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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

DECISION No 1295/1999/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 29 April 1999

adopting a programme of Community action on rare diseases within the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2003)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 129 thereof,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions ⁽³⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189b of the Treaty ⁽⁴⁾, in the light of the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee on 4 February 1999,

(1) Whereas Community measures must relate to the prevention of diseases and Community action may contribute unique added value to the treatment of problems the scale of which in individual countries is too small to allow the necessary analysis or effective intervention;

(2) Whereas, for the purposes of this programme, rare diseases, including those of genetic origin, are life-threatening or chronically debilitating diseases which are of such low prevalence that special combined efforts are needed to address them so as to prevent significant morbidity or perinatal or early mortality or a considerable reduction in an individual's quality of life or socio-economic potential;

(3) Whereas, as a guide, low prevalence can be understood as meaning prevalence which is generally

recognised as less than 5 per 10 000 in the Community;

(4) Whereas the very fact of the rarity of low-prevalence diseases and conditions and the lack of information about them may mean that people affected by such diseases and conditions do not benefit from the health resources and services which they need;

(5) Whereas the number of people affected by individual rare diseases is, by definition, relatively small in comparison with more commonplace disorders; whereas, however, these diseases taken together are quite prevalent and affect a significant percentage of the general population;

(6) Whereas rare diseases are considered to have little impact on society as a whole owing to their low prevalence individually; whereas, however, they pose serious difficulties for sufferers and their families;

(7) Whereas understanding of rare diseases needs to be improved, since they may constitute danger signs from a public health perspective;

(8) Whereas, in accordance with Article 3(o) of the Treaty, Community activities are to include a contribution to the attainment of a high level of health protection;

(9) Whereas Article 129 of the Treaty expressly provides for Community competence in this field insofar as the Community contributes by encouraging cooperation between the Member States and, if necessary, lending support to their action, promoting coordination of their policies and programmes, and fostering cooperation with third countries and the competent international organizations in the sphere of public health; whereas Community action should be directed towards the prevention of diseases and the promotion of health education and information;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 203, 3.7.1997, p. 6, and OJ C 160, 27.5.1998, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 19, 21.1.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 64, 27.2.1998, p. 96.

⁽⁴⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 11 March 1998 (OJ C 104, 6.4.1998, p. 133), Council Common Position of 30 April 1998 (OJ C 227, 20.7.1998, p. 1) and Decision of the European Parliament of 8.10.1998 (OJ C 328, 26.10.1998, p. 148). Decision of the Council of 22 April 1999 and Decision of the European Parliament of 14 April 1999.

- (10) Whereas Community action should aim to improve the quality of life of all citizens of the Union;
- (11) Whereas, by helping to improve knowledge and understanding of rare diseases and foster a wider dissemination of information about them and by developing actions complementary to other Community programmes and actions and to initiatives which are of direct relevance to achievement of the objective of this programme, while avoiding unnecessary duplication, the programme will contribute to the achievement of the Community objectives set out in Article 129 of the Treaty;
- (12) Whereas an action programme on rare diseases should be undertaken as part of a coherent overall approach which includes initiatives in the sphere of orphan drugs and medical research;
- (13) Whereas rare diseases have been identified as a priority area for Community action in the Commission's communication of 24 November 1993 on the framework for action in the field of public health;
- (14) Whereas, in its Resolution of 16 January 1996 on the medium-term social action programme 1995-1997⁽¹⁾, the European Parliament asked the Commission to present, under the proper procedures, the action programme for rare diseases provided for in that communication;
- (15) Whereas, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, action on matters which do not fall within the exclusive competence of the Community, such as action on rare diseases, should be undertaken by the Community only if and insofar as, by reason of its scale or effects, its objectives can be better achieved by the Community;
- (16) Whereas the Community is in a position to provide added value to the actions of Member States concerning rare diseases through the coordination of national measures, the dissemination of information and experience, the joint establishment of priorities, the development of networking as appropriate, selection of Community-wide projects and the motivation and mobilisation of all involved, in particular health professionals, researchers and persons directly or indirectly affected by such diseases;
- (17) Whereas the creation of a coherent and complementary European information network on rare diseases and access to it should be promoted as soon as possible from the start of this programme onwards, using the existing data bases, among other things;
- (18) Whereas cooperation with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health, in particular the World Health Organisation (WHO), and with third countries, should be fostered, as well as transnational collaboration between voluntary support groups for those directly or indirectly affected by rare diseases;
- (19) Whereas the high level of technology currently available can contribute significantly to the acquisition of better knowledge and understanding of, and the wider dissemination of information about, rare diseases, as stated above; whereas this technology should be used to enhance the achievement of the objectives and actions envisaged under the programme; whereas an action programme on rare diseases should be undertaken as part of a coherent overall approach which includes initiatives in the sphere of orphan drugs, the commercial profitability of which could be insufficient, and medical research;
- (20) Whereas the systematic collection of health data is carried out within the framework of the programme of Community action on health monitoring (1997 to 2001) adopted by Decision No 1400/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾; whereas a regular exchange of information and data must therefore be ensured between this programme and that programme of Community action on health monitoring;
- (21) Whereas this programme should last five years in order to allow sufficient time to implement measures to achieve the objectives set;
- (22) Whereas, in order to increase the value and impact of the programme, there should be continuous assessment of the measures taken, with particular regard to their effectiveness and the achievement of the objectives set;
- (23) Whereas it should be possible to adjust or modify this programme in the light of its evaluation and of any developments that may take place in the general context of the Community framework for action in the field of public health;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 32, 5.2.1996, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 22.7.1997, p. 1.

- (24) Whereas the introduction of specific Community arrangements should help to ensure that Member States are swiftly informed in the event of an emergency situation, so that the protection of the population can be ensured;
- (25) Whereas these Community arrangements for the rapid exchange of information will not affect the Member States' rights and obligations under treaties or bilateral and multilateral conventions;
- (26) Whereas it is important that the Commission should ensure implementation of this programme in close cooperation with the Member States;
- (27) Whereas a *modus vivendi*⁽¹⁾ between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission concerning the implementing measures for acts adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189b of the Treaty was reached on 20 December 1994;
- (28) Whereas this Decision lays down, for the entire duration of the programme, a financial framework constituting the principal point of reference, within the meaning of point 1 of the Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 March 1995⁽²⁾, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Duration and aim of the programme

1. A programme of Community action on rare diseases, including genetic diseases, hereinafter referred to as 'this programme', is hereby adopted for the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2003 within the framework for action in the field of public health.
2. The aim of this programme is to contribute, in coordination with other Community measures, towards ensuring a high level of health protection in relation to rare diseases by improving knowledge, for example by promoting the setting-up of a coherent and complementary European information network on rare diseases, and facilitating access to information about these diseases, in particular for health professionals, researchers and those affected directly or indirectly by these diseases, by encouraging and strengthening transnational cooperation between voluntary and professional support groups for those concerned, and by ensuring optimum handling of clusters and by promoting the surveillance of rare diseases.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 102, 4.4.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 102, 4.4.1996, p. 4.

