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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1814/2006**of 8 December 2006****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⁾, 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 9 December 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

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to Commission Regulation of 8 December 2006 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	89,7
	204	48,3
	999	69,0
0707 00 05	052	149,4
	204	74,3
	628	167,7
	999	130,5
0709 90 70	052	151,2
	204	58,8
	999	105,0
0805 10 20	388	39,2
	508	15,3
	528	26,3
	999	26,9
0805 20 10	052	63,5
	204	66,0
	999	64,8
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	67,2
	388	111,5
	999	89,4
0805 50 10	052	50,5
	528	35,5
	999	43,0
0808 10 80	388	59,7
	400	99,7
	404	99,8
	720	59,8
	999	79,8
0808 20 50	052	134,0
	400	117,2
	528	106,5
	720	51,2
	999	102,2

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 750/2005 (OJ L 126, 19.5.2005, p. 12). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1815/2006**of 8 December 2006****amending the representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the sugar sector fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1002/2006 for the 2006/2007 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 of 20 February 2006 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2006 of 30 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 as regards trade with third countries in the sugar sector ⁽²⁾, and in particular of the Article 36,

Whereas:

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

for the 2006/2007 marketing year are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1002/2006 ⁽³⁾. These prices and duties have been last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1800/2006 ⁽⁴⁾.

- (2) The data currently available to the Commission indicate that the said amounts should be changed in accordance with the rules and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 951/2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 36 of Regulation (EC) No 951/2006, as fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1002/2006 for the 2006/2007 marketing year are hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1585/2006 (OJ L 294, 25.10.2006, p. 19).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 178, 1.7.2006, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 1.7.2006, p. 36.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 341, 7.12.2006, p. 29.

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Amended representative prices and additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99 applicable from 9 December 2006

(EUR)

CN code	Representative price per 100 kg of the product concerned	Additional duty per 100 kg of the product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	22,45	5,08
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	22,45	10,31
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	22,45	4,89
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	22,45	9,88
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	26,42	12,02
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	26,42	7,50
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	26,42	7,50
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,26	0,39

⁽¹⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.III to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 (OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Fixed for the standard quality defined in Annex I.II to Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.

⁽³⁾ Fixed per 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1816/2006**of 8 December 2006****on the issue of import licences for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 936/97 of 27 May 1997 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for high-quality fresh, chilled and frozen beef and for frozen buffalo meat ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 936/97 provides in Articles 4 and 5 the conditions for applications and for the issue of import licences for meat referred to in Article 2(f).
- (2) Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 fixes the amount of high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal meeting the definition laid down therein which may

be imported on special terms for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 at 11 500 t.

- (3) It should be recalled that licences issued pursuant to this Regulation will, throughout the period of validity, be open for use only in so far as provisions on health protection in force permit,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. All applications for import licences from 1 to 5 December 2006 for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal as referred to in Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 936/97 shall be granted in full.

2. Applications for licences may be submitted, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 936/97, during the first five days of January 2007 for 5 686,783 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 December 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 137, 28.5.1997, p. 10. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1745/2006 (OJ L 329, 25.11.2006, p. 22).

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2006/128/EC**of 8 December 2006****amending and correcting Directive 95/31/EC laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/107/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorised for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(3)(a) thereof,

After consulting the Scientific Committee on Food and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA),

Whereas:

(1) Directive 94/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 1994 on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs ⁽²⁾, lists those substances which may be used as sweeteners in foodstuffs.

(2) Commission Directive 95/31/EC of 5 July 1995 laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs ⁽³⁾, sets out the purity criteria for the sweeteners listed in Directive 94/35/EC.

(3) It is necessary to adopt specific criteria for E 968 erythritol, a new food additive authorised by Directive 2006/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners and Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs.

(4) A number of language versions of Directive 95/31/EC contain some errors regarding the following substances: E 954 saccharin and its Na, K and Ca salts, E 955 sucralose, E 962 salt of aspartame-acesulfame, E 965 (i) maltitol, E 966 lactitol. Those errors need to be corrected. In addition it is necessary to take into account the specifications and analytical techniques for additives as set out in the Codex Alimentarius as drafted

by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). In particular where appropriate, the specific purity criteria have been adapted to reflect the limits for individual heavy metals of interest. For reasons of clarity the whole text concerning those substances should be replaced.

(5) EFSA in its scientific opinion of 19 April 2006 concluded that the composition of maltitol syrup based on a new production method will be similar to that of the existing product and will be in accordance with the existing specification. It is therefore necessary to amend the definition of E 965 (ii) maltitol syrup set out in Directive 95/31/EC for E 965 by including that new production method.

(6) Directive 95/31/EC should therefore be amended and corrected accordingly.

(7) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 95/31/EC is amended and corrected in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 15 February 2008 at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 27. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 237, 10.9.1994, p. 3. Directive as last amended by Directive 2006/52/EC (OJ L 204, 26.7.2006, p. 10).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 178, 28.7.1995, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/46/EC (OJ L 114, 21.4.2004, p. 15).

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

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The Annex to Directive 95/31/EC is amended and corrected as follows:

1. The following text concerning E 968 erythritol is inserted after E 967 xylitol:

‘E 968 ERYTHRITOL**Synonyms**

Meso-erythritol, tetrahydroxybutane, erythrite

Definition

Obtained by fermentation of carbohydrate source by safe and suitable food grade osmophilic yeasts such as *Moniliella pollinis* or *Trichosporonoides megachilensis*, followed by purification and drying

Chemical name

1,2,3,4-Butanetetrol

Einecs

205-737-3

Chemical formula

C₄H₁₀O₄

Molecular weight

122,12

Assay

Not less than 99 % after drying

Description

White, odourless, non-hygroscopic, heat-stable crystals with a sweetness of approximately 60-80 % that of sucrose.

