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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1439/2002
of 7 August 2002
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:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto.

- (2) In compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 August 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 August 2002.

For the Commission
J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 7 August 2002 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
0707 00 05	052	65,0
	999	65,0
0709 90 70	052	69,6
	999	69,6
0805 50 10	388	64,1
	524	78,1
	528	51,9
	999	64,7
0806 10 10	052	129,5
	220	117,4
	400	234,5
	600	147,4
	999	157,2
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	86,5
	400	110,6
	508	66,9
	512	93,6
	524	31,4
	528	74,1
	804	97,4
	999	80,1
0808 20 50	052	127,4
	388	92,9
	512	76,7
	999	99,0
0809 20 95	028	575,4
	052	509,2
	400	279,7
	404	271,3
	999	408,9
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	052	113,9
	999	113,9
0809 40 05	064	66,2
	999	66,2

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2020/2001 (OJ L 273, 16.10.2001, p. 6). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1440/2002**of 7 August 2002****revising the maximum amount for the B production levy and amending the minimum price for B beet in the sugar sector for the 2002/03 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 680/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second and third indents of Article 15(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 15(3) and (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provide that the losses resulting from the obligation to export surpluses of Community sugar are to be covered by production levies on the production of A and B sugar, of A and B isoglucose and of inulin syrup A and B within certain limits.
- (2) Article 15(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that, where the receipts expected from the basic production levy and the B levy, which must not exceed 2 % and 30 % respectively of the intervention price for white sugar for that marketing year, may well fail to cover the foreseeable total loss for the current marketing year, the maximum percentage of the B levy is to be adjusted to the extent necessary to cover the said total loss but without exceeding 37,5 %.
- (3) The foreseeable receipts, before adjustment, of the levies to be collected in respect of the 2002/03 marketing year are likely to be below the equivalent of the average loss multiplied by the exportable surplus. Therefore, in the light of the data at present available, the maximum amount of the B levy for 2002/03 should be raised to 37,5 % of the intervention price for the white sugar concerned.

- (4) Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that, subject to Article 15(5) of that Regulation, the minimum price for B beet is fixed at EUR 32,42 per tonne. Article 15(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that the revised maximum percentage for the B levy should be fixed for the current marketing year before 15 September of the marketing year, together with the corresponding adjustment of the minimum price for B beet set for the 2002/03 marketing year by Article 4(1)(b) of that Regulation.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 2002/03 marketing year, the maximum amount of the B levy referred to in the first indent of Article 15(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 shall be increased to 37,5 % of the intervention price for white sugar.

Article 2

For the 2002/03 marketing year, the minimum price for B beet referred to in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 shall be fixed, in accordance with Article 15(5) of that Regulation, at EUR 28,84 per tonne.

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, 7 August 2002.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1441/2002**of 7 August 2002****fixing for the 2002/03 marketing year the amount of aid for the cultivation of grapes intended for the production of certain varieties of dried grapes**

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 Commission Regulation (EC) No 453/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The second subparagraph of Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 establishes the criteria for fixing the aid for the cultivation of grapes intended for the production of dried grapes of the sultana and Muscatel varieties and currants.
- (2) The third subparagraph of Article 7(1) of that Regulation states that the amount of aid may be differentiated according to grape variety and other factors which may affect yields. In the case of sultanas an additional differentiation should be provided for, between areas affected by phylloxera and other areas.
- (3) Verification of the areas used to grow those grapes has revealed no overrun of the maximum guaranteed area fixed in Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1621/1999 of 22 July 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 as regards the aid for the cultivation of grapes to produce certain varieties of dried grapes ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1880/2001 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (4) The aid to be granted to producers replanting their vineyards in order to combat phylloxera under the condi-

tions provided for in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 should be determined.

- (5) 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 2002/03 marketing year:

- (a) the cultivation aid referred to in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be:
 - EUR 2 400 per hectare for areas under sultana grapes affected by phylloxera or replanted within the last five years,
 - EUR 3 290 per hectare for other areas under sultana grapes,
 - EUR 3 080 per hectare for areas under currant grapes,
 - EUR 880 per hectare for areas under Muscatel grapes;
- (b) the replanting aid referred to in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be:
 - EUR 3 917 per hectare. In this case, point (a) shall not apply.

