The manufacturer should explain and draw attention to this superior performance on the can.

<sup>(2)</sup> % is expressed in mass of aromatic content versus mass of total product (m/m).

Criterion No 8 : **dangerous substances**  
**applicable to all products.**

Ingredients used in the formula shall not contain substances classified as :

- very toxic,
- toxic,
- carcinogenic,
- mutagenic,
- toxic for reproduction,

as defined in Council Directive 67/548/EEC.

## 6. FITNESS-FOR-USE CRITERIA

Eco-label requirements may not 'compromise product or workers' safety or significantly affect the properties which make a product fit for use' (Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/92). The following fitness-for-use criteria are intended to guarantee to the consumer that awarded products have as satisfactory qualities from the point of view of fitness for use as other products from the same group.

Criterion No 9 : **fitness for use.**

Fitness-for-use criteria differ according to the kind of product : paint or varnish.

9.A. *For paints :*            **hiding power.**

Paints shall have a hiding power greater than or equal to 7 m<sup>2</sup> coated by one litre of product <sup>(1)</sup>

9.B. *For varnishes :*       **resistance to liquid.**

Varnishes shall have satisfactory resistance to water for one hour at ambient temperature <sup>(2)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Hiding power measurements are carried out following the ISO 6504/1 method.

<sup>(2)</sup> Resistance to liquid measurements are carried out in accordance with ISO 2812/1 — method 3.

*Appendix 1*

## DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply within the scope of the present product group.

**1. Paints and varnishes**

Paints and varnishes are defined as products, which are applied in thin covering layers onto a surface of wood, stone, metal or other material for the purpose of protecting and/or beautifying that surface. After application, the paint or varnish dries to a solid, adherent and protective coating.

Paints are characterized by their hiding power.

Varnishes are characterized by their lack of hiding power: they are transparent.

**2. White pigments**

White inorganic pigments with a refractive index higher than 1,8.

**3. Volatile organic compound (VOC)**

Any organic compound with, at normal conditions for pressure, a boiling point (or initial boiling point) lower than or equal to 250 °C.

**4. Volatile aromatic hydrocarbon**

Any hydrocarbon with, at standard conditions for pressure, a boiling point lower or equal to 250 °C and having at least one aromatic nucleus in its developed structural formula.

**5. Product/product range**

The product is understood as a paint or a varnish, to be submitted to the whole assessment procedure.

The product range includes the base and the product based on it.

**6. Tinting system**

A tinting system is made up of a white, medium or neutral base and coloured pastes with which, by means of preprogrammed mixing, it is possible to obtain all the shades of colour specific to that brand of product and range.

*Appendix 2*

## STANDARD REFERENCES

ISO 2812-1 'Paints and varnishes — determination of resistance to liquids — Part 1 : general methods'.

ISO 2813 'Paints and varnishes — measurement of specular gloss of non-metallic paint films at 20 degrees, 60 degrees and 85 degrees'.

ISO 6504/1 'Paints and varnishes — determination of hiding power — Part 1 : Kubelka-Munt method for white and light-coloured paints'.

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**COMMISSION DECISION****of 19 December 1995****establishing deadlines for the communication of the results of the 1995 farm structure surveys to the Statistical Office of the European Communities**

(96/14/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organization of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings between 1988 and 1997 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 94/677/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular point 5 of Annex II thereto,

Whereas point 5 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 requires time limits for the communication of individual data to the Statistical Office of the European Communities by the Member States to be established in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 15 of the said Regulation and whereas the uniform code to be used will be specified by the Statistical Office of the European Communities in agreement with the Member States ;

Whereas according to point 6 of Annex II a dispensation was agreed that Germany will not forward individual data ; whereas according to point 8.1 Germany is obliged to supply the survey results in the form of the tables intended for the BDT tabular data bank ;

Whereas the importance of the structure survey results for the common agricultural policy makes it necessary to carry out the computer processing of the survey data and communication thereof to the Statistical Office of the European Communities as quickly as possible ;

Whereas the deadlines to be fixed for the communication of survey results to the Statistical Office of the European Communities must take into account the fact that the timetable for carrying out the surveys' work is different between Member States ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision reflect the opinion of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

*Article 1*

1. The Member States shall communicate to the Statistical Office of the European Communities the individual data from the surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings carried out pursuant to Article 3 (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/88, using a uniform code specified under point 5 of Annex II of the said Regulation by the Statistical Office of the European Communities in agreement with the Member States.

2. According to points 6 and 8.1 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 571/88, Germany shall communicate to the Statistical Office of the European Communities the survey results of the surveys mentioned in paragraph 1 in the form of the tables intended for the BDT tabular data bank using a code specified by the Statistical Office of the European Communities in agreement with the Statistisches Bundesamt.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 56, 2. 3. 1988, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 269, 20. 10. 1994, p. 38.

*Article 2*

Member States shall communicate the results of the 1995 structure surveys, mentioned under Article 1 of the present Decision, within 15 months after the data collection on the field has been finished, but, taking into account the timetables envisaged by Member States for the execution of the survey work, not later than by the following deadlines :

| Member State   | Deadline<br>for communicating the data |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Belgium        | 28. 2. 1997                            |
| Denmark        | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Germany        | 30. 11. 1996                           |
| Greece         | 28. 2. 1997                            |
| Spain          | 28. 2. 1997                            |
| France         | 28. 2. 1997                            |
| Ireland        | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Italy          | 28. 2. 1997                            |
| Luxembourg     | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Netherlands    | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Portugal       | 28. 2. 1997                            |
| United Kingdom | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Austria        | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Finland        | 30. 9. 1996                            |
| Sweden         | 30. 9. 1996                            |

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1995.

*For the Commission*

Yves-Thibault DE SILGUY

*Member of the Commission*

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**CORRIGENDA****Corrigendum to Commission Directive 93/71/EEC of 27 July 1993 amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market**

*(Official Journal of the European Communities No L 221 of 31 August 1993)*

On page 7, in Annex II, under point 2.2., last indent:

at the beginning insert the following:

'... maintain records of all original observations, calculations and derived data, ...'.

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