3. The actions to be implemented under this programme are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

Implementation

1. The Commission shall ensure implementation of the actions set out in the Annex in close cooperation with the Member States, in accordance with Article 5.
2. The Commission shall cooperate with institutions and organisations active in the field of rare diseases.

Article 3

Consistency and complementarity

The Commission shall ensure that there is consistency and complementarity between the actions to be implemented under this programme and with those implemented under other Community programmes and actions, in particular in the sphere of public health, on the one hand, and initiatives in the sphere of orphan drugs and medical research, on the other.

Article 4

Budget

1. The financial framework for the implementation of this programme for the period referred to in Article 1 is hereby set at EUR 6,5 million.
2. The annual appropriations shall be authorized by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.

Article 5

Committee

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee consisting of two representatives of each Member State and chaired by a representative of the Commission.
2. The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken concerning:
 - (a) the committee's rules of procedure;
 - (b) an annual work programme indicating the priorities for action;
 - (c) the arrangements, criteria and procedures for selecting and financing projects under this programme, including those involving cooperation with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health and participation of the countries referred to in Article 6(2);

- (d) the evaluation procedure;
- (e) the arrangements for dissemination and transfer of results;
- (f) the procedures for coordination with programmes and initiatives which are of direct relevance to achievement of the aim of this programme;
- (g) the arrangements for cooperating with the institutions and organisations referred to in Article 2(2).

The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft measures referred to above within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter. The opinion shall be delivered by the majority laid down in Article 148(2) of the Treaty in the case of decisions which the Council is required to adopt on a proposal from the Commission. The votes of the representatives of the Member States within the committee shall be weighted in the manner set out in that Article. The chairman shall not vote.

The Commission shall adopt measures which shall apply immediately. However, if these measures are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, they shall be communicated by the Commission to the Council forthwith. In that event:

- the Commission shall defer application of the measures which it has decided upon for a period of two months from the date of such communication,
- the Council, acting by a qualified majority, may take a different decision within the time limit laid down in the preceding indent.

3. In addition, the Commission may consult the committee on any other matter concerning the implementation of this programme.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter, if necessary by taking a vote.

The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in the minutes.

The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee. It shall inform the committee of the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

4. The representative of the Commission shall keep the committee regularly informed of:

- financial assistance granted under this programme (amount, duration, breakdown and beneficiaries),

- Commission proposals or Community initiatives and the implementation of programmes in other fields which are of direct relevance to achievement of the objective of this programme, so as to ensure consistency and complementarity as referred to in Article 3.

Article 6

International cooperation

1. Subject to Article 228 of the Treaty, in the course of implementing this programme, cooperation with third countries and with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health, in particular the World Health Organisation (WHO), shall be encouraged and implemented as regards the actions covered by this programme in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 5.

2. This programme shall be open to participation by the associated countries of central Europe, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Association Agreements or Additional Protocols relating thereto concerning participation in Community programmes.

This programme shall be open to participation by Cyprus and Malta on the basis of additional appropriations in accordance with the same rules as those applied to the countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), in accordance with procedures to be agreed with those two countries.

Article 7

Monitoring and evaluation

1. In the implementation of this Decision, the Commission shall take the necessary measures to ensure the monitoring and continuous evaluation of this programme, taking account of the aim set out in Article 1.

2. The Commission shall submit an interim report to the European Parliament and to the Council during the third year of this programme and a final report upon completion of this programme. It shall incorporate into these two reports information on Community financing in the various fields of action and on consistency and complementarity with the other actions referred to in Article 3, as well as the results of the evaluation referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. The reports shall also be submitted to the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. The interim report should also take account of developments occurring within the framework for Community action in the field of public health.

3. On the basis of the interim report referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission may, if necessary, make appropriate proposals for modifications or adjustments to this programme.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 April 1999.

For the European Parliament

The President

J. M. GIL-ROBLES

For the Council

The President

W. MÜLLER

ANNEX

ACTIONS

1. Promote the development of, and access to, a coherent and complementary European information network on rare diseases, using the existing databases, among other things. The information is to comprise entries listing the disease name, synonyms, a general description of the disorder, symptoms, causes, epidemiological data, preventive measures, standard treatments, clinical trials, diagnostic laboratories and specialised consultations, research programmes and a list of sources that can be contacted for further information about the condition. The availability of this information must be made as widely known as possible, including via the Internet.
 2. Contribute to training and refresher courses for professionals in order to improve early detection, recognition, intervention and prevention in the field of rare diseases.
 3. Promote transnational collaboration and networking between groups of persons directly or indirectly affected by the same rare conditions or volunteers and professionals involved and coordination at Community level in order to encourage continuity of work and trans-national cooperation.
 4. Support at Community level the monitoring of rare diseases in the Member States and early warning systems for clusters, and promote the networking and training of experts concerned with the handling of rare diseases and with rapid response to the phenomenon of clusters.
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Joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission declare that, among the priority issues to be addressed with the framework of the future programme on public health, they will pay particular attention to rare diseases and pollution-related diseases and will duly take account of the budgetary implications.

Commission declaration

The Commission undertakes to inform the European Parliament annually on the decisions taken to implement this programme.

**DECISION No 1296/1999/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF
THE COUNCIL**

of 29 April 1999

**adopting a programme of Community action on pollution-related diseases in the
context of the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2001)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community, and in particular Article 129 thereof,

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

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social
Committee ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Committee of the
Regions ⁽³⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in
Article 189b of the Treaty ⁽⁴⁾, in the light of the joint text
approved by the Conciliation Committee on 4 February
1999,

- (1) Whereas pollution-related diseases are growing in
importance throughout the Community and raising
public concern;
- (2) Whereas, in accordance with Article 3(O) of the
Treaty, Community activities are to include a
contribution to the attainment of a high level of
health protection;
- (3) Whereas Article 129 of the Treaty expressly
provides for Community competence in this field,
insofar as the Community contributes by encour-
aging cooperation between the Member States and,
if necessary, lending support to their action,
promoting coordination of their policies and
programmes, and fostering cooperation with third
countries and the competent international organ-
isations in the sphere of public health; whereas
Community action should be directed towards the
prevention of diseases, and the promotion of health
education and information;

(4) Whereas, by helping to improve knowledge and
understanding of pollution-related diseases, their
association with pollutants and their prevention
and to attain a wider dissemination of information
about these matters, by ensuring improved compar-
ability of information on these subjects and by
developing actions complementary to existing
Community programmes and actions, while
avoiding unnecessary duplication, this programme
will contribute to the achievement of the
Community objectives set out in Article 129 of the
Treaty;

(5) Whereas Article 130r of the Treaty provides that
Community policy on the environment shall
contribute to protecting human health;

(6) Whereas the prevention of pollution-related
diseases has to include not only measures aimed at
the sources and concentrations of pollutants and on
limiting exposure, but also public health actions
directed at the public to enable individuals to
reduce exposure and mitigate adverse effects on
health and whereas data on health effects and on
exposure should be collected in parallel with data
on concentrations of air pollutants;

(7) Whereas, in their Resolution of 11 November 1991
on health and the environment ⁽⁵⁾, the Council and
the Ministers for Health, meeting within the
Council, invited the Commission, in close coopera-
tion with the competent authorities of the Member
States, to take stock of the knowledge and experi-
ence available in the Member States, the
Community and international organisations
regarding the relationship between health and the
environment;

(8) Whereas pollution-related diseases were identified
as a priority area for Community action in the
Commission's communication of 24 November
1993 on the framework for action in the field of
public health;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 214, 16.7.1997, p. 7, and

OJ C 156, 21.5.1998, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 19, 21.1.1998, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 64, 27.2.1998, p. 91.

