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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 685/98
of 16 March 1998**

concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines, and amending Regulation (EC) No 933/95 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 228(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines ⁽¹⁾ was signed on 29 November 1993;

Whereas that Agreement expires on 31 December 1997;

Whereas in order to preserve reciprocal preferential treatment and to continue to promote the development of trade in wine the Agreement should be extended until 31 December 1998;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 933/95 of 10 April 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines originating in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania ⁽²⁾ opened tariff quotas for certain wines in accordance with the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria; whereas, following the new Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, Regulation (EC) No 933/95 has to be amended accordingly;

Whereas, in order to facilitate the implementation of certain provisions of the Agreement, the Commission should be authorised to adopt the necessary legislation for implementation of the Agreement in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 83 of Council Regulation

(EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽³⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

Article 3

The Commission is hereby authorised to adopt the necessary acts for implementation of the Agreement, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 83 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87.

Article 4

1. In Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 933/95, the term 'to 31 December 1997' shall be replaced by the term 'to 31 December 1998'.

2. In Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 933/95 the table under (a) 'Wines originating in Bulgaria' shall be replaced by the following table.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 31. 12. 1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 96, 28. 4. 1995, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 536/97 (OJ L 83, 25. 3. 1997, p. 5).

'Order No	CN code (¹)	Description (²)	Volume of quota (hl)	Rate of duty applicable (% of basic)
09.7001	ex 2204 10	Quality sparkling wine, in containers holding not more than 2 litres	1 600 (1.1 — 31.12.1998)	40
09.7003	ex 2204 21	Quality wine, including quality wine with a designation of origin	401 230 (1.1 — 31.12.1998)	40
09.7005	ex 2204 29	Quality wine, including quality wine with a designation of origin, and wine obtained from grapes of the "Gamza" vine variety designated and presented under that name or under the synonym "Kadarka"	128 000 (1.1 — 31.12.1998)	40'

Article 5

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 March 1998.

For the Council

The President

J. CUNNINGHAM

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines

A. Letter from the Community

Brussels, 19 March 1998

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement of 29 November 1993 between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines and to the negotiations which have taken place between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria with a view to adapting the said Agreement following the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union, and to the consultations on extending the Agreement beyond 31 December 1997.

I hereby confirm that the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria have agreed on the following:

I. Table 1 in the Annex to the said Agreement shall be replaced by the following table:

'QUANTITIES OF WINE ORIGINATING IN THE COMMUNITY AND QUALIFYING FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS

Bulgarian customs tariff code	Description	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
		Quantity in hectolitres					
ex 2204 21 ex 2204 29	Wine of fresh grapes	42 000	46 200	50 400	54 600	58 800	63 000
ex 2204 10	Quality sparkling wine whether or not produced in specified regions, in containers holding not more than 2 litres	1 000	1 100	1 200	1 300	1 400	1 500'

II. Table 2 in the Annex to the said Agreement shall be replaced by the following table:

'QUANTITIES OF WINE ORIGINATING IN BULGARIA AND QUALIFYING FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS

CN code	Description	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
		Quantity in hectolitres					
ex 2204 21	Quality wine, including quality wine with a designation of origin	214 000	247 000	280 400	313 600	346 800	401 230
ex 2204 29	Quality wine, including quality wine with a designation of origin, and wine obtained from grapes of the "Gamza" vine variety designated and presented under that name or under the synonym "Kadarka"	118 000	118 000	118 000	118 000	118 000	128 000
ex 2204 10	Quality sparkling wine, in containers holding no more than 2 litres	1 000	1 100	1 200	1 300	1 400	1 600'

III. Point 3(a) of the said Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

‘in the case of duties applied by Bulgaria to imports of wine originating in the Community:

- in 1993: 90 % of the basic duty,
- in 1994: 80 % of the basic duty,
- in 1995 and subsequent years: 70 % of the basic duty but not exceeding 28 % *ad valorem*’.

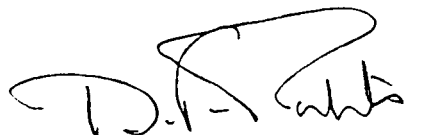
This Exchange of Letters shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective procedures.

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1998 and remain in force for an initial period ending on 31 December 1998. During the first half of 1998, consultations shall take place to determine whether and under what conditions it should be extended.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the contents of this letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*On behalf of the Council
of the European Union*



B. Letter from Bulgaria

Brussels, 19 March 1998

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

'I have the honour to refer to the Agreement of 29 November 1993 between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines and to the negotiations which have taken place between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria with a view to adapting the said Agreement following the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union, and to the consultations on extending the Agreement beyond 31 December 1997.