Identification

A. Solubility

Freely soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol, insoluble in diethyl ether.

B. Melting range

119-123 °C

Purity

Loss on drying

Not more than 0,2 % (70 °C, six hours, in a vacuum desiccator)

Sulphated ash

Not more than 0,1 %

Reducing substances

Not more than 0,3 % expressed as D-glucose

Ribitol and glycerol

Not more than 0,1 %

Lead

Not more than 0,5 mg/kg'

2. The text concerning E 954 saccharin and its Na, K and Ca salts is replaced by the following:

‘E 954 SACCHARIN AND ITS Na, K AND Ca SALTS**(I) SACCHARIN****Definition**

Chemical name

3-Oxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo(d)isothiazol-1,1-dioxide

Einecs

201-321-0

Chemical formula

C₇H₅NO₃S

Relative molecular mass

183,18

Assay

Not less than 99 % and not more than 101 % of C₇H₅NO₃S on the anhydrous basis

Description

White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint, aromatic odour, having a sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose

Identification

Solubility

Slightly soluble in water, soluble in basic solutions, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying

Not more than 1 % (105 °C, two hours)

Melting range

226-230 °C

Sulphated ash

Not more than 0,2 % expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic and salicylic acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

o-Toluenesulphonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

p-Toluenesulphonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic acid p-sulfonamide

Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Readily carbonisable substances

Absent

Arsenic

Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Selenium

Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Lead

Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis.

(II) SODIUM SACCHARIN**Synonyms**

Saccharin, sodium salt of saccharin

Definition

Chemical name

Sodium o-benzosulphimide, sodium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisulphonazole, oxobenzisulphonazole, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide sodium salt dihydrate

Einecs

204-886-1

Chemical formula

 $C_7H_4NNaO_3S \cdot 2H_2O$

Relative molecular mass

241,19

Assay

Not less than 99 % and not more than 101 % of $C_7H_4NNaO_3S$ on the anhydrous basis**Description**

White crystals or a white crystalline efflorescent powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose in dilute solutions

Identification

Solubility

Freely soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying

Not more than 15 % (120 °C, four hours)

Benzoic and salicylic acid

To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears

o-Toluenesulphonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

p-Toluenesulphonamide

Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

Benzoic acid p-sulphonamide	Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Readily carbonisable substances	Absent
Arsenic	Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Selenium	Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

(III) CALCIUM SACCHARIN**Synonyms**

Saccharin, calcium salt of saccharin

Definition

Chemical name	Calcium o-benzosulphimide, calcium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisotiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide calcium salt hydrate (2:7)
Einecs	229-349-9
Chemical formula	$C_{14}H_8CaN_2O_6S_2 \cdot 3\frac{1}{2}H_2O$
Relative molecular mass	467,48
Assay	Not less than 95 % of $C_{14}H_8CaN_2O_6S_2$ on the anhydrous basis

Description

White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose in dilute solutions

Identification

Solubility	Freely soluble in water, soluble in ethanol
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Purity

Loss on drying	Not more than 13,5 % (120 °C, four hours)
Benzoic and salicylic acid	To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears
o-Toluenesulphonamide	Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
p-Toluenesulphonamide	Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Benzoic acid p-sulphonamide	Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Readily carbonisable substances	Absent
Arsenic	Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Selenium	Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis

(IV) POTASSIUM SACCHARIN**Synonyms**

Saccharin, potassium salt of saccharin

Definition

Chemical name	Potassium o-benzosulphimide, potassium salt of 2,3-dihydro-3-oxobenzisotiazolin-3-one-1,1-dioxide monohydrate
Einecs	
Chemical formula	$C_7H_4KNO_3S \cdot H_2O$

Relative molecular mass	239,77
Assay	Not less than 99 % and not more than 101 % of C ₇ H ₄ KNO ₃ S on the anhydrous basis
Description	White crystals or a white crystalline powder, odourless or with a faint odour, having an intensely sweet taste, even in very dilute solutions. Approximately between 300 and 500 times as sweet as sucrose
Identification	
Solubility	Freely soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol
Purity	
Loss on drying	Not more than 8 % (120 °C, four hours)
Benzoic and salicylic acid	To 10 ml of a 1 in 20 solution, previously acidified with five drops of acetic acid, add three drops of an approximately molar solution of ferric chloride in water. No precipitate or violet colour appears
o-Toluenesulphonamide	Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
p-Toluenesulphonamide	Not more than 10 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Benzoic acid p-sulphonamide	Not more than 25 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Readily carbonisable substances	Absent
Arsenic	Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Selenium	Not more than 30 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis'

3. The text concerning E 955 sucralose is replaced by the following:

'E 955 SUCRALOSE

Synonyms	4,1',6'-Trichlorogalactosucrose
Definition	
Chemical name	1,6-Dichloro-1,6-dideoxy-β-D-fructofuranosyl-4-chloro-4-deoxy-α-D-galactopyranoside
Einecs	259-952-2
Chemical formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₉ Cl ₃ O ₈
Molecular weight	397,64
Assay	Content not less than 98 % and not more than 102 % of C ₁₂ H ₁₉ Cl ₃ O ₈ calculated on an anhydrous basis.
Description	White to off-white, practically odourless crystalline powder.
Identification	
A. Solubility	Freely soluble in water, methanol and ethanol Slightly soluble in ethyl acetate