⁽⁴⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 11 March 1998 (OJ C 104, 6.4.1998, p. 136), Council Common Position of 30 April 1998 (OJ C 227, 20.7.1998, p. 10) and Decision of the European Parliament of 8.10.1998 (OJ C 328, 26.10.1998, p. 145). Decision of the Council of 22 April 1999 and Decision of the European Parliament of 14 April 1999.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 304, 23.11.1991, p. 6.

- (9) Whereas in its Resolution of 16 January 1996 on the Medium-Term Social Action Programme 1995-1997 ⁽¹⁾ the European Parliament asked the Commission to present, under the proper procedures, the action programme on pollution-related diseases provided for in that communication;
- (10) Whereas, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, action on matters which do not fall within the exclusive competence of the Community, such as action on pollution-related diseases, should be undertaken by the Community only if and insofar as, by reason of its scale or effects, its objectives can be better achieved by the Community;
- (11) Whereas this programme should contribute to the provision of information to the public and specific groups and voluntary organisations supporting persons directly or indirectly affected by pollution-related diseases;
- (12) Whereas the proposed measures in this programme will yield Community added-value by bringing together activities already undertaken in relative isolation at national level and by complementing one another with significant results for the Community as a whole, by contributing to the strengthening of solidarity and cohesion in the Community and by leading, where the need is recognised, to the establishment of best-practice norms and standards;
- (13) Whereas cooperation with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health and with third countries should be fostered;
- (14) Whereas a *modus vivendi* ⁽²⁾ between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission concerning the implementing measures for acts adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189b of the Treaty was reached on 20 December 1994;
- (15) Whereas this Decision lays down, for the entire duration of this programme, a financial framework constituting the principal point of reference, within the meaning of point 1 of the Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 March 1995 ⁽³⁾, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure;
- (16) Whereas, in order to increase the value and impact of this programme, there should be monitoring and continuous evaluation of the actions undertaken with particular regard to their effectiveness and the achievement of the objectives set, with a view, where appropriate, to making the necessary adjustments;
- (17) Whereas this programme should last three years in order to help to develop policies and strategies in this field and to take into account any developments that may take place in the general context of the Community framework for action in the field of public health;
- (18) Whereas it is appropriate to provide for an advisory committee procedure for the implementation of this programme which is appropriate to its limited duration and developmental nature,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Duration and general objective of the programme

1. A programme of Community action against diseases which are caused, triggered or aggravated by environmental pollution, hereinafter referred to as 'this programme', is hereby adopted for the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2001 in the context of the framework for action in the field of public health.

2. The general objective of this programme is to help to develop policies and strategies, in the field of health and the environment, focusing on the prevention of pollution-related diseases, including the improvement of knowledge and understanding of health risks associated with them, by:

- (a) improving information on pollution-related diseases; and
- (b) improving knowledge and understanding of the assessment and management of these diseases, and the effectiveness of preventive actions.

3. The actions to be implemented under this programme and their specific objectives are set out in the Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 32, 5.2.1996, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 102, 4.4.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 102, 4.4.1996, p. 4.

*Article 2***Implementation**

1. The Commission shall ensure implementation of the actions set out in the Annex in close cooperation with the Member States, in accordance with Article 5.
2. The Commission shall cooperate with institutions and organisations active in the field of pollution-related diseases.

*Article 3***Consistency and complementarity**

The Commission shall ensure that there is consistency and complementarity between the actions to be implemented under this programme and those implemented under other relevant Community programmes and actions, in particular the programme of Community action on health monitoring within the framework for action in the field of public health (1997 to 2001) adopted by Decision No 1400/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾ and actions in the environmental and research fields.

*Article 4***Budget**

1. The financial framework for the implementation of this programme for the period referred to in Article 1 is hereby set at EUR 3,9 million.
2. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.

*Article 5***Committee**

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee of an advisory nature, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.
2. The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken concerning, in particular:
 - (a) the work programme;
 - (b) the criteria and procedures for selecting and financing projects under this programme;
 - (c) the procedure for monitoring and continuous evaluation as referred to in Article 7.

The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft, within a time-limit which the chairman may lay down

according to the urgency of the matter, if necessary by taking a vote.

The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in the minutes.

The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee. It shall inform the committee on the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

3. The representative of the Commission shall keep the committee regularly informed about the Commission proposals or Community initiatives and the implementation of programmes in other policy areas which are relevant to the achievement of the objectives of this programme.

*Article 6***International cooperation**

1. Subject to Article 228 of the Treaty, in the course of implementing this programme, cooperation with third countries and with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health shall be encouraged and implemented as regards the actions covered by this programme in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 5.
2. This programme shall be open to participation by the associated countries of central Europe, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Association Agreements or Additional Protocols relating thereto concerning participation in Community programmes.

This programme shall be open to participation by Cyprus and Malta on the basis of additional appropriations in accordance with the same rules as those applied to the countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), in accordance with procedures to be agreed with those two countries.

*Article 7***Monitoring and evaluation**

1. In the implementation of this Decision, the Commission shall take the necessary measures to ensure the monitoring and continuous evaluation of this programme, taking account of the general and specific objectives referred to in Article 1 and in the Annex.
2. In the final year of operation of this programme, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a full evaluation report together with its conclusions on the need for future actions. This report shall also be submitted to the Economic and Social Committee and to the Committee of the Regions.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 193, 22.7.1997, p. 1.

3. The Commission shall incorporate in the report referred to in paragraph 2 information on Community financing in the various fields of action and on complementarity with the other actions referred to in Article 3, as well as the results of the evaluation referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. The said report should also address developments within the framework for Community action in the field of public health, with regard to the field of action covered by this programme.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 April 1999.