I hereby confirm that the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria have agreed on the following:

I. Table 1 in the Annex to the said Agreement shall be replaced by the following table:

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I have the honour to confirm that my Government is in agreement with the contents of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Government of the
Republic of Bulgaria*



COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 686/98
of 27 March 1998
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⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2375/96 ⁽²⁾, 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 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 ⁽⁴⁾, 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 Commis-

sion 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 28 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 325, 14. 12. 1996, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

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to the Commission Regulation of 27 March 1998 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(ECU/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	103,6
	204	79,4
	212	108,6
	624	190,7
	999	120,6
0709 90 70	052	126,6
	204	137,7
	624	209,3
	999	157,9
0805 10 10, 0805 10 30, 0805 10 50	052	36,2
	204	35,0
	212	45,0
	400	55,9
	600	55,2
	624	48,3
	999	45,9
0805 30 10	600	67,3
	999	67,3
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	060	39,0
	388	91,8
	400	99,9
	404	98,5
	508	91,7
	512	98,9
	524	95,1
	528	92,5
	720	144,0
	999	94,6
0808 20 50	388	70,1
	400	75,8
	512	80,8
	528	96,2
	720	66,4
	999	77,9

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2317/97 (OJ L 321, 22. 11. 1997, p. 19). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 687/98**of 27 March 1998****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export of husked long grain rice to the island of Réunion referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2094/97**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 laying down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2094/97 ⁽⁴⁾ opens an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion;

Whereas Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award;

Whereas on the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89, a maximum subsidy should not be fixed;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 23 to 26 March 1998 in response to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2094/97 for the subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1 006 20 98.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 29, 7. 9. 1989, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 14.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 688/98**of 27 March 1998****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the
export to certain third countries of wholly milled medium grain and long grain
A rice issued in Regulation (EC) No 2095/97**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2095/97 ⁽³⁾;

Whereas Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award;

Whereas on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 23 March to 26 March 1998 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice to certain third countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2095/97.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7. 3. 1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15. 2. 1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 689/98
of 27 March 1998

**fixing the minimum selling prices for butter and the maximum aid for cream,
butter and concentrated butter for the sixth individual invitation to tender under
the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1587/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 6(3) and 12(3) thereof,

Whereas the intervention agencies are, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 of 15 December 1997 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs ⁽³⁾ to sell by invitation to tender certain quantities of butter that they hold and to grant aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter; whereas Article 18 of that Regulation stipulates that in the light of the tenders received in response to each individual invitation to tender a minimum selling price shall be fixed for butter and maximum aid shall be fixed for cream, butter and concentrated butter; whereas it is further stipulated that the price or aid may vary according

to the intended use of the butter, its fat content and the incorporation procedure, and that a decision may also be taken to make no award in response to the tenders submitted; whereas the amount(s) of the processing securities must be fixed accordingly;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum aid and processing securities applying for the sixth individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 350, 20. 12. 1997, p. 3.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 March 1998 fixing the minimum selling prices for butter and the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the sixth individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97

(ECU/100 kg)

Formula			A		B	
Incorporation procedure			With tracers	Without tracers	With tracers	Without tracers
Minimum selling price	Butter ≥ 82 %	Unaltered	—	—	—	—
		Concentrated	—	—	—	—
Processing security		Unaltered	—		—	
		Concentrated	—		—	
Maximum aid	Butter ≥ 82 %		117	113	—	113
	Butter < 82 %		112	108	112	108
	Concentrated butter		144	140	144	140
	Cream		—	—	50	48
Processing security	Butter		129	—	129	—
	Concentrated butter		158	—	158	—
	Cream		—	—	55	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 690/98**of 27 March 1998****on the issue of system B export licences in the fruit and vegetables sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 213/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 520/98 ⁽³⁾ fixes the indicative quantities for system B export licences other than those sought in the context of food aid;

Whereas, in the light of the information available to the Commission today, there is a risk that the indicative quantities laid down for the current export period for apples for destination group Y will shortly be exceeded; whereas this overrun will prejudice the proper working of

the export refund scheme in the fruit and vegetables sector;

Whereas, to avoid this situation, applications for system B licences for apples for destination group Y exported after 27 March 1998 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B licences for apples for destination group Y submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 520/98, export declarations for which are accepted after 27 March and before 20 May 1998, are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15. 11. 1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 22, 29. 1. 1998, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 66, 6. 3. 1998, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 691/98**of 27 March 1998****fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in
under the 200th partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure
pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89**

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 organisation of the market in beef and veal⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2634/97⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6(7) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 of 1 September 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 as regards the general and special intervention measures for beef⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2602/97⁽⁴⁾, an invitation to tender was opened pursuant to Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying in of beef by invitation to tender⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 72/98⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93, a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received; whereas, in accordance with Article 13(2) of that Regulation, a decision may be taken not to proceed with the tendering procedure; whereas, in accordance with Article 14 of that Regulation, only tenders quoting prices not exceeding the maximum buying-in price and not exceeding the average national or regional market price, plus the amount referred to in paragraph 1 of that Article, are to be accepted;

Whereas, once tenders submitted in respect of the 200th partial invitation to tender have been considered and taking account, pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughterings and prices, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure for category A and to fix the maximum buying-in price and the quantities which may be accepted into intervention for category C;

Whereas the quantities offered at present exceed the quantities which may be bought in; whereas a reducing coefficient or, where appropriate, depending on the differences in prices and the quantities tendered for, several reducing coefficients should accordingly be applied to the quantities which may be bought in in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93;

Whereas the scale of the quantities awarded warrants the application of the possibility provided for in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 of extending the period during which the intervention products are to be delivered;

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

Under the 200th partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89:

- (a) for category A, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure;
- (b) for category C:
 - the maximum buying-in price shall be ECU 251 per 100 kg of carcasses or half-carcasses of quality R3,
 - the maximum quantity of carcasses and half-carcasses accepted shall be 1 731 tonnes,
 - the quantities offered at a price less than or equal to ECU 251 shall be multiplied by a coefficient of 25 % in Northern Ireland and 10 % in Ireland, in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93.