B. Infrared absorption	The infrared spectrum of a potassium bromide dispersion of the sample exhibits relative maxima at similar wave numbers as those shown in the reference spectrum obtained using a sucralose reference standard
C. Thin layer chromatography	The main spot in the test solution has the same R _f value as that of the main spot of standard solution A referred to in the test for other chlorinated disaccharides. This standard solution is obtained by dissolving 1,0 g of sucralose reference standard in 10 ml of methanol
D. Specific rotation	$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = + 84,0^{\circ}$ to $+ 87,5^{\circ}$ calculated on the anhydrous basis (10 % w/v solution)
Purity	
Water	Not more than 2,0 % (Karl Fischer method)
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,7 %
Other chlorinated disaccharides	Not more than 0,5 %
Chlorinated monosaccharides	Not more than 0,1 %
Triphenylphosphine oxide	Not more than 150 mg/kg
Methanol	Not more than 0,1 %
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg'

4. The text concerning E 962 salt of aspartame-acesulfame is replaced by the following:

'E 962 SALT OF ASPARTAME-ACESULFAME

Synonyms	Aspartame-acesulfame, aspartame-acesulfame salt
Definition	The salt is prepared by heating an approximately 2:1 ratio (w/w) of aspartame and acesulfame K in solution at acidic pH and allowing crystallisation to occur. The potassium and moisture are eliminated. The product is more stable than aspartame alone
Chemical name	6-Methyl-1,2,3-oxathiazine-4(3H)-one-2,2-dioxide salt of L-phenylalanyl-2-methyl-L- α -aspartic acid
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_9\text{N}_3\text{S}$
Molecular weight	457,46
Assay	63,0 % to 66,0 % aspartame (dry basis) and 34,0 % to 37 % acesulfame (acid form on a dry basis)
Description	A white, odourless, crystalline powder
Identification	
A. Solubility	Sparingly soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol
B. Transmittance	The transmittance of a 1 % solution in water determined in a 1 cm cell at 430 nm with a suitable spectrophotometer using water as a reference, is not less than 0,95, equivalent to an absorbance of not more than approximately 0,022
C. Specific rotation	$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = + 14,5^{\circ}$ to $+ 16,5^{\circ}$ Determine at concentration of 6,2 g in 100 ml formic acid (15N) within 30 min of preparation of the solution. Divide the calculated specific rotation by 0,646 to correct for the aspartame content of the salt of aspartame-acesulfame

Purity	
Loss on drying	Not more than 0,5 % (105 °C, four hours)
5-Benzyl-3,6-dioxo-2-piperazineacetic acid	Not more than 0,5 %
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg'

5. The text concerning E 965 (i) maltitol is replaced by the following:

'E 965 (i) MALTITOL

Synonyms	D-Maltitol, hydrogenated maltose
Definition	
Chemical name	(α)-D-Glucopyranosyl-1,4-D-glucitol
Einecs	209-567-0
Chemical formula	$C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$
Relative molecular mass	344,31
Assay	Content not less than 98 % of D-maltitol $C_{12}H_{24}O_{11}$ on the anhydrous basis
Description	Sweet tasting, white crystalline powder
Identification	
A. Solubility	Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol
B. Melting range	148 to 151 °C
C. Specific rotation	$[\alpha]_D^{20} = + 105,5^\circ$ to $+ 108,5^\circ$ (5 % w/v solution)
Purity	
Water	Not more than 1 % (Karl Fischer method)
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis
Reducing sugars	Not more than 0,1 % expressed as glucose on dry weight basis
Chlorides	Not more than 50 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Sulphates	Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Nickel	Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Arsenic	Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis'

6. The text concerning E 965 (ii) maltitol syrup is replaced by the following:

'E 965 (ii) MALTITOL SYRUP

Synonyms	Hydrogenated high-maltose glucose syrup, hydrogenated glucose syrup
Definition	A mixture consisting of mainly maltitol with sorbitol and hydrogenated oligo- and polysaccharides. It is manufactured by the catalytic hydrogenation of high maltose-content glucose syrup or by the hydrogenation of its individual components followed by blending. The article of commerce is supplied both as a syrup and as a solid product
Assay	Content not less than 99 % of total hydrogenated saccharides on the anhydrous basis and not less than 50 % of maltitol on the anhydrous basis

Description	Colourless and odourless, clear viscous liquids or white crystalline masses
Identification	
A. Solubility	Very soluble in water, slightly soluble in ethanol
B. Thin layer chromatography	Passes test
Purity	
Water	Not more than 31 % (Karl Fischer)
Reducing sugars	Not more than 0,3 % (as glucose)
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,1 %
Chlorides	Not more than 50 mg/kg
Sulphate	Not more than 100 mg/kg
Nickel	Not more than 2 mg/kg
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg'