For the European Parliament

The President

J. M. GIL-ROBLES

For the Council

The President

W. MÜLLER

ANNEX

ACTIONS AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

I. ACTIONS TO IMPROVE INFORMATION ON POLLUTION-RELATED DISEASES

Objective: *to contribute towards a better understanding of the role of pollutants in the causation and aggravation of diseases in the Community.*

1. Establishing priorities for the identification of those diseases in which specific pollutants are thought to play a role, *inter alia* by comparing the prevalence and/or incidence of such diseases with data on environmental factors in the different parts of the Community in order to establish any relationship between them, and by making this information known to the public.
2. Examining the quality of epidemiological data for these diseases and identifying where data are lacking, with the aim of contributing to improving the existing basis for developing further European cooperation in the epidemiological field and encouraging the continuation of Community research, taking into account work carried out at international level, including any WHO studies.
3. Reviewing data currently available on the toxicology of pollutants involved in these diseases and identifying gaps in knowledge which it would be important to address, taking into account long-term effects and possible synergies between pollutants.

II. ACTIONS TO IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF POLLUTION-RELATED DISEASES

Objective: *To improve the level of knowledge and understanding of the assessment and management of pollution-related health risks.*

1. Contributing to improve the comparability of data used in preventive actions against pollution-related diseases, through exchanges of information.
 2. Supporting the exchange of information aimed at achieving better public understanding of pollution-related health risks.
 3. Promoting actions and exchanges of information on the methods of increasing the level of knowledge of the general public and opinion-formers about pollution-related risks to health, their assessment and management; promoting work on the public perceptions of pollution-related risks to health throughout the Community and of the impact on pollution and health of the various policies; promoting, initially via professionals, knowledge of behaviour patterns, ways of life and eating habits that could reduce the health risks caused by various types of pollution.
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Joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission declare that, among the priority issues to be addressed within the framework of the future programme on public health, they will pay particular attention to rare diseases and pollution-related diseases and will duly take account of the budgetary implications.

Commission declaration

In implementing the aspects concerning the provision of information on the programme on pollution-related diseases, the Commission will endeavour to give priority support to initiatives embracing the competent authorities of the Member States and the professionals concerned.

Commission declaration

The Commission undertakes to inform the European Parliament annually on the decisions taken to implement this programme.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1297/1999
of 21 June 1999
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 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) 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 22 June 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 21 June 1999 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	99,6
	064	47,0
	999	73,3
0707 00 05	052	76,1
	628	133,7
	999	104,9
0709 90 70	052	57,3
	999	57,3
0805 30 10	382	58,8
	388	60,2
	528	55,6
	999	58,2
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	73,9
	400	56,9
	508	74,8
	512	82,2
	524	68,4
	528	53,3
	720	88,4
	804	87,2
	999	73,1
	052	176,8
0809 10 00	999	176,8
	052	221,6
0809 20 95	064	107,3
	068	139,9
	400	192,2
	616	153,1
	999	162,8
0809 40 05	624	260,1
	999	260,1

⁽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 1298/1999
of 21 June 1999
correcting Regulation (EC) No 1145/1999 on the supply of biscuits as food aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1145/1999 ⁽²⁾ issued an invitation to tender for the supply, as food aid, of biscuits;
- (2) Whereas a check has shown that an error appears in note 8 of the Annex to this Regulation; whereas the Regulation in question should accordingly be corrected;
- (3) Whereas the deadlines of supply and for the submission of tenders should accordingly be amended,

- vitamin B2: minimum 0,8 mg,
- vitamin B6: minimum 0,8 mg,
- vitamin B12: minimum 3,1 µg,
- folic acid: maximum 270 µg,
- niacin: minimum 6,5 mg,
- pantothenic acid: minimum 3,5 mg,
- calcium: minimum 260 mg,
- sodium: maximum 300 mg,
- iodine: minimum 50 µg,
- iron: minimum 4,2 mg.

The biscuits must be directly consumable and mixable with water, milk or another suitable liquid to form a homogeneous paste. The product must contain a protein-rich food such as milk or soya concentrate and an appetite-stimulating ingredient such as vanilla suited to the recipients' dietary habits.

Conservation: minimum 12 months from manufacture.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Note 8 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1145/1999 is replaced by the following:

⁽⁸⁾ Biscuits of a minimum nutritional value of 450 Kcal/100 g meeting the requirements of Article 1(2)(a)(iv), Article 3 and Article 4 of Commission Directive 96/5/EC (OJ L 49, 28.2.1996, p. 17) and the following requirements:

- protein: minimum 15 %,
- carbohydrate: minimum 60 %,
- lipids: minimum 18 %.

Essential vitamins and minerals (60 to 80 % of RDA/unit)/100 g:

- vitamin A: minimum 1 560 IU,
- vitamin D: minimum 160 IU,
- vitamin E: 3 — 9 mg,
- vitamin C: 20 — 45 mg,
- vitamin B1: minimum 0,8 mg,

Article 2

Points 17 and 19 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1145/1999 are replaced respectively by the following:

'17. Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:

- first deadline: 5 — 25.7.1999
- second deadline: 26.7 — 15.8.1999

19. Deadline for the submission of tenders (12 noon, Brussels time):

- first deadline: 15.6.1999
- second deadline: 6.7.1999.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 137, 1.6.1999, p. 22.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1299/1999
of 21 June 1999
on the supply of split peas as food aid

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food aid policy and food aid management and special operations in support of food security⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organisations eligible for Community aid and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage;
- (2) Whereas, following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated split peas to certain beneficiaries;
- (3) Whereas it is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied under Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid⁽²⁾; whereas it is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply to determine the resultant costs;

- (4) Whereas, in order to ensure that the supplies are carried out, provision should be made for tenderers to be able to mobilise either green split peas or yellow split peas,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Split peas shall be mobilised in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipients listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2519/97, and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Tenders shall cover either green split peas or yellow split peas. Tenders shall be rejected unless they specify the type of peas to which they relate.

The tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23.

ANNEX

LOTS A, B

1. **Actions No:** 641/97 (A); 643/97 (B)
2. **Beneficiary** ⁽²⁾: Euronaid, PO Box 12, 2501 CA Den Haag, Nederland
tel.: (31-70) 33 05 757; fax: 36 41 701; telex: 30960 EURON NL
3. **Beneficiary's representative:** to be designated by the recipient
4. **Country of destination:** Rwanda
5. **Product to be mobilised** ⁽⁶⁾: split peas
6. **Total quantity (tonnes net):** 1 908
7. **Number of lots:** 2 (A: 1 000 tonnes; B: 908 tonnes)
8. **Characteristics and quality of the product** ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁷⁾: —
9. **Packaging** ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁹⁾: see OJ C 267, 13.9.1996, p. 1 (2.1 A1.a, 2.a and B.4) or (4.0.A(1)(c), (2)(c) and B(4))
10. **Labelling or marking** ⁽⁶⁾: see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (IV.A.3))
— Language to be used for the markings: French
— Supplementary markings: —
11. **Method of mobilisation of the product:** the Community marketThe product must originate from the Community.
12. **Specified delivery stage:** free at port of shipment
13. **Alternative delivery stage:** —
14. a) **Port of shipment:** —
b) **Loading address:** —
15. **Port of landing:** —
16. **Place of destination:** —
— port or warehouse of transit: —
— overland transport route: —
17. **Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:**
— first deadline: 26.7 — 15.8.1999
— second deadline: 9 — 29.8.1999
18. **Period or deadline of supply at the alternative stage:**
— first deadline: —
— second deadline: —
19. **Deadline for the submission of tenders (at 12 noon, Brussels time):**
— first deadline: 6.7.1999
— second deadline: 20.7.1999
20. **Amount of tendering guarantee:** EUR 5 per tonne
21. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering guarantees** ⁽¹⁾: Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn. Monsieur T. Vestergaard Bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Bruxelles tlx: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04 (exclusively)
22. **Export refund:** —