*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, 7 August 2002.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.⁽²⁾ OJ L 72, 14.3.2002, p. 9.⁽³⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 21.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 258, 27.9.2001, p. 14.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1442/2002

of 7 August 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 1554/2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 as regards marketing sugar produced in the French overseas departments and equalising the price conditions with preferential raw sugar

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 680/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides for flat-rate Community aid for sugar produced in the French overseas departments to be marketed in the European regions of the Community. The aid is for raw sugar produced in the French overseas departments to be refined in a refinery situated in the European regions of the Community and to be transported to the European regions of the Community or, where necessary, to be stored in those departments.
- (2) That aid for the 2001/02 marketing year is fixed in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1554/2001 ⁽³⁾. The aid for transport from the ex-factory stage to the fob port stage and for storage in the French overseas departments for the 2001/02 marketing year is fixed in Article 2(1)(a) and (c) of that Regulation. Now that the Commission has obtained information on the appropriate level of this aid, the aid amounts should be fixed for the 2002/03 to 2005/06 marketing years, i.e. the period for which Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides for intervention prices and production and refining quotas to be fixed. The grant of aid towards the cost of sea transport and the aid for refining should also be continued for the same period.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/2001 is replaced by the following:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.
⁽³⁾ OJ L 205, 31.7.2001, p. 18.

'1. On application to the competent French authorities, for the 2002/03 to 2005/06 marketing years producers of the sugar referred to in Article 1 and delivered to European ports in the Community shall be granted aid made up of the following components:

- (a) a flat-rate amount per tonne of sugar expressed as white sugar to cover the transport costs from the ex-factory stage to the fob port stage, fixed at:
 - EUR 17 per tonne for Réunion and Martinique,
 - EUR 24 per tonne for Guadeloupe;
- (b) a uniform flat-rate amount to cover the sea transport costs from the fob port in overseas department stage to the cif European ports in the Community stage and the related insurance costs;
- (c) a flat-rate amount per 100 kilograms of raw sugar expressed as white sugar held in storage by producers at the end of each month, fixed at EUR 0,45 for Guadeloupe and at EUR 0,35 for Réunion.'

Article 2

Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/2001 is replaced by the following:

'1. In the case of sugar as referred to in Article 1 which has been refined in a refinery in the European regions of the Community in the 2002/03 to 2005/06 marketing years, aid shall be granted to the refineries concerned for every tenth of a percent of yield in excess of 92 %, of an amount equal to 0,0387 % of the intervention price for raw sugar fixed for that period.'

Article 3

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 July 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 August 2002.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1443/2002
of 7 August 2002
determining the world market price for unginned cotton

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Protocol 4 on cotton, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1050/2001 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001 of 22 May 2001 on production aid for cotton ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001, a world market price for unginned cotton is to be determined periodically from the price for ginned cotton recorded on the world market and by reference to the historical relationship between the price recorded for ginned cotton and that calculated for unginned cotton. That historical relationship has been established in Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1591/2001 of 2 August 2001 ⁽³⁾. Where the world market price cannot be determined in this way, it is to be based on the most recent price determined.
- (2) In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001, the world market price for unginned cotton is to be determined in respect of a product of specific characteristics and by reference to the most favourable offers and quotations on the world market among those

considered representative of the real market trend. To that end, an average is to be calculated of offers and quotations recorded on one or more European exchanges for a product delivered cif to a port in the Community and coming from the various supplier countries considered the most representative in terms of international trade. However, there is provision for adjusting the criteria for determining the world market price for ginned cotton to reflect differences justified by the quality of the product delivered and the offers and quotations concerned. Those adjustments are specified in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1591/2001.

- (3) The application of the above criteria gives the world market price for unginned cotton determined hereinafter,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The world price for unginned cotton as referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1051/2001 is hereby determined as equalling EUR 24,331/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 August 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 August 2002.