Article 2

The first sentence of Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 notwithstanding, the time limit for delivery to intervention stores is extended by one week.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 30 March 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 356, 31. 12. 1997, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 225, 4. 9. 1993, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 351, 23. 12. 1997, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 159, 10. 6. 1989, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 6, 10. 1. 1998, p. 24.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 692/98**of 27 March 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 2050/97 determining the reductions to be applied
in certain Member States to the compensatory payments under the aid scheme
for rice producers**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 6(5) thereof,

Whereas Article 6(5) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 lays down that where the areas given over to rice in a given year exceed a specific base area, a reduction in the compensatory payment shall be applied to all producers in the base area in question for the same production year;

Whereas Article 6(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 613/97 of 8 April 1997 laying down rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 as regards the conditions for granting compensatory payments under the aid scheme for rice producers ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1305/97 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down that the notifications from the Member States may, under certain conditions, be corrected and that, after checking the corrected information, the Commission must, where appropriate, recalculate the size of the reductions estab-

lished pursuant to Article 6(5) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95;

Whereas Spain has submitted a corrected notification regarding the area given over to rice in 1997; whereas that area is lower than the national base area established for that Member State; whereas, after analysing the information, the reduction in the compensatory payment laid down for Spain by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2050/97 ⁽⁵⁾ should be cancelled;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the table given in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2050/97, the reference to Spain and the figure 27,75 are hereby deleted.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 94, 9. 4. 1997, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 177, 5. 7. 1997, p. 11.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 287, 21. 10. 1997, p. 12.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 693/98**of 27 March 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 3111/93 establishing the lists of quality liqueur wines produced in specified regions referred to in Articles 3 and 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88 of 21 December 1988 on the preparation and marketing of liqueur wines produced in the Community ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1419/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 22 thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Articles 3 and 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88, the lists of quality liqueur wines produced in specified regions (quality liqueur wines psr) for which special rules of preparation are allowed should be drawn up on the basis of the information supplied by the Member States;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 3111/93 ⁽³⁾ establishes the lists of quality liqueur wines produced in specified regions;

Whereas additions need to be made to certain of the lists of quality liqueur wines psr referred to in Article 3 of

Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88 on the basis of information supplied by Greece and Spain;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 3111/93 is hereby amended in accordance with the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 373, 31. 12. 1988, p. 59.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 196, 24. 7. 1997, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 278, 11. 11. 1993, p. 48.

ANNEX

1. In point 1, 'List of quality liqueur wines psr whose production involves the use of grape must or a mixture thereof with wine (fourth indent of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88)', the following quality liqueur wines psr from Greece are added:

‘GREECE

Σάμος (Samos), Μοσχάτος Πατρών (Patras Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Ρίου Πατρών (Rion of Patras Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Κεφαλληνίας (Kefallonia Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Ρόδου (Rhodes Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Λήμνου (Lemnos Muscatel), Σητεία (Sitia), Νεμέα (Nemea), Σαντορίνη (Santorini), Δαφνές (Dafnes), Μαυροδάφνη Κεφαλληνίας (Mavrodafne of Kefallonia), Μαυροδάφνη Πατρών (Mavrodafne of Patras).'

2. In point 2, 'List of quality liqueur wines psr whose production involves the addition of wine alcohol or dried grape alcohol with an alcoholic strength of not less than 95 % vol and more than 96 % vol (second indent, first subindent of Article 3(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88)', the following quality liqueur wines psr from Greece are added:

‘GREECE

Σάμος (Samos), Μοσχάτος Πατρών (Patras Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Ρίου Πατρών (Rion of Patras Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Κεφαλληνίας (Kefallonia Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Ρόδου (Rhodes Muscatel), Μοσχάτος Λήμνου (Lemnos Muscatel), Σητεία (Sitia), Σαντορίνη (Santorini), Δαφνές (Dafnes), Μαυροδάφνη Κεφαλληνίας (Mavrodafne of Kefallonia), Μαυροδάφνη Πατρών (Mavrodafne of Patras).'

3. In point 3, 'List of quality liqueur wines psr whose production involves the addition of spirits distilled from wine or grape marc with an alcoholic strength of not less than 52 % vol and not more than 86 % vol (second indent, second subindent of Article 3(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88)', the following quality liqueur wines psr from Greece are added:

‘GREECE

Μαυροδάφνη Πατρών (Mavrodafne of Patras), Μαυροδάφνη Κεφαλληνίας (Mavrodafne of Kefallonia), Σητεία (Sitia), Σαντορίνη (Santorini), Δαφνές (Dafnes), Νεμέα (Nemea).'

4. After point 3, a new point 3a is added:

‘3a. List of quality liqueur wines psr whose production involves the addition of spirits distilled from dried grapes with an alcoholic strength of not less than 52 % vol and less than 94,5 % vol (second indent, third subindent of Article 3(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88):

GREECE

Mavrodafne of Patras, Mavrodafne of Kefallonia.'