Notes:

- (¹) Supplementary information: André Debongnie (tel. (32 2) 295 14 65),
Torben Vestergaard (tel. (32 2) 299 30 50).
- (²) The supplier shall contact the beneficiary or its representative as soon as possible to establish which consignment documents are required.
- (³) The supplier shall deliver to the beneficiary a certificate from an official entity certifying that for the product to be delivered the standards applicable, relative to nuclear radiation, in the Member State concerned, have not been exceeded. The radioactivity certificate must indicate the caesium-134 and -137 and iodine-131 levels.
- (⁴) The supplier shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery, the following document:
— phytosanitary certificate.
- (⁵) Since the goods may be rebagged, the supplier must provide 2 % of empty bags of the same quality as those containing the goods, with the marking followed by a capital 'R'.
- (⁶) Notwithstanding OJ C 114 of 29.4.1991, point IV.A(3)(c) is replaced by the following: 'the words "European Community"' and point IV.A(3)(b) by the following: 'Split peas'.
- (⁷) Tenders shall be rejected unless they specify the type of peas to which they relate.
- (⁸) Yellow or green peas (*Pisum sativum*) for human consumption of the most recent crop. The peas must not have been coloured artificially. The split peas must be steam-treated for at least two minutes or have been fumigated(⁹) and meet the following requirements:
— moisture: maximum 15 %,
— foreign matters: maximum 0,1 %,
— broken split peas: maximum 10 % (pea fragments passing through a sieve of circular mesh of 5 mm diameter),
— percentage of discoloured seeds or of different colour: maximum 1,5 % (yellow peas), maximum 15 % (green peas),
— cooking time: maximum 45 minutes (after soaking for 12 hours) or maximum 60 minutes (without soaking).
- (⁹) Shipment to take place in 20-foot containers, condition FCL/FCL (each containing maximum 17,5 tonnes net).
- The supplier shall be responsible for the cost of making the container available in the stack position at the container terminal at the port of shipment. The beneficiary shall be responsible for all subsequent loading costs, including the cost of moving the containers from the container terminal.
- The supplier has to submit to the recipient's agent a complete packing list of each container, specifying the number of bags belonging to each action number as specified in the invitation to tender.
- The supplier has to seal each container with a numbered locktainer (Oneseal, Sysko, Locktainer 180 or a similar high-security seal), the number of which is to be provided to the beneficiary's representative.
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(⁹) The successful tender shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery a fumigation certificate.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1300/1999
of 21 June 1999
on the supply of white sugar as food aid

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organisations eligible for Community aid and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage;
- (2) Whereas, following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated white sugar to certain beneficiaries;
- (3) Whereas it is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied pursuant to Council

Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid ⁽²⁾; whereas it is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply to determine the resultant costs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

White sugar shall be mobilised in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipient listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

The tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23.

ANNEX

LOT A

1. **Action No:** 640/97
2. **Beneficiary** ⁽²⁾: Euronaid, PO Box 12, 2501 CA Den Haag, Nederland
tel.: (31 70) 33 05 757; fax: 36 41 701; telex: 30960 EURON NL
3. **Beneficiary's representative:** to be designated by the recipient
4. **Country of destination:** Rwanda
5. **Product to be mobilised:** white sugar
6. **Total quantity (tonnes net):** 115
7. **Number of lots:** One
8. **Characteristics and quality of the product** ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁹⁾: see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (V.A.(1))
9. **Packaging** ⁽⁷⁾ ⁽⁸⁾: see OJ C 267, 13.9.1996, p. 1 (11.2 A 1. b, 2. b and B 4)
10. **Labelling or marking** ⁽⁶⁾: see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (V.A.(3))
— Language to be used for the markings: French
— Supplementary markings: —
11. **Method of mobilisation of the product:** sugar produced in the Community in accordance with the sixth subparagraph of Article 24(1a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 as follows: A or B sugar (points (a) and (b))
12. **Specified delivery stage:** free at port of shipment
13. **Alternative delivery stage:** —
14. a) **Port of shipment:** —
b) **Loading address:** —
15. **Port of landing:** —
16. **Place of destination:** —
— port or warehouse of transit: —
— overland transport route: —
17. **Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:**
— first deadline: 26.7 to 15.8.1999
— second deadline: 9 to 29.8.1999
18. **Period or deadline of supply at the alternative stage:**
— first deadline: —
— second deadline: —
19. **Deadline for the submission of tenders (at 12 noon, Brussels time):**
— first deadline: 6.7.1999
— second deadline: 20.7.1999
20. **Amount of tendering guarantee:** EUR 15/t
21. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering guarantees** ⁽¹⁾: Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, à l'attention de T. Vestergaard
Bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Bruxelles
tlx: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03/296 70 04 (exclusively)
22. **Export refund** ⁽⁴⁾: Refund applicable to white sugar on 14.6.1999, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1193/1999 (OJ L 145, 10.6.1999, p. 16)

Notes:

- (¹) Supplementary information: André Debongnie (tel. (32-2) 295 14 65)
Torben Vestergaard (tel. (32-2) 299 30 50).
- (²) The supplier shall contact the beneficiary or its representative as soon as possible to establish which consignment documents are required.
- (³) The supplier shall deliver to the beneficiary a certificate from an official entity certifying that for the product to be delivered the standards applicable, relative to nuclear radiation, in the Member State concerned, have not been exceeded. The radioactivity certificate must indicate the caesium-134 and -137 and iodine-131 levels.
- (⁴) Commission Regulation (EC) No 259/98 (OJ L 25, 31.1.1998, p. 39), is applicable as regards the export refund. The date referred to in Article 2 of the said Regulation is that indicated in point 22 of this Annex.
The supplier's attention is drawn to the last subparagraph of Article 4(1) of the above Regulation. The photocopy of the export licence shall be sent as soon as the export declaration has been accepted (fax (322) 296 20 05).
- (⁵) The supplier shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery, the following document:
— health certificate.
- (⁶) Notwithstanding OJ C 114 of 29.4.1991, point V.A(3)(c) is replaced by the following: 'the words "European Community"'.