For the Commission
J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 148, 1.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 148, 1.6.2001, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 210, 3.8.2001, p. 10.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 July 2002

adopting the rules of procedure of the European Development Fund Committee

(2002/647/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000 and the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies ⁽²⁾, signed in Brussels on 18 September 2000, and in particular Article 21(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ⁽³⁾ ('Overseas Association Decision'),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The rules of procedure of the European Development Fund Committee, as set out in the Annex, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

Until the entry into force of the Internal Agreement the rules of procedure of the European Development Fund Committee shall apply only to the programming needs referred to in points 1 and 2 of Article 1 of Decision 2000/770/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 3 October 2000 ⁽⁴⁾, and, in respect of the OCT, in Article 20 of Decision 2001/822/EC.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 12 July 2002.

For the Council

The President

T. PEDERSEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 354.

ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE*Article 1***Composition**

The European Development Fund Committee, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee', shall comprise the delegations of the Member States, hereinafter referred to as 'delegations', and shall be chaired by a representative of the Commission.

A representative of the European Investment Bank shall take part in the Committee's proceedings.

A representative of the General Secretariat of the Council shall attend the meetings as an observer.

*Article 2***Referral to the Committee**

1. A referral shall be made to the Committee in the cases and according to the procedures laid down in the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000 and the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies ⁽¹⁾, signed in Brussels on 18 September 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Internal Agreement') and, where appropriate, in Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ('Overseas Association Decision') ⁽²⁾. In respect of the responsibilities conferred upon it by the Decision, the Committee shall be referred to as the 'EDF-OCT Committee'.

2. In addition to the referral cases provided for in paragraph 1:

- (a) at each meeting the Commission shall submit to the Committee a list of the decisions taken in the preceding period on the basis of Article 24(2)(b), Article 24(3), Article 24(4) and the first indent of Article 25(3) of the Internal Agreement;
- (b) the Committee shall be informed as soon as possible of delays or difficulties in the implementation of projects or action programmes which could result in significant additional commitments or substantive changes likely to entail compulsory referral under the provisions of the Internal Agreement.

*Article 3***Convening a meeting**

1. The Committee shall be convened by its Chair, acting on his/her own initiative or at the request of a Member State.

2. Joint meetings of the Committee with other committees may be convened to discuss issues of common interest coming within their respective areas of responsibility.

*Article 4***Agenda**

1. The Chair shall draw up the draft agenda and submit it to the Committee.

2. The agenda shall make a distinction between:

- proposed measures about which the Committee is asked to give an opinion under the terms of the Internal Agreement,
- other issues put to the Committee under the terms of the Internal Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1.

3. Any delegation may request the inclusion of an item on the agenda of meetings of the Committee. Relevant information on these items may be given orally.
4. The agenda shall include approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Article 5

Documentation to be sent to Committee members

1. The Chair shall send the invitation to the meeting, the draft agenda and proposed measures about which the Committee's opinion is required and any other working documents to the Committee members via the secretariat in the official languages of the Community, as a general rule no later than 15 working days before the date of the meeting.
2. In urgent cases, and where the measures to be adopted must be applied immediately, the Chair may, at the request of a Committee member or on his/her own initiative, shorten the period laid down in paragraph 1 to six working days before the date of the meeting.
3. By way of exception, in duly substantiated cases of extreme urgency (e.g. serious economic, social and political circumstances, natural disasters suffered by the recipient country or other circumstances requiring a very rapid reaction), the Chair may depart from the periods laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2.
4. In the case of proposals to be submitted to the Committee by oral procedure under the Internal Agreement, delegations should notify the secretariat of the Committee in writing at least three working days before the date of the meeting of:
 - those items to which they can already give their assent in principle and that they propose including as A items (with or without comments or requests for further information) on the agenda referred to in Article 4(1), and
 - those which they think need discussion and propose entering as B items.

Delegations shall also formulate any comments and requests for further information in writing and within the same time limit.

The Commission shall provide further information and respond to any comments, wherever possible in writing and before the meeting of the Committee.