5. In point 5, 'List of quality wines psr whose production involves the addition of concentrated grape must obtained by the action of direct heat, complying, with the exception of this operation, with the definition of concentrated grape must (third indent, second subindent of Article 3(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88)', in the list of quality liqueur wines psr from Spain, the following name is added after 'Montilla-Moriles':

SPAIN

Quality liqueur wines psr	Name of wine as laid down in Community or Member State legislation
‘Navarra	Moscatel'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 694/98

of 27 March 1998

fixing the amounts to be paid to recognised olive oil producer organizations and associations thereof for the 1997/98 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1581/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 20d(4) 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 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Whereas Article 20d of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that a percentage of the production aid is to be withheld to help finance the work of the producer organisations and associations thereof;

Whereas Article 8(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3061/84 of 31 October 1984 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of production aid for olive oil ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2455/97 ⁽⁶⁾, provides that the unit amounts to be paid to producer organisations and associations thereof are to be fixed on the basis of forecasts of the overall sum to be distributed; whereas the amount withheld was fixed for the 1997/98 marketing year by Council Regulation (EC) No 1414/97 ⁽⁷⁾; whereas the funds which will be available in each Member State as a result of the abovementioned amount withheld must be redistributed to those eligible in a suitable manner;

Whereas to ensure that the distribution of funds among the producer organisations and associations is uniformly implemented, and with a view to clarity, a specific operative event should be established for the agricultural conversion rate for the amounts fixed; whereas, given the nature of the measure and to facilitate the management thereof, 1 February 1998 should be fixed as the operative event;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1997/98 marketing year, the amounts provided for in Article 8(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 3061/84 shall be as follows:

- for Spain: ECU 7 and ECU 2 respectively,
- for Portugal: ECU 0 and ECU 4,5 respectively,
- for Greece: ECU 2,6 and ECU 2,6 respectively,
- for France: ECU 1,5 and ECU 1,5 respectively,
- for Italy: ECU 2,4 and ECU 2,4 respectively.

Article 2

The amounts referred to in Article 1 shall be converted into national currency using the agricultural conversion rate in force on 1 February 1998.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 288, 1. 11. 1984, p. 52.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 340, 11. 12. 1997, p. 26.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 196, 24. 7. 1997, p. 4.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 695/98

of 27 March 1998

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2047/84 determining the rice intervention centres other than Vercelli

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

2. ITALY

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(a) thereof,

Whereas the intervention centres are determined by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2047/84 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1028/97 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, following consultations with the Member States concerned in accordance with Article 8(a) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95, the list of such centres should be amended;

Whereas these measures should take effect at the start of the period of application of the intervention arrangements;

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

Region	Intervention centre
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Piedmont	Vercelli
	Novara
	Cuneo
	Turin
	Alessandria
Biella	

Veneto	Rovigo
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Lombardy	Piava
	Mantua
	Milan
	Lodi

Emilia-Romagna	Piacenza
	Parma
	Ferrara
	Bologna
	Ravenna
	Reggio Emilia

Sardinia	Oristano
	Cagliari

3. GREECE

Region	Intervention centre
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Central Greece	Volos
	Lamia
	Messolongi

Macedonia	Skotousa
	Drimos
	Plati
	Provatas
	Pirgos
	Thessaloniki
	Serres
Giannitsa	

Peloponnese	Messini
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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Points 1, 2 and 3 of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2047/84 are replaced by the following:

‘1. FRANCE

Department	Intervention centre
Bouches-du-Rhône	Arles
	Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône
Gard	Beaucaire
	Saint-Gilles
Guiana	Mana (Saint-Laurent-du-Maroni)

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 April 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 190, 18. 7. 1984, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 150, 7. 6. 1997, p. 29.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 696/98

of 27 March 1998

implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 of 13 March 1997 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters, hereinafter referred to as the 'Basic Regulation', and in particular Article 43(3) thereof⁽¹⁾,

Whereas the Basic Regulation provides for the setting up of a central database to meet the needs of the administrative authorities responsible for applying the legislation on customs and agricultural matters and those of the Commission; whereas the aim of this database is to assist in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of operations in breach of customs and agricultural legislation by increasing, by means of a more rapid circulation of information, the effectiveness of the cooperation and control procedures of the competent authorities;

Whereas it is necessary to determine the operations concerning the application of agricultural legislation for which information has to be introduced into the central data base of the Customs information system (CIS), as required in the Basic Regulation;

Whereas it is necessary, pursuant to Article 25 of the Basic Regulation, also to determine the elements to be included in the database of the CIS under each of the categories referred to under items (a) to (f) in Article 24 of the abovementioned Regulation;

Whereas the abovementioned elements include personal data which are subject to specific protective measures; whereas, in particular, these data may be introduced into the database only when the conditions set out in Article 27(2) of the Basic Regulation are met;

whereas the measures laid down in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee provided for in Article 43 of the Basic Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The operations in connection with the application of agricultural regulations which, pursuant to Article 23 of the Basic Regulation, require the introduction of information into the Customs information system (CIS) shall be those relating to:

- (a) imports coming from third countries of products subject to agricultural legislation, and in particular customs duties;
- (b) exports to third countries of products subject to agricultural legislation;
- (c) movements of products, subject to agricultural legislation, under cover of a common or external transit procedure and operations involving the temporary storage in the Community of such products when traded between the Community and a third country;
- (d) intra-Community movements of products which are the subject of restrictions or prohibitions based on agricultural legislation or which benefit from Community assistance.

Article 2

The elements which may be included in the CIS database under categories (a) to (f) of Article 24 of the Basic Regulation are listed in the Annex hereto.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 13 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Mario MONTI

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 82, 22. 3. 1997, p. 1.