(⁷) Since the goods may be rebagged, the supplier must provide 2 % of empty bags of the same quality as those containing the goods, with the marking followed by a capital 'R'.
- (⁸) Shipment to take place in 20-foot containers, condition FCL/FCL (each containing maximum 17,5 t net).
The supplier shall be responsible for the cost of making the container available in the stack position at the container terminal at the port of shipment. The beneficiary shall be responsible for all subsequent loading costs, including the cost of moving the containers from the container terminal.
The supplier has to submit to the beneficiary's agent a complete packing list of each container, specifying the number of bags belonging to each action number as specified in the invitation to tender.
The supplier has to seal each container with a numbered locktainer (Oneseal, Sysko, Locktainer 180 or a similar high-security seal) the number of which is to be provided to the beneficiary's representative.
- (⁹) The rule provided at the second indent of Article 18(2)(a) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2103/77 (OJ L 246, 27.9.1977, p. 12), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 260/96 (OJ L 34, 13.2.1996, p. 16), is binding for determination of the sugar category.
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1301/1999
of 21 June 1999
on the supply of vegetable oil as food aid

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food aid policy and food aid management and special operations in support of food security ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organisations eligible for Community aid and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage;
- (2) Whereas, following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated vegetable oil to certain beneficiaries;
- (3) Whereas it is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied under Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid ⁽²⁾; whereas it is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply to determine the resultant costs;
- (4) Whereas, in order to ensure that the supplies are carried out for a given lot, provision should be made for tenderers to be able to mobilise either

rape seed oil or sunflower oil; whereas the contract for the supply of each such lot is to be awarded to the tenderer submitting the lowest tender,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Vegetable oil shall be mobilised in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipients listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

The supply shall cover the mobilisation of vegetable oil produced in the Community. The mobilisation may not involve a product manufactured and/or packaged under inward processing arrangements.

Tenders shall cover either rape seed oil or sunflower oil. Tenders shall be rejected unless they specify the type of oil to which they relate.

The tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23.

ANNEX

LOT A

1. **Action No:** 638/97
2. **Beneficiary⁽²⁾:** Euronaid, PO Box 12, 2501 CA Den Haag, Nederland
tel.: (31-70) 33 05 757; fax: 36 41 701; telex: 30960 EURON NL
3. **Beneficiary's representative:** to be designated by the recipient
4. **Country of destination:** Rwanda
5. **Product to be mobilized:** Refined rapeseed oil or refined sunflower oil
6. **Total quantity (tonnes net):** 133
7. **Number of lots:** One
8. **Characteristics and quality of the product⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁶⁾:** see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (III. A. (1) (a) or (b))
9. **Packaging⁽⁷⁾:** see OJ C 267, 13.9.1996, p. 1 (10. 4 A, B and C. 2)
10. **Labelling or marking⁽⁸⁾:** see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (III. A. (3))
— Language to be used for the markings: French
— Supplementary markings: —
11. **Method of mobilization of the product:** mobilisation of refined vegetable oil produced in the Community. Mobilisation may not involve a product manufactured and/or packaged under inward-processing arrangements.
12. **Specified delivery stage:** free at port of shipment
13. **Alternative delivery stage:** —
14. a) **Port of shipment:** —
b) **Loading address:** —
15. **Port of landing:** —
16. **Place of destination:** —
— port of warehouse of transit: —
— overland transport route: —
17. **Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:**
— first deadline: 26.7 to 15.8.1999
— second deadline: 9 to 29.8.1999
18. **Period or deadline of supply at the alternative stage:**
— first deadline: —
— second deadline: —
19. **Deadline for the submission of tenders (at 12 noon, Brussels time):**
— first deadline: 6.7.1999
— second deadline: 20.7.1999
20. **Amount of tendering guarantee:** EUR 15/t
21. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering guarantees⁽¹⁾:** Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn. Mr T. Vestergaard, Bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
tlx: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32-2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04 (exclusively)
22. **Export refund:** —

Notes:

- (¹) Supplementary information: André Debongnie (tel.: (32-2) 295 14 65),
Torben Vestergaard (tel.: (32-2) 299 30 50).
- (²) The supplier shall contact the beneficiary or its representative as soon as possible to establish which consignment documents are required.
- (³) The supplier shall deliver to the beneficiary a certificate from an official entity certifying that for the product to be delivered the standards applicable, relative to nuclear radiation, in the Member State concerned, have not been exceeded. The radioactivity certificate must indicate the caesium-134 and -137 and iodine-131 levels.
- (⁴) The supplier shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery, the following document:
— health certificate.
- (⁵) Notwithstanding OJ C 114 of 29.4.1991, point III.A(3)(c) is replaced by the following: 'the words "European Community"'.
(⁶) Tenders shall be rejected unless they specify the type of oil to which they relate.
- (⁷) Shipment to take place in 20-foot containers, condition FCL/FCL.

The supplier shall be responsible for the cost of making the container available in the stack position at the container terminal at the port of shipment. The beneficiary shall be responsible for all subsequent loading costs, including the cost of moving the containers from the container terminal.

The supplier has to submit to the beneficiary's agent a complete packing list of each container, specifying the number of bags belonging to each action number as specified in the invitation to tender.

The supplier has to seal each container with a numbered locktainer (Oneseal, Sysko, Locktainer 180 or a similar high-security seal) the number of which is to be provided to the beneficiary's representative.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1302/1999
of 21 June 1999
on the supply of milk products as food aid

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food aid policy and food aid management and special operations in support of food security ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organisations eligible for Community aid and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage;
- (2) Whereas, following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated milk powder to certain beneficiaries;
- (3) Whereas it is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied pursuant to Council

Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid ⁽²⁾; whereas it is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply to determine the resultant costs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Milk products shall be mobilised in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipient listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

The tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23.

ANNEX

LOT A

1. **Action No:** 639/97
2. **Beneficiary** ⁽²⁾: Euronaid, PO Box 12, 2501 CA Den Haag, Nederland
tel.: (31-70) 33 05 757; fax: 36 41 701; telex: 30960 EURON NL
3. **Beneficiary's representative:** to be designated by the recipient
4. **Country of destination:** Rwanda
5. **Product to be mobilised:** vitaminised skimmed-milk powder
6. **Total quantity (tonnes net):** 115
7. **Number of lots:** One
8. **Characteristics and quality of the product** ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁵⁾: see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (I.B.(1))
9. **Packaging** ⁽⁷⁾: see OJ C 267, 13.9.1996, p. 1 (6.3 A and B.2)
10. **Labelling or marking** ⁽⁶⁾: see OJ C 114, 29.4.1991, p. 1 (I.B.(3))
— Language to be used for the markings: French
— Supplementary markings: —
11. **Method of mobilisation of the product:** the Community market
The manufacture of the skimmed-milk powder, and the incorporation of vitamins, must be carried out after the award of the tender
12. **Specified delivery stage:** free at port of shipment
13. **Alternative delivery stage:** —
14. a) **Port of shipment:** —
b) **Loading address:** —
15. **Port of landing:** —
16. **Place of destination:** —
— port or warehouse of transit: —
— overland transport route: —
17. **Period or deadline of supply at the specified stage:**
— first deadline: 26.7 to 15.8.1999
— second deadline: 9 to 29.8.1999
18. **Period or deadline of supply at the alternative stage:**
— first deadline: —
— second deadline: —
19. **Deadline for the submission of tenders (at 12 noon, Brussels time):**
— first deadline: 6.7.1999
— second deadline: 20.7.1999
20. **Amount of tendering guarantee:** EUR 20/t
21. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering guarantees** ⁽¹⁾: Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn. Mr T. Vestergaard, Bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Bruxelles tlx: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04 (exclusively)
22. **Export refund** ⁽⁴⁾: Refund applicable on 14.6.1999, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1041/1999 (OJ L 127, 21.5.1999, p. 13)