7. The text concerning E 966 lactitol is replaced by the following:

'E 966 LACTITOL

Synonyms	Lactit, lactositol, lactobiosit
Definition	
Chemical name	4-O-β-D-Galactopyranosyl-D-glucitol
Einecs	209-566-5
Chemical formula	C ₁₂ H ₂₄ O ₁₁
Relative molecular mass	344,32
Assay	Not less than 95 % on the dry weight basis
Description	Sweet-tasting crystalline powders or colourless solutions. Crystalline products occur in anhydrous, monohydrate and dihydrate forms
Identification	
A. Solubility	Very soluble in water
B. Specific rotation	[α] _D ²⁰ = + 13° to + 16° calculated on the anhydrous basis (10 % w/v aqueous solution)
Purity	
Water	Crystalline products; not more than 10,5 % (Karl Fischer method)
Other polyols	Not more than 2,5 % on the anhydrous basis
Reducing sugars	Not more than 0,2 % expressed as glucose on dry weight basis
Chlorides	Not more than 100 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Sulphates	Not more than 200 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,1 % expressed on dry weight basis
Nickel	Not more than 2 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Arsenic	Not more than 3 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg expressed on dry weight basis'

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2006/129/EC**of 8 December 2006****amending and correcting Directive 96/77/EC laying down specific purity criteria on food additives other than colours and sweeteners****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

for individual heavy metals of interest. For reasons of clarity the whole text concerning those substances should be replaced.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/107/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorised for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(3)(a) thereof,

After consulting the Scientific Committee on Food and the European Food Safety Authority,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Directive 96/77/EC ⁽²⁾ of 2 December 1996 laying down specific purity criteria on food additives other than colours and sweeteners sets out the purity criteria for the additives mentioned in Directive 95/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 1995 on food additives other than colours and sweeteners ⁽³⁾.

(2) It is appropriate to withdraw the purity criteria for E 216 propyl p-hydroxybenzoate and E 217 sodium propyl p-hydroxybenzoate which are no longer permitted for use as food additives.

(3) A number of language versions of Directive 96/77/EC contain errors regarding the following substances: E 307 alpha-tocopherol, E 315 erythorbic acid, E 415 xanthan gum. Those errors need to be corrected. In addition it is necessary to take into account the specifications and analytical techniques for additives as set out in the Codex Alimentarius as drafted by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). In particular where appropriate, the specific purity criteria have been adapted to reflect the limits

(4) The level of sulphated ash in the purity criteria for E 472c citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids should be amended in order to cover partially or wholly neutralised products.

(5) It is necessary to ensure that E 559 aluminium silicate is produced from raw kaolinitic clay which is free from unacceptable dioxin contamination. The presence of dioxin in the raw kaolinitic clay should therefore be restricted to the lowest possible level.

(6) It is necessary to adopt specifications for the new food additives authorised through Directive 2006/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners and Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs: E 319 tertiary-butylhydroquinone (TBHQ), E 426 soybean hemicellulose, E 462 ethyl cellulose, E 586 4-hexylresorcinol, E 1204 pullulan and E 1452 starch aluminium octenyl succinate.

(7) Directive 96/77/EC should therefore be amended and corrected accordingly.

(8) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 96/77/EC is amended and corrected in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 27. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 339, 30.12.1996, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/45/EC (OJ L 113, 20.4.2004, p. 19).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 61, 18.3.1995, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 2006/52/EC (OJ L 204, 26.7.2006, p. 10).

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 15 February 2008 at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

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

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2006.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annex to Directive 96/77/EC is amended and corrected as follows:

1. The texts concerning E 216 propyl p-hydroxybenzoate and E 217 sodium propyl p-hydroxybenzoate are deleted.
2. The text concerning E 307 alpha-tocopherol is replaced by the following:

E 307 ALPHA-TOCOPHEROL**Synonyms**DL- α -Tocopherol**Definition**

Chemical name

DL-5,7,8-Trimethyltolcol

DL-2,5,7,8-Tetramethyl-2-(4',8',12'-trimethyltridecyl)-6-chromanol

Einecs

233-466-0

Chemical formula

 $C_{29}H_{50}O_2$

Molecular weight

430,71

Assay

Content not less than 96 %

Description

Slightly yellow to amber, nearly odourless, clear, viscous oil which oxidizes and darkens on exposure to air or light

Identification

A. Solubility tests

Insoluble in water, freely soluble in ethanol, miscible in ether

B. Spectrophotometry

In absolute ethanol the maximum absorption is about 292 nm

Purity

Refractive index

 n_D^{20} 1,503 to 1,507Specific absorption $E_{1\text{ cm}}^{1\%}$ in ethanol $E_{1\text{ cm}}^{1\%}$ (292 nm) 72 to 76

(0,01 g in 200 ml of absolute ethanol)

Sulphated ash

Not more than 0,1 %

Specific rotation

 $[\alpha]_D^{25} \pm 0,05^\circ$ (1 in 10 solution in chloroform)

Lead

Not more than 2 mg/kg'

3. The text concerning E 315 erythorbic acid is replaced by the following:

E 315 ERYTHORBIC ACID**Synonyms**

Isoascorbic acid

D-Araboascorbic acid

Definition

Chemical name

D-Erythro-hex-2-enoic acid γ -lactone

Isoascorbic acid

D-Isoascorbic acid

Einecs	201-928-0
Chemical formula	$C_6H_8O_6$
Molecular weight	176,13
Assay	Content not less than 98 % on the anhydrous basis
Description	White to slightly yellow crystalline solid which darkens gradually on exposure to light
Identification	
A. Melting range	About 164 °C to 172 °C with decomposition
B. Positive test for ascorbic acid/colour reaction	
Purity	
Loss on drying	Not more than 0,4 % after drying under reduced pressure on silica gel for 3 hours
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,3 %
Specific rotation	$[\alpha]^{25}_D$ 10 % (w/v) aqueous solution between – 16,5° to – 18,0°
Oxalate	To a solution of 1 g in 10 ml of water add 2 drops of glacial acetic acid and 5 ml of 10 % calcium acetate solution. The solution should remain clear
Lead	Not more than 2 mg/kg'