ANNEX

(a) COMMODITIES

Nature or description:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

TARIC code:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Quantity:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Weight:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Value:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Type of packings/labelling:**Origin:**

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Itinerary:*Coming from (country whence consigned):*

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Date:

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Intermediate stops/transshipment:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Date:

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Destination:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Date:

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Customs office:

- of entry/import
- of transit
- of exit/export

Customs regime or customs status:**Documents presented for customs clearance/bill of lading:**

- type and number:
- date of issue:
- place of issue:
- issued by:

Suggested action:**Warning code (risk of dangerous goods):****Context:****Contact point for further information:****Report outcome to:****(b) MEANS OF TRANSPORT****Transport mode:****Means of transport:**

- type:
- identity (registration number):

Container:

- type:
- number:

Itinerary:*Point of departure:*

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Date:

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Intermediate stop(s):

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Date:

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Point of arrival:

- declared:
- suspected:
- established:

Date:

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Customs office:

- of entry/import
- of transit
- of exit/export

Suggested action:**Context:**

Contact point for further information:

Report outcome to:

(c) COMPANIES

Name or trade mark:

Address(es): (*)

Registration number: (*)

VAT number: (*)

Activity:

- type:
- role played in the case

Related companies:

- name:
- address:

Suggested action:

Context:

Contact point for further information:

Report outcome to:

(d) PERSONS

Surname:

First names:

Maiden name:

Alias:

Date and place of birth:

Nationality:

Sex:

Particularities and permanent physical characteristics:

Means of transport used:

- (registration No):

Reason for entering data:

Suggested actions:

Warning code (indicating any history of being armed, violent or escaping):

Context:

Contact point for further information:

Report outcome to:

(*) This item cannot be completed if it is thereby possible to identify a natural person.

(e) FRAUD TRENDS:

Trends concerning legislation:

Trends concerning goods:

Trends concerning countries involved:

Trends concerning the role of companies involved:

Trends concerning types of irregularities and *modus operandi*:

Contact point for further information:

Report outcome to:

(f) AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTISE

Administrative competence or other competence (specify):

Expertise as regards specific activities/goods:

- Commercial expertise:
 - Scientific/technical expertise:
 - Analytical expertise:
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 697/98**of 27 March 1998****fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as
Community and national food aid**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96⁽²⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 13 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2681/74 of 21 October 1974 on Community financing of expenditure incurred in respect of the supply of agricultural products as food aid⁽⁵⁾ lays down that the portion of the expenditure corresponding to the export refunds on the products in question fixed under Community rules is to be charged to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section;

Whereas, in order to make it easier to draw up and manage the budget for Community food aid actions and to enable the Member States to know the extent of Community participation in the financing of national

food aid actions, the level of the refunds granted for these actions should be determined;

Whereas the general and implementing rules provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on export refunds are applicable mutatis mutandis to the abovementioned operations;

Whereas the specific criteria to be used for calculating the export refund on rice are set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For Community and national food aid operations under international agreements or other supplementary programmes, and other Community free supply measures, the refunds applicable to cereals and rice sector products shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 288, 25. 10. 1974, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 March 1998 fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

(ECU/tonne)

Product code	Refund
1001 10 00 9400	0
1001 90 99 9000	17,00
1002 00 00 9000	35,00
1003 00 90 9000	47,00
1004 00 00 9400	34,00
1005 90 00 9000	30,00
1006 30 92 9100	137,00
1006 30 92 9900	137,00
1006 30 94 9100	137,00
1006 30 94 9900	137,00
1006 30 96 9100	137,00
1006 30 96 9900	137,00
1006 30 98 9100	137,00
1006 30 98 9900	137,00
1006 40 00 9000	—
1007 00 90 9000	30,00
1101 00 15 9100	18,00
1101 00 15 9130	18,00
1102 20 10 9200	32,21
1102 20 10 9400	27,61
1102 30 00 9000	—
1102 90 10 9100	14,01
1103 11 10 9200	0
1103 11 90 9200	0
1103 13 10 9100	41,42
1103 14 00 9000	—
1104 12 90 9100	32,80
1104 21 50 9100	18,68

NB: The product codes and the footnotes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24. 12. 1987, p. 1), amended.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 698/98
of 27 March 1998
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply
of cereals products from the Community to the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Canary Islands ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 (4) thereof,

Whereas the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the Canary Islands has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 475/98 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community

and on the world market, the aid for supply to the Canary Islands should be set at the amounts given in the Annex;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 1832/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 185, 4. 7. 1992, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 60, 28. 2. 1998, p. 40.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 March 1998 amending Regulation (EEC)
No 1832/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the
Community to the Canary Islands

(Ecu/tonne)

Product (CN code)		Amount of aid
Common wheat	(1001 90 99)	20,00
Barley	(1003 00 90)	50,00
Maize	(1005 90 00)	33,00
Durum wheat	(1001 10 00)	8,00
Oats	(1004 00 00)	37,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 699/98
of 27 March 1998
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply
of cereals products from the Community to the Azores and Madeira

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the Azores and Madeira ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the Azores and Madeira has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 476/98 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community and on the world market, the aid for supply to the Azores

and Madeira should be set at the amounts given in the Annex;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 1833/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 185, 4. 7. 1992, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 60, 28. 2. 1998, p. 42.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 March 1998 amending Regulation (EEC)
No 1833/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the
Community to the Azores and Madeira

(Ecu/tonne)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid	
	Destination	
	Azores	Madeira
Common wheat (1001 90 99)	20	20
Barley (1003 00 90)	50	50
Maize (1005 90 00)	33	33
Durum wheat (1001 10 00)	8	8

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 700/98**of 27 March 1998****amending Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the French overseas departments**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 of 16 December 1991 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2598/95 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 (6) thereof,