Notes:

- (¹) Supplementary information: André Debongnie (tel. (32 2) 295 14 65)
Torben Vestergaard (tel. (32 2) 299 30 50).
- (²) The supplier shall contact the beneficiary or its representative as soon as possible to establish which consignment documents are required.
- (³) The supplier shall deliver to the beneficiary a certificate from an official entity certifying that for the product to be delivered the standards applicable, relative to nuclear radiation, in the Member State concerned, have not been exceeded. The radioactivity certificate must indicate the caesium-134 and -137 and iodine-131 levels.
- (⁴) Commission Regulation (EC) No 259/98 (OJ L 25, 31.1.1998, p. 39), is applicable as regards the export refund. The date referred to in Article 2 of the said Regulation is that referred to in point 22 of this Annex.
- The supplier's attention is drawn to the last subparagraph of Article 4(1) of the above Regulation. The photocopy of the export licence shall be sent as soon as the export declaration has been accepted (fax (32 2) 296 20 05).
- (⁵) The supplier shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery, the following documents:
- health certificate issued by an official entity stating that the product was processed under excellent sanitary conditions which are supervised by qualified technical personnel. The certificate must state the temperature and duration of the pasteurisation, the temperature and duration in the spray-drying-tower and the expiry date for consumption,
 - veterinary certificate issued by an official entity stating that the area of production of raw milk had not registered foot-and-mouth disease nor any other notifiable infectious/contagious disease during the 12 months prior to the processing.
- (⁶) Notwithstanding OJ C 114 of 29.4.1991, point I.A(3)(c) is replaced by the following: 'the words "European Community"'.
- (⁷) Shipment to take place in 20-foot containers, condition FCL/FCL.
- The supplier shall be responsible for the cost of making the container available in the stack position at the container terminal at the port of shipment. The beneficiary shall be responsible for all subsequent loading costs, including the cost of moving the containers from the container terminal.
- The supplier has to submit to the beneficiary's agent a complete packing list of each container, specifying the number of bags belonging to each action number as specified in the invitation to tender.
- The supplier has to seal each container with a numbered locktainer (Oneseal, Sysko, Locktainer 180 or a similar high-security seal) the number of which is to be provided to the beneficiary's representative.
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1303/1999
of 21 June 1999
amending Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 on detailed rules for implementing
Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and
vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 857/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 35(11) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1287/98 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables;
- (2) Whereas, in order to ensure the smooth operation of the scheme, the minimum refund rate requested by an operator under system A2 should be limited to the indicative rate plus 50 %;
- (3) Whereas, as for other destinations, a limit should be placed on the period of validity of licences for the export of apples to Japan;

- (4) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 is hereby amended as follows:

1. the second subparagraph of Article 3(2) is replaced by the following:
'Licence applicants may not apply for a minimum rate higher than the indicative rate plus 50 %.';
2. in the second subparagraph of Article 4(5) and the third subparagraph of Article 5(1), 'Mexico and Costa Rica' is replaced by 'Mexico, Costa Rica and Japan'.

Article 2

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, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 178, 23.6.1998, p. 11.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1304/1999
of 21 June 1999
THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

fixing export refunds on fruit and vegetables

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 857/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 35(11) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1303/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down detailed rules on export refunds on fruit and vegetables;

Whereas Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, provides that, to the extent necessary for economically significant quantities of the products listed in that Article to be exported, the difference between the international market prices for those products and their prices in the Community may be covered by export refunds;

Whereas Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that refunds must be fixed in the light of the existing situation or the outlook for fruit and vegetable prices on the Community market and supplies available on the one hand, and prices on the international market on the other hand; whereas account must also be taken of the costs referred to in Article 35(4)(b) of that Regulation and of the economic aspect of the exports planned;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 35(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, refunds are to be set with due regard to the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 228 of the Treaty;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 35(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, prices on the Community market are to be established in the light of the most favourable prices from the export standpoint; whereas international trade prices are to be established in the light of the prices referred to in the second subparagraph of that paragraph;

Whereas the international trade situation or the special requirements of certain markets may call for the refund on a given product to vary according to its destination;

Whereas tomatoes, lemons, oranges, apples and peaches and nectarines of classes Extra, I and II of the common quality standards, table grapes of class Extra and I, shelled almonds, hazelnuts and walnuts in shell can currently be exported in economically significant quantities;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned rules to the present and forecast market situation, and in particular to fruit and vegetable prices in the Community and international trade, gives the refund rates set out in the Annex hereto;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 35(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96, the resources available should be used as efficiently as possible while avoiding discrimination between traders; whereas, therefore, care should be taken not to disturb the trade flows previously induced by the refund arrangements; whereas, for those reasons and because of the seasonal nature of exports of fruit and vegetables, quotas should be fixed for each product;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1230/1999 ⁽⁶⁾, establishes an agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ See page 29 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 149, 16.6.1999, p. 3.

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/1999 ⁽²⁾, lays down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products;

Whereas, owing to the market situation, in order to make the most efficient use of the resources available and given the structure of Community exports, the most appropriate method should be selected for export refunds on certain products and certain destinations and consequently refunds under the A1 and A2 licence arrangements referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 should not be fixed simultaneously for the export period in question;

Whereas the quantities laid down for the various products should be distributed in accordance with the different systems for the grant of the refund, taking account in particular of their perishability;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The export refunds on fruit and vegetables shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.
2. Quantities covered by licences issued for food aid as referred to in Article 14a of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall not count against the eligible quantities covered by the Annex.
3. Without prejudice to the application of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, the term of validity of A1 licences shall be three months.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 June 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 48.