Article 6

Opinion of the Committee

1. The Committee shall give its opinion in the cases and according to the procedures provided for in the Internal Agreement. Where a matter is put to the Committee for its opinion, it shall be discussed under the conditions and according to the procedure set out respectively in Articles 21 and 27 of the Internal Agreement.
2. When the oral procedure is used, and a substantive change is made or new factual elements are added to the draft measures during the meeting, the Chair, on his/her own initiative or at the request of a Member State, may postpone the vote on a particular agenda item until the end of the meeting or a later meeting.
3. If, in the situation described in paragraph 2, the Chair does not decide to postpone the vote as requested by a delegation, that delegation may enter a reservation which should be withdrawn within a maximum of three working days starting from the day following the meeting. The Committee's opinion shall be recorded as definitive upon expiry of this period. The Commission shall inform Member States of the definitive position adopted by the Member State whose delegation entered a reservation in the Committee.

Article 7

Representation and quorum

1. Each Member State delegation is considered to be one Committee member. Each Member State shall decide the composition of its delegation and shall inform the Chair thereof.

With the Chair's approval, delegations may be accompanied by non-governmental experts, at the expense of the Member State concerned.

2. A Member State delegation may, if necessary, represent a maximum of one other Member State. The Chair of the Committee shall be notified in writing by the delegation which is represented.

3. The quorum required for the deliberations of the Committee to be valid is that permitting a majority opinion to be issued in accordance with the Internal Agreement.

Article 8

Admission of third parties

1. The Chair may decide to hear experts on specific points, at the request of a member or on his/her own initiative.

2. These experts and those mentioned in Article 7(1) shall not be present or take part when the Committee moves to a vote.

Article 9

Written procedure

1. Where proposed measures are subject to a written procedure, delegations have 15 working days from the sending of the proposals to adopt a position. Any Committee member who does not express his/her opposition or intention to abstain before the deadline laid down in the letter is considered to have given his/her tacit agreement to the proposal.

In cases of urgency or extreme urgency, the deadlines laid down in Article 5(2) and (3) shall apply. The case of extreme urgency must be duly substantiated and the agreement of delegations shall only be established if it has been expressly notified.

2. However, if a Committee member requests that the draft measures be considered in the course of a meeting of the Committee, the written procedure shall thereby terminate; the proposed measures shall be carried over to the next meeting of the Committee.

Article 10

Secretarial support

Secretarial services for the Committee shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 11

Minutes and summary report of the meetings

The minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up under the auspices of the Chair and shall contain the opinions expressed on the proposed measures and the positions expressed during the meeting. The minutes shall be sent to the members of the Committee within 15 working days.

The Committee members shall send any written comments they may have on the minutes to the Chair. The Committee shall be informed of this; if there are any disagreements, the proposed amendment shall be discussed by the Committee. If the disagreement persists, the proposed amendment shall be annexed to the minutes.

Article 12

Attendance list

1. At each meeting, the Chair shall draw up an attendance list specifying the authorities or bodies to which the participants belong.

2. Members of delegations who do not belong to a particular authority or organisation of a Member State must sign a declaration stating that their participation does not raise any conflict of interest.

In the event of such a conflict of interest, the member concerned must withdraw whilst the relevant agenda items are being dealt with, at the request of the Chair.

Article 13

Correspondence

1. Correspondence relating to the Committee shall be addressed to the Commission, for the attention of the Committee secretariat.
2. Correspondence addressed to Committee members by the secretariat shall also be sent to the Permanent Representative of the Member State concerned.
3. Save in exceptional circumstances, correspondence between the Commission and Committee members shall be sent in both directions by the computerised means provided for that purpose.

Article 14

Transparency

1. The principles and conditions concerning public access to documents which apply to the Commission shall apply to the EDF-OCT Committee. If such a request is sent to a Member State, it must act in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ⁽¹⁾.
2. The proceedings of the Committee shall be confidential for all participants.

Article 15

Running costs

1. The Committee's running costs, including travelling expenses for one participant per Member State, shall be borne by the Commission.

If the allocated financial appropriation allows it and within the limits of the latter, the Commission shall cover the travelling expenses of two delegation members who submit a request to this effect.

2. The Commission is authorised to refund the accommodation and travelling expenses of experts invited under Article 8(1).
3. The Commission shall make available to the Committee the premises and material resources necessary for its work.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.