Whereas the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products to the French overseas departments (FOD) has been settled by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 477/98 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, as a consequence of the changes of the rates and prices for cereals products in the European part of the Community and on the world market, the aid for supply

to the FOD should be set at the amounts given in the Annex;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of amended Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 is replaced by the Annex to the present Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 24. 12. 1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 267, 9. 11. 1995, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 43, 19. 2. 1992, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 60, 28. 2. 1998, p. 44.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 March 1998 amending Regulation (EEC) No 391/92 setting the amounts of aid for the supply of cereals products from the Community to the French overseas departments

(Ecu/tonne)

Product (CN code)	Amount of aid			
	Destination			
	Guadeloupe	Martinique	French Guiana	Réunion
Common wheat (1001 90 99)	23,00	23,00	23,00	26,00
Barley (1003 00 90)	53,00	53,00	53,00	56,00
Maize (1005 90 00)	36,00	36,00	36,00	39,00
Durum wheat (1001 10 00)	12,00	12,00	12,00	16,00

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 701/98**of 27 March 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 1487/95 establishing the supply balance for the
Canary Islands for products from the pigmeat sector and fixing the aid for
products coming from the Community**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92
of 15 June 1992 introducing specific measures for the
Canary Islands concerning certain agricultural products ⁽¹⁾,
as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 ⁽²⁾, and in
particular Article 4 (4) thereof,

Whereas the amounts of aid for the supply of the pigmeat
sector to the Canary Islands have been settled by
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1487/95 of 28 June
1995 establishing the supply balance for the Canary
Islands for products from the pigmeat sector and fixing
the aid for products coming from the Community ⁽³⁾, as
last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2473/97 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas,
as a consequence of the changes in the rates and prices
for cereal products in the European part of the Commu-

nity and on the world market, the aid for supply to the
Canary Islands should be set at the amounts given in the
Annex;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to amended Regulation (EEC) No 1487/95 is
hereby replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 29. 6. 1995, p. 63.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 341, 12. 12. 1997, p. 40.

*ANNEX**ANNEX II***Amounts of aid granted for products coming from the Community market**

<i>(ECU/100 kg net weight)</i>	
Product code	Amount of aid
0203 21 10 9000	7,0
0203 22 11 9100	10,5
0203 22 19 9100	7,0
0203 29 11 9100	7,0
0203 29 13 9100	10,5
0203 29 15 9100	7,0
0203 29 55 9110	11,9

NB: The product codes as well as the footnotes are defined in Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 702/98

of 27 March 1998

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92 laying down detailed implementing rules for the specific measures for supplying the Azores and Madeira with products from the pigmeat sector and fixing the aid for products coming from the Community

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Azores and Madeira relating to certain agricultural products⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas the amount of aid for supplying the Azores and Madeira with products from the pigmeat sector have fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92 of 30 June 1992 laying down detailed implementing rules for the specific measures for supplying the Azores and Madeira with products from the pigmeat sector⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2500/97⁽⁴⁾; whereas, in calculating the aid for the pigmeat products intended for the Azores and Madeira, it is necessary to take account of the relationship that exists between the aids for cereals and those for pigmeat; whereas as a result of the changes in quota-

tions and prices for cereal products on the European territory of the Community and on the world market, the amounts of aid for supplying the Azores and Madeira should be fixed again as set out in the Annex hereto;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to amended Regulation (EEC) No 1725/92 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 1. 7. 1992, p. 95.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 345, 16. 12. 1997, p. 17.

ANNEX

ANNEX II

Amounts of aid granted for products referred to in Annex I and coming from the Community market

<i>(ECU/100 kg net)</i>	
Product code	Amount of aid
0203 11 10 9000	7,0
0203 12 11 9100	10,5
0203 12 19 9100	7,0
0203 19 11 9100	7,0
0203 19 13 9100	10,5
0203 19 15 9100	7,0
0203 19 55 9110	11,9
0203 19 55 9310	11,9
0203 21 10 9000	7,0
0203 22 11 9100	10,5
0203 22 19 9100	7,0
0203 29 11 9100	7,0
0203 29 13 9100	10,5
0203 29 15 9100	7,0
0203 29 55 9110	11,9

NB: The product codes as well as the footnotes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24. 12. 1987, p. 1).'

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 98/19/EC**of 18 March 1998****amending Council Directive 70/524/EEC concerning additives in feedingstuffs****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 97/72/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 11 of Directive 70/524/EEC, a Member State which, as a result of new information or of a reassessment of existing information made since the provisions in question were adopted, has detailed grounds for establishing that the use of one of the additives listed in Annex I constitutes a danger to animal or human health or the environment may temporarily suspend the authorization to use that additive;

Whereas Germany prohibited the use on its territory of ronidazole in turkey feed on 19 January 1996; whereas in accordance with Directive 70/524/EEC, on 15 April 1996 Germany notified the other Member States and the Commission of the reasons for its decision, duly substantiated by detailed arguments;

Whereas Germany argued in its notification that it suspected ronidazole of mutagenic, carcinogenic and genotoxic properties and, in view of this worrying situation for the health of consumers, this Member State took the view that its use in animal feed should be banned at Community level;

Whereas in its reasoned argument Germany concluded that the use of ronidazole in animal feed resulted in some residues remaining in animal tissue, even with a six-day withdrawal period in accordance with the rules; whereas in view of the carcinogenic and mutagenic properties that ronidazole as the parent substance might have and the possibility that its nitroimidazole structure might be released from bound residues, a risk to consumer health cannot be ruled out, even where the withdrawal period is complied with;