4. The following text concerning E 319 tertiary-butylhydroquinone (TBHQ) is inserted after E 316 sodium erythorbate:

'E 319 TERTIARY-BUTYLHYDROQUINONE (TBHQ)

Synonyms	TBHQ
Definition	
Chemical names	Tert-butyl-1,4-benzenediol 2-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-1,4-benzenediol
Einecs	217-752-2
Chemical formula	$C_{10}H_{14}O_2$
Molecular weight	166,22
Assay	Content not less than 99 % of $C_{10}H_{14}O_2$
Description	White crystalline solid having a characteristic odour
Identification	
A. Solubility	Practically insoluble in water; soluble in ethanol
B. Melting point	Not less than 126,5 °C
C. Phenolics	Dissolve about 5 mg of the sample in 10 ml of methanol and add 10,5 ml of dimethylamine solution (1 in 4). A red to pink colour is produced

Purity

Tertiary-Butyl- <i>p</i> -benzoquinone	Not more than 0,2 %
2,5-Di-tertiary-butyl hydroquinone	Not more than 0,2 %
Hydroxyquinone	Not more than 0,1 %
Toluene	Not more than 25 mg/kg
Lead	Not more than 2 mg/kg'

5. The text concerning E 415 xanthan gum is replaced by the following:

E 415 XANTHAN GUM**Definition**

Xanthan gum is a high molecular weight polysaccharide gum produced by a pure-culture fermentation of a carbohydrate with natural strains of *Xanthomonas campestris*, purified by recovery with ethanol or propan-2-ol, dried and milled. It contains D-glucose and D-mannose as the dominant hexose units, along with D-glucuronic acid and pyruvic acid, and is prepared as the sodium, potassium or calcium salt. Its solutions are neutral

Molecular weight Approximately 1 000 000

Einecs 234-394-2

Assay Yields, on dried basis, not less than 4,2 % and not more than 5 % of CO₂ corresponding to between 91 % and 108 % of xanthan gum

Description

Cream-coloured powder

Identification

A. Solubility Soluble in water. Insoluble in ethanol

Purity

Loss on drying Not more than 15 % (105 °C, 2¹/₂ hours)

Total ash Not more than 16 % on the anhydrous basis determined at 650 °C after drying at 105 °C for four hours

Pyruvic acid Not less than 1,5 %

Nitrogen Not more than 1,5 %

Ethanol and propan-2-ol Not more than 500 mg/kg singly or in combination

Lead Not more than 2 mg/kg

Total plate count Not more than 5 000 colonies per gram

Yeast and mould Not more than 300 colonies per gram

E. coli Absent in 5 g

Salmonella spp. Absent in 10 g

Xanthomonas campestris Viable cells absent in 1 g'

6. The following text concerning E 426 soybean hemicellulose is inserted after E 425(ii) konjac glucomannan:

‘E 426 SOYBEAN HEMICELLULOSE

Synonyms

Definition

Soybean hemicellulose is a refined water-soluble polysaccharide obtained from natural strain soybean fibre by hot water extraction

Chemical names

Water soluble soybean polysaccharides

Water soluble soybean fibre

Assay

Not less than 74 % carbohydrate

Description

Free flowing spray-dried white powder

Identification

A. Solubility

Soluble in hot and cold water without gel formation

pH of 1 % solution

5,5 ± 1,5

B. Viscosity of 10 % solution

Not more than 200 mPa.s

Purity

Loss on drying

Not more than 7 % (105 °C, 4 h)

Protein

Not more than 14 %

Total ash

Not more than 9,5 % (600 °C, 4 h)

Arsenic

Not more than 2 mg/kg

Lead

Not more than 5 mg/kg

Mercury

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Cadmium

Not more than 1 mg/kg

Standard plate count

Not more than 3 000 colonies per gram

Yeast and mould

Not more than 100 colonies per gram

E. Coli

Negative in 10 g'

7. The following text concerning E 462 ethyl cellulose is inserted after E 461 methyl cellulose:

‘E 462 ETHYL CELLULOSE

Synonyms

Cellulose ethyl ether

Definition

Ethyl cellulose is cellulose obtained directly from fibrous plant material and partially etherified with ethyl groups

Chemical names

Ethyl ether of cellulose

Chemical formula

The polymers contain substituted anhydroglucose units with the following general formula:

$C_6H_7O_2(OR_1)(OR_2)$ where R_1 and R_2 may be any of the following:

— H

— CH_2CH_3

Assay	Content not less than 44 % and not more than 50 % of ethoxyl groups (-OC ₂ H ₅) on the dried basis (equivalent to not more than 2,6 ethoxyl groups per anhydroglucose unit)
Description	Slightly hygroscopic, white to off white, odourless and tasteless powder
Identification	
A. Solubility	Practically insoluble in water, in glycerol and in propane-1,2-diol but soluble in varying proportions in certain organic solvents depending upon the ethoxyl content. Ethyl cellulose containing less than 46 to 48 % of ethoxyl groups is freely soluble in tetrahydrofuran, in methyl acetate, in chloroform and in aromatic hydrocarbon ethanol mixtures. Ethyl cellulose containing 46 to 48 % or more of ethoxyl groups is freely soluble in ethanol, in methanol, in toluene, in chloroform and in ethyl acetate
B. Film forming test	Dissolve 5 g of the sample in 95 g of an 80:20 (w/w) mixture of toluene ethanol. A clear, stable, slightly yellow solution is formed. Pour a few ml of the solution onto a glass plate and allow the solvent to evaporate. A thick, tough, continuous, clear film remains. The film is flammable
Purity	
Loss on drying	Not more than 3 % (105 °C, 2 h)
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,4 %
pH of a 1 % colloidal solution	Neutral to litmus
Arsenic	Not more than 3 mg/kg
Lead	Not more than 2 mg/kg
Mercury	Not more than 1 mg/kg
Cadmium	Not more than 1 mg/kg'

8. The text concerning E 472c citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids is replaced by the following:

'E 472c CITRIC ACID ESTERS OF MONO- AND DIGLYCERIDES OF FATTY ACIDS

Synonyms	Citrem Citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides Citroglycerides Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids esterified with citric acid
Definition	Esters of glycerol with citric acid and fatty acids occurring in food oils and fats. They may contain small amounts of free glycerol, free fatty acids, free citric acid and free glycerides. They may be partially or wholly neutralised with sodium hydroxide or with potassium hydroxide
Description	Yellowish or light brown liquids to waxy solids or semi-solids
Identification	
A. Positive test for glycerol, for fatty acids and for citric acid	
B. Solubility	Insoluble in cold water Dispersible in hot water Soluble in oils and fats In soluble in cold ethanol

Purity

Acids other than citric and fatty acids	Not detectable
Free glycerol	Not more than 2 %
Total glycerol	Not less than 8 % and not more than 33 %
Total citric acid	Not less than 13 % and not more than 50 %
Sulphated ash (determined at 800 ± 25 °C)	Non-neutralised products: not more than 0,5 % Partially or wholly neutralised products: not more than 10 %
Lead	Not more than 2 mg/kg
Free fatty acids	Not more than 3 % estimated as oleic acid

Purity criteria apply to the additive free of sodium, potassium and calcium salts of fatty acids, however, these substances may be present up to a maximum level of 6 % (expressed as sodium oleate).'

9. The text concerning E 559 aluminium silicate (kaolin) is replaced by the following:

'E 559 ALUMINIUM SILICATE (KAOLIN)**Synonyms**

Kaolin, light or heavy

Definition

Aluminium silicate hydrous (kaolin) is a purified white plastic clay composed of kaolinite, potassium aluminium silicate, feldspar and quartz. Processing should not include calcination. The raw kaolinitic clay used in the production of aluminium silicate shall have a level of dioxin which does not make it injurious to health or unfit for human consumption

Einecs

215-286-4 (kaolinite)

Chemical formula

$\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$ (kaolinite)

Molecular weight

264

Assay

Content not less than 90 % (sum of silica and alumina, after ignition)

Silica (SiO_2) Between 45 % and 55 %

Alumina (Al_2O_3) Between 30 % and 39 %

Description

Fine, white or greyish white, unctuous powder. Kaolin is made up of loose aggregations of randomly oriented stacks of kaolinite flakes or of individual hexagonal flakes.

Identification

A. Positive test for alumina and for silicate

B. X-ray diffraction

Characteristic peaks at 7,18/3,58/2,38/1,78 Å

C. IR absorption

Peaks at 3 700 and 3 620 cm^{-1}

Purity

Loss on ignition

Between 10 and 14 % (1 000 °C, constant weight)

Water soluble matter

Not more than 0,3 %

Acid soluble matter

Not more than 2 %

Iron

Not more than 5 %

Potassium oxide (K_2O)

Not more than 5 %

Carbon

Not more than 0,5 %

Arsenic

Not more than 3 mg/kg

Lead	Not more than 5 mg/kg
Mercury	Not more than 1 mg/kg'

10. The following text concerning E 586 4-hexylresorcinol is inserted after E 578 calcium gluconate:

E 586 4-HEXYLRESORCINOL

Synonyms

4-Hexyl-1,3-benzenediol
Hexylresorcinol

Definition

Chemical names	4-Hexylresorcinol
Einecs	205-257-4
Chemical formula	$C_{12}H_{18}O_2$
Molecular weight	197,24
Assay	Not less than 98,0 % on the dried basis

Description

White powder

Identification

A. Solubility	Freely soluble in ether and acetone; very slightly soluble in water
B. Nitric acid test	To 1 ml of a saturated solution of the sample, add 1 ml of nitric acid. A light red colour appears
C. Bromine test	To 1 ml of saturated solution of the sample, add 1 ml of bromine TS. A yellow, flocculent precipitate dissolves producing a yellow solution
D. Melting range	62 to 67 °C

Purity

Acidity	Not more than 0,05 %
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0,1 %
Resorcinol and other phenols	Shake about 1 g of the sample with 50 ml of water for a few minutes, filter, and to the filtrate add 3 drops of ferric chloride TS. No red or blue colour is produced
Nickel	Not more than 2 mg/kg
Lead	Not more than 2 mg/kg
Mercury	Not more than 3 mg/kg'