ANNEX

EXPORT REFUNDS ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Product (full definitions of eligible products are given in the 'Fruit and vegetables' sector of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 amended)	Product code	Destination or destination group ⁽¹⁾	System Application periods					
			A1 24.6 to 8.9.1999		A2 25 to 29.6.1999		B 1.7 to 15.9.1999	
			Refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)
Tomatoes	0702 00 00 9100	A01	20		20	2 344	20	4 687
Shelled almonds	0802 12 90 9000	A01	50	187			50	187
Walnuts in shell	0802 21 00 9000	A01	59	72			59	72
Shelled hazelnuts	0802 22 00 9000	A01	114	636			114	636
Walnuts in shell	0802 31 00 9000	A01	73	22			73	22
Oranges	0805 10 10 9100 0805 10 30 9100 0805 10 50 9100	F01, F02, F05	50		50	653	50	1 305
Lemons	0805 30 10 9100	A01	35		35	4 895	35	4 895
Table grapes	0806 10 10 9100	A01	25		25	7 037	25	14 074
Apples	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F01	40		40	1 278	40	1 278
	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F02	40		40	1 565	40	1 565
	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F03, F04	54	1 745			54	1 745
Peaches and nectarines	0809 30 10 9100 0809 30 90 9100	A21	27		27	3 286	27	6 572

⁽¹⁾ The destination codes are defined as follows:

A01: All destinations.

A21: All destinations except Switzerland.

F01: Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroes, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Malta.

F02: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, destinations referred to in Article 34 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87, as amended.

F03: African countries and territories except South Africa, countries of the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qaiwain, Ras al Khaimah, Fujairah), Kuwait, Yemen), Syria, Iran, Jordan, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia.

F04: Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, Papua-New Guinea, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Japan.

F05: Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Japan.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1305/1999
of 21 June 1999

fixing for the 1999/2000 marketing year the minimum price to be paid to producers for Williams and Rocha pears and the amount of production aid for Williams and Rocha pears in syrup and/or natural fruit juice

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2199/97 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 3(3) and 4(9) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the minimum price and the amount of the production aid should be set for the 1999/2000 marketing year for Williams and Rocha pears in syrup and/or natural fruit juice on the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 respectively, taking account of the guarantee threshold beyond which the aid is reduced introduced by Article 5 of that Regulation;
- (2) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 marketing year:

- (a) the minimum price referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be EUR 35,552 per 100 kg net from the producer for Williams and Rocha pears intended for the production of pears in syrup and/or natural fruit juice;
- (b) the production aid referred to in Article 4 of that Regulation shall be EUR 11,886 per 100 kg net for Williams and Rocha pears in syrup and/or natural fruit juice.

Article 2

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 15 July 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 6.11.1997, p. 1.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1306/1999
of 21 June 1999
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 1303/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 927/1999 ⁽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 tomatoes 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 tomatoes exported after 21 June 1999 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B export licences for tomatoes submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 927/1999, export declarations for which are accepted after 21 June and before 1 July 1999, are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 June 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ See page 29 of this Official Journal.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 115, 4.5.1999, p. 7.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1307/1999
of 21 June 1999
amending representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain
products in the sugar sector

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1148/98⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed implementing rules for the import of products in the sugar sector other than molasses⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98⁽⁴⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 1(2), and Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas the amounts of the representative prices and additional duties applicable to the import of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1379/98⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1224/1999⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas it follows from applying the general and detailed fixing rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 to the information known to the Commission that the representative prices and additional duties at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 June 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 June 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 177, 1.7.1981, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 38.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 187, 1.7.1998, p. 6.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 148, 15.6.1999, p. 33.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 21 June 1999 amending representative prices and the amounts of additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99

(EUR)

CN code	Amount of representative prices per 100 kg net of product concerned	Amount of additional duty per 100 kg net of product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	14,96	9,17
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	14,96	15,47
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	14,96	8,94
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	14,96	14,96
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	19,38	16,84
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	19,38	11,39
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	19,38	11,39
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,19	0,45

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 (OJ L 89, 10.4.1968, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 (OJ L 94, 21.4.1972, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ By 1 % sucrose content.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 10 June 1999

authorising the Kingdom of Spain to accede to the Convention establishing the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission on a temporary basis (IATTC)

(1999/405/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽¹⁾,

(1) Whereas the European Community hopes to become a contracting party to the Convention establishing the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention (IATTC) in view of the presence of Community vessels in the geographical area falling within the competence of that regional fisheries organisation; whereas these vessels currently fly the flag of the Kingdom of Spain;

(2) Whereas, in accordance with the rules in force, the Convention establishing the IATTC only recognises sovereign states as members; whereas the Community is currently negotiating with the contracting parties to the Convention the necessary amendments to permit membership of regional organisations pursuing economic integration, such as the European Community;

(3) Whereas the accession of the European Community is unlikely to take place in the near future; whereas it is however essential that the interests of the Community fleet be represented within the IATTC as soon as possible;

(4) Whereas the Kingdom of Spain should therefore be authorised to accede to the Convention estab-

lishing the IATTC on a temporary basis, until the Community becomes a member;

(5) Whereas such an authorisation should be granted as an exceptional measure, to meet unique circumstances, and should not set a precedent in the sphere of Community representation in international organisations in the fisheries sector or in other sectors;

(6) Whereas it should be ensured that any decisions taken by Spain within the IATTC are in line with the Community position,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Without prejudice to the European Community's exclusive competence in fisheries matters, the Kingdom of Spain is hereby authorised to accede to the Convention establishing the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

The Kingdom of Spain undertakes to denounce the Convention on the date of accession of the Community to that Convention.

Article 2

1. As a contracting party, the Kingdom of Spain shall participate in the decisions of the IATTC in line with the Community position and in close consultation with the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered on 4 May 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

2. The Kingdom of Spain shall keep the Commission informed of the activities of the IATTC. The Commission shall subsequently report to the European Parliament and the Council.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Luxembourg, 10 June 1999.

For the Council

The President

K.-H. FUNKE

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 June 1999
appointing an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions
(1999/406/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 98/110/EC of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Joan Vallvé i Ribera, of which the Council was notified on 25 May 1999;

Having regard to the proposal from the Spanish Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Joaquim Llimona i Balcells is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Joan Vallvé i Ribera for the remainder of his term of office, which expires on 25 January 2002.

Done at Luxembourg, 14 June 1999.

For the Council

The President

K.-H. FUNKE

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 14 June 1999
appointing two members of the Committee of the Regions

(1999/407/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 98/110/EC of 26 January 1998 ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas a seat as member and a seat as alternate member of the Committee have become vacant following the resignation of Mr A. Peper, member, and Ms A. E. Verstand-Bogaert, alternate member, notified to the Council on 10 September 1998;

Having regard to the proposal from the Netherlands Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr I. W. Opstelten and Ms M. J. Haveman are hereby appointed member and alternate member respectively of the Committee of the Regions to replace Mr A. Peper and Ms A. E. Verstand-Bogaert for the remainder of their term of office, that is until 25 January 2002.

Done at Luxembourg, 14 June 1999.

For the Council
The President
K.-H. FUNKE

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.