Whereas the Commission has consulted the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition; whereas, after thoroughly examining the situation, that Committee has

concluded, in the opinion expressed on 26 September 1997 and reinforced on 5 November 1997, that, while ronidazole clearly shows a mutagenic effect on prokaryotic cells, there are no data on its possible genotoxic effect on eukaryotic cells; whereas it was not possible to evaluate conclusively the carcinogenic mechanism because raw data on the experiments into carcinogenesis were not available; whereas it is therefore impossible to evaluate the risk to consumers; whereas the data on metronidazole cannot be used to make inferences about ronidazole since chemical substances belonging to the same family may have totally different toxicological properties; whereas information is lacking on the metabolic fate of ronidazole in turkeys, such as the nature of the faecal metabolites, or its presence in various tissues after the withdrawal period; whereas it should be noted, however, that the substantial information available on pigs could be reasonably applied to turkeys, where justified; whereas, on the other hand, the limited amount of data that does exist on the presence of trace quantities of a nitroimidazole compound released chemically from these bound residues is strongly suggestive of analytical artefact;

Whereas the Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition has finally concluded that, while not all the scientific arguments submitted by Germany to prohibit ronidazole can be accepted, some important issues have not been resolved and, in the absence of the additional data, an acceptable daily dose of ronidazole residues cannot be established to ensure consumer safety;

Whereas, in view of the uncertainty still surrounding the safety of ronidazole, its use as an additive in turkey feed should be prohibited to protect consumer health;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex I to Directive 70/524/EEC is hereby amended as set out in the Annex hereto.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 14. 12. 1970, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 351, 23. 12. 1997, p. 55.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 31 May 1998. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

They shall apply the measures from 1 June 1998.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of domestic law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States,

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

In Annex I to Directive 70/524/EEC, Part D: 'Coccidiostats and other medicinal substances', item E 759, 'Ronidazole' and all references to it (chemical formula, description, species or category of animal, maximum age, minimum content, maximum content, other provisions) are hereby deleted.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 23 March 1998

concerning the approval, on behalf of the Community, of PARCOM Decision 96/1 on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane in the non-ferrous metal industry

(98/241/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 100a, in conjunction with Article 228(2), first sentence, and (3), first subparagraph,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas by Council Decision of 3 March 1975 the Community concluded the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources (Paris Convention) ⁽³⁾ thus becoming a Contracting Party to this Convention;

Whereas the executive body of the Paris Convention (PARCOM — Paris Commission) may adopt measures in the area of pollution prevention and that it adopted PARCOM Decision 96/1 on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane in the non-ferrous metal industry;

Whereas the Commission participated in the adoption of PARCOM Decision 96/1 on the basis of the authorisation granted by the Council and within the negotiating directives issued accordingly;

Whereas hexachloroethane appears on the list of dangerous substances in Annex I to Council Directive 76/769/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the

laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations ⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas the provisions of PARCOM Decision 96/1 are in line with Directive 76/769/EEC;

Whereas it is therefore desirable that the Community approve PARCOM Decision 96/1,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

1. PARCOM Decision 96/1 on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane in the non-ferrous metal industry is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the said Decision is attached to this Decision.

2. The Commission is hereby authorised to notify this approval to the Paris Commission.

Done at Brussels, 23 March 1998.

For the Council

The President

M. MEACHER

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 364, 2. 12. 1997, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 80, 16. 3. 1998.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 194, 25. 7. 1975, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 262, 27. 9. 1976, p. 201. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 97/64/EC (OJ L 315, 19. 11. 1997, p. 13).

OSLO AND PARIS CONVENTIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION

JOINT MEETING OF THE OSLO AND PARIS COMMISSIONS

Oslo: 17 to 21 June 1996.

PARCOM DECISION 96/1**on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane in the non-ferrous metal industry**

RECALLING PARCOM Decision 92/4 on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane (HCE) in the secondary aluminium industry and in the primary aluminium industry with integrated foundries;

RECALLING PARCOM Decision 93/1 on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane (HCE) in the non-ferrous metal industry;

CONSIDERING that organohalogen compounds which are toxic, persistent and liable to bioaccumulate are a cause of marine pollution requiring urgent measures;

CONSIDERING that these substances are on the Paris Convention priority list;

CONSIDERING that hexachloroethane has been used till now in the non-ferrous metal industry, mainly as a degasifier in magnesium and copper foundries;

CONSIDERING that other systems and alternative substances already exist, capable of attaining similar, or even superior, technical efficiency and performance and that some of the alternative techniques involve less ecological risk;

CONSIDERING that limited exemptions are necessary for some applications in the production of magnesium and aluminium alloys to give small and medium-sized foundries a reasonable period for adaptation,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES DECIDE THAT:

1. Programmes and measures

- 1.1. All uses of HCE in the aluminium industry (including integrated and non-integrated foundries casting aluminium) shall be phased out as far as possible by 31 December 1996 and at the latest by 31 December 1997.
- 1.2. All uses of HCE in other non-ferrous metal industry shall be phased out by 31 December 1997.
- 1.3. As exceptions to this Decision, hexachloroethane may be used:
 - (a) for grain refining in the production of the magnesium alloys AZ81, AZ91 and AZ92;
 - (b) in non-integrated aluminium foundries producing specialised castings for applications requiring high quality and high safety standards and where consumption is less than 1,5 kg of hexachloroethane per day on average.