11. The following text concerning E 1204 pullulan is inserted after E 1200 polydextrose:

E 1204 PULLULAN

Definition

Linear, neutral glucan consisting mainly of maltotriose units connected by -1,6 glycosidic bonds. It is produced by fermentation from a food grade hydrolysed starch using a non-toxin producing strain of *Aureobasidium pullulans*. After completion of the fermentation, the fungal cells are removed by microfiltration, the filtrate is heat-sterilised and pigments and other impurities are removed by adsorption and ion exchange chromatography

Einecs	232-945-1
Chemical formula	(C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₅) _x
Assay	Not less than 90 % of glucan on the dried basis
Description	White to off-white odourless powder
Identification	
A. Solubility	Soluble in water, practically insoluble in ethanol.
B. pH of 10 % solution	5,0 to 7,0
C. Precipitation with polyethylene glycol 600	Add 2 ml of polyethylene glycol 600 to 10 ml of a 2 % aqueous solution of pullulan. A white precipitate is formed
D. Depolymerisation with pullulanase	Prepare two test tubes each with 10 ml of a 10 % pullulan solution. Add 0,1 ml pullulanase solution having activity 10 units/g to one test tube, and 0,1 ml water to the other. After incubation at about 25 °C for 20 min, the viscosity of the pullulanase-treated solution is visibly lower than that of the untreated solution
Purity	
Loss on drying	Not more than 6 % (90 °C, pressure not more than 50 mm Hg, 6 h)
Mono-, di- and oligosaccharides	Not more than 10 % expressed as glucose
Viscosity	100 to 180 mm ² /s (10 % w/w aqueous solution at 30 °C)
Lead	Not more than 1 mg/kg
Yeast and moulds	Not more than 100 colonies per gram
Coliforms	Absent in 25 g
Salmonella	Absent in 25 g'

12. The following text concerning E 1452 starch aluminium octenyl succinate is inserted after E 1451 acetylated oxidised starch:

'E 1452 STARCH ALUMINIUM OCTENYL SUCCINATE

Synonyms	SAOS
Definition	Starch aluminium octenyl succinate is starch esterified with octenylsuccinic anhydride and treated with aluminium sulphate
Description	White or nearly white powder or granules or (if pregelatinised) flakes, amorphous powder or coarse particles
Identification	
A. If not pregelatinised: by microscopic observation	
B. Iodine staining positive (dark blue to light red colour)	

Purity

(all values expressed on an anhydrous basis
except for loss on drying)

Loss on drying	Not more than 21 %
Octenylsuccinyl groups	Not more than 3 %
Octenylsuccinic acid residue	Not more than 0,3 %
Sulphur dioxide	Not more than 50 mg/kg for modified cereal starches Not more than 10 mg/kg for the other modified starches unless otherwise specified
Arsenic	Not more than 1 mg/kg
Lead	Not more than 2 mg/kg
Mercury	Not more than 0,1 mg/kg
Aluminium	Not more than 0,3 %

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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 30 November 2006

establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Community within the Food Aid Committee as regards the extension of the Food Aid Convention 1999

(2006/906/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 181 in conjunction with Article 300(2), second subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Food Aid Convention 1999 (hereinafter the 'Convention') was concluded by the Community by Decision 2000/421/EC ⁽¹⁾ and extended by decisions of the Food Aid Committee in June 2002, in June 2003 and in June 2005, so as to remain in force until 30 June 2007.
- (2) A further one year extension of the Convention is in the interest of both the Community and its Member States. Pursuant to Article XXV(b) of the Convention, that extension is conditional upon the remaining in force, for the same period, of the Grains Trade Convention 1995. The Commission, which represents the Community in the Food Aid Committee, should therefore be authorised by a Council Decision to vote in favour of such extension,

Sole Article

The European Community's position within the Food Aid Committee shall be to vote in favour of the extension of the Food Aid Convention 1999 for a further one year period, on the condition that the Grains Trade Convention 1995 remains in force for the same period.

The Commission is hereby authorised to express this position within the Food Aid Committee.

Done at Brussels, 30 November 2006.

For the Council
The President
L. HYSSÄLÄ

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 163, 4.7.2000, p. 37.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 30 November 2006
appointing a Spanish member to the Committee of the Regions
(2006/907/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Spanish Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 January 2006 the Council adopted Decision 2006/116/EC appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2006 to 25 January 2010 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) A seat as member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the expiry of the mandate of Mr Joan CLOS i MATHEU,

Article 1

Mr Jordi HEREU i BOHER, Mayor of the city of Barcelona, is hereby appointed member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Joan CLOS i MATHEU for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 30 November 2006.

For the Council
The President
L. HYSSÄLÄ

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 4 December 2006

on the first instalment of the third Community contribution to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund

(2006/908/EC, Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 308 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 203 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The Community, in pursuance of a clear policy of supporting Ukraine in its efforts to eliminate the consequences of the nuclear accident which occurred on 26 April 1986 at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, has already contributed EUR 90,5 million over the years 1999 to 2000 to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, established at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in accordance with Decision 98/381/EC, Euratom ⁽²⁾ and a further EUR 100 million over the years 2001 to 2005, in accordance with Decision 2001/824/EC, Euratom ⁽³⁾.
- (2) The EBRD, as administrator of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, confirmed to the Fund's Assembly of Contributors that there was a shortfall of roughly EUR 250 million and that there were not sufficient unallocated funds to allow a contract award for the New Safe Confinement. New commitments were required from the contributors in 2005 to avoid further delays to the project.
- (3) The ex-G7 Members and the Community, which have provided most of the contributions to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, agreed on the principle of further contributions to the Fund according to the historical burden-sharing amongst the contributors.