The need for these exceptions will be reviewed in 1998.

- 1.4. Potential alternative technologies should be assessed by competent authorities for their risks and benefits.

2. Entry into force

- 2.1. This Decision replaces PARCOM Decisions 92/4 and 93/1 with effect from the date when the Secretariat has received confirmation from Contracting Parties holding at least three quarters of the total number of votes in the Paris Commission that they are in a position to proceed.
- 2.2. That replacement has effect for each Contracting Party from:
 - (a) the date mentioned in subparagraph 2.1, or
 - (b) the date when it delivers such a notification to the Secretariat,whichever is later.

3. Implementation reports

- 3.1. Implementation reports on this Decision should be made to the appropriate OSPAR working group meeting preceding the meeting of OSPAR 1999. When reporting, the format as set out in the Appendix should be used to the extent possible.
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Appendix

Implementation reporting format for PARCOM Decision 96/1 on the phasing-out of the use of hexachloroethane in the non-ferrous metal industry

Contracting Party	Reservation	Not applicable (⁴)	Means of implementation (¹) (²) (³)		
			By legislation	Administrative action	Voluntary agreement
Belgium					
Denmark					
Finland (⁵)					
France					
Germany					
Iceland					
Ireland					
Netherlands					
Norway					
Portugal					
Spain					
Sweden					
United Kingdom					
EC					
Luxembourg (⁶)					
Switzerland (⁵)					

(¹) Give information on specific measures taken to give effect to this Decision.

(²) Provide information on any special difficulties encountered, such as practical or legal problems, in the implementation of this Decision.

(³) The reasons for not having fully implemented this Decision should be spelt out clearly and plans for full implementation should be reported.

(⁴) State why this Decision is not applicable.

(⁵) Contracting State to the OSPAR Convention.

(⁶) Signatory to the Paris Convention and the OSPAR Convention.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1998

recognising in principle the completeness of the dossiers submitted for detailed examination in view of the possible inclusion of cyhalofop-butyl, pyraflufen-ethyl and azafenidin in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/242/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 97/73/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6(3) thereof,

Whereas Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter 'the Directive') has provided for the development of a Community list of active substances authorised for incorporation in plant-protection products;

Whereas applicants have submitted dossiers for three active substances to Member States' authorities in view of obtaining the inclusion of the active substances in Annex I to the Directive;

Whereas a dossier for the active substance cyhalofop-butyl was submitted by Dow Elanco Italia Srl to the Italian authorities on 30 April 1997;

Whereas a dossier for the active substance pyraflufen-ethyl was submitted by Nihon Nohyaku Co. Ltd to the Belgian authorities on 16 June 1997;

Whereas a dossier for the active substance azafenidin was submitted by du Pont de Nemours (France) SA to the Spanish authorities on 25 June 1997;

Whereas the said authorities indicated to the Commission the results of a first examination of the completeness of the dossier with regard to the data and information requirements provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive;

whereas subsequently, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(2), the dossier was submitted by the applicants to the Commission and other Member States;

Whereas the dossiers for cyhalofop-butyl, pyraflufen-ethyl and azafenidin were referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 16 December 1997;

Whereas Article 6(3) of the Directive requires it being confirmed at the level of the Community that each dossier is to be considered as satisfying in principle the data and information requirements provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive;

Whereas such confirmation is necessary in order to pursue the detailed examination of the dossier as well as in order to open to Member States the possibility of granting provisional authorisation for plant protection products containing this active substance in due respect of the conditions laid down in Article 8(1) of the Directive, and in particular the condition to make a detailed assessment of the active substances and the plant protection products with regard to the requirements of the Directive;

Whereas such Decision does not prejudice that further data or information may be requested from the applicant where it would appear during the detailed examination that such information or data are required for a Decision to be taken;

Whereas it is understood between the Member States and the Commission that Italy will pursue the detailed examination for the dossier for cyhalofop-butyl, that Belgium will pursue the detailed examination for the dossier for pyraflufen-ethyl and that Spain will pursue the detailed examination for the dossier for azafenidin;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 230, 19. 8. 1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 353, 24. 12. 1997, p. 26.

Whereas Italy, Belgium and Spain will report the conclusions of their examinations accompanied by any recommendations on the inclusion or non-inclusion and any conditions related thereto to the Commission as soon as possible and at the latest within a period of one year; whereas on receipt of this report the detailed examination will be continued with the expertise from all Member States within the framework of the Standing Committee on Plant Health;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following dossiers satisfy in principle the data and information requirements provided for in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive, taking into account the uses proposed:

1. the dossier submitted by Dow Elanco Italia Srl to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of cyhalofop-butyl as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and which was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 16 December 1997;

2. the dossier submitted by Nihon Nohyaku Co. Ltd to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of pyraflufen-ethyl as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and which was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 16 December 1997;
3. the dossier submitted by Du Pont de Nemours (France) SA to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of azafenidin as active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and which was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 16 December 1997.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2472/97 of 11 December 1997 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 on the characteristics of olive oil and olive-residue oil and on the relevant methods of analysis and Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 341 of 12 December 1997)

On pages 27 and 28, in both tables of Annex I, points 7, 8 and 9:

for: '... olive-residue oil ...',

read: '... olive-pomace oil ...'.