- (4) Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 99/2000 of 29 December 1999 concerning the provision of assistance to partner States in Eastern Europe and Central Asia ⁽⁴⁾ includes as a priority in the area of nuclear safety the contribution to relevant EU-supported international initiatives such as the G7/EU initiative on the closure of Chernobyl.

- (5) In the Communication of 6 September 2000 from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, the Commission proposed that from 2001 Community financial support for nuclear safety in the newly independent States and the countries of central and eastern Europe should be taken from a single budget line for financial assistance to nuclear safety for the newly independent States.

- (6) EBRD procurement rules apply to grants made from the resources of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, on the understanding that procurement should in principle be limited to goods and services produced in or supplied from the countries of the contributors or the countries of EBRD operations. Those rules are not identical to those applied to operations directly financed through the TACIS programme, which cannot consequently cover the contribution which is the subject of this Decision.

- (7) It is, however, appropriate to ensure that, with regard to procurement arrangements made pursuant to the EBRD's Rules of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, there is no discrimination between individual Member States, irrespective of whether they have concluded individual contribution agreements with the EBRD or not.

- (8) It is also appropriate that procurement arrangements with third countries that are not TACIS partner countries be authorised, on a case-by-case basis, in the interest of the projects concerning the Chernobyl Shelter Implementation Plan.

- (9) The Treaties do not provide, for the adoption of this Decision, powers other than those of Article 308 of the EC Treaty and Article 203 of the Euratom Treaty,

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered on 14 November 2006 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 171, 17.6.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 308, 27.11.2001, p. 25.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 12, 18.1.2000, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2112/2005 (OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 23).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Community shall make a contribution of EUR 14,4 million to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund in 2006.

The appropriation shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective. The contribution shall be financed against available annual budgetary appropriations.

Article 2

1. The Commission shall administer the contribution to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund in accordance with Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, having particular regard to the principles of sound and efficient management.

The Commission shall forward all relevant information to the budgetary authority and the Court of Auditors and shall provide any supplementary information that they may wish to receive, as regards the aspects of the operation of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund that relate to the Community's contribution.

2. The Commission shall ensure that, with respect to procurement arrangements relating to grants made from the

resources of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, there is no discrimination between the Member States.

The Commission may authorise, on a case-by-case basis, procurement arrangements with third countries that are not TACIS partner countries, in the interest of the projects concerning the Chernobyl Shelter Implementation Plan.

Article 3

In accordance with Section 2.02 of Article II of the Rules of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, the Community contribution shall be the subject of a formal Contribution Agreement between the Commission and the EBRD.

Article 4

The Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council, on a yearly basis, a progress report on the implementation of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2006.

For the Council

The President

L. LUHTANEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION**of 4 December 2006****on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning adjustments of trade preferences in cheese undertaken on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area****(Text with EEA relevance)****(2006/909/EC)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof, in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 19(1) of the Agreement on the European Economic Area foresees that the contracting parties shall examine any difficulties that might arise in their trade in agricultural products and shall endeavour to seek appropriate solutions.
- (2) The Kingdom of Norway and the European Community held bilateral consultations, on the basis of the aforesaid Article 19(1), which were concluded satisfactorily on 7 June 2006, giving rise to an Agreement.
- (3) That Agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, should be approved,

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway, concerning adjustments of trade preferences in cheese undertaken on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2006.

For the Council

The President

L. LUHTANEN

AGREEMENT**in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning adjustments of trade preferences in cheese undertaken on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area***A. Letter from the European Community*

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the consultations between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway on adjustments of preferential concessions on cheese, held from 3 May 2006 to 7 June 2006, undertaken on the basis of Article 19(1) of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

With the aim of improving the bilateral trade conditions for cheese, the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway have agreed to adjust the current respective preferential quotas.

I hereby confirm that the results of the consultations were as follows:

1. The Kingdom of Norway will increase the existing annual duty free tariff quota on imports into Norway of cheese originating in the European Community by 500 tonnes. The additional quantity will be allocated to existing importers on a pro rata basis (i.e. 12,5 % increase of existing quotas). The volume of the additional tariff quota will be 250 tonnes in 2006. The additional quota will be opened as soon as possible, and no later than 1 November 2006.
2. The European Community will merge the two existing annual duty free tariff quotas on imports into the European Community of cheese originating in Norway (quota numbers 09.4781 and 09.4782). The European Community will apply its normal provisions relating to the management of this merged tariff quota, under a licensing management system. The European Community will implement this merge as of 1 January 2007, at the start of the second semester (1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007) of the management year of this concession (1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007). Possible underutilisation of the existing cheese quotas during the semester 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006 will be transferred to the semester 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007.
3. The rules of origin for the purpose of implementing the adjustments referred to in items 1 and 2 are set out in Annex IV to the Exchange of Letters of 2 May 1992. However, paragraph 2 to Annex IV shall refer to the list in Annex II to Protocol 4 to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, to be applied according to Annex I to the same Protocol, instead of the list in the Appendix referred to in paragraph 2 of Annex IV to the Exchange of Letters of 2 May 1992.
4. The Parties agree to take the necessary steps in order to ensure that tariff quotas will be managed in such a way that imports may take place regularly and that the quantities agreed for import can effectively be imported.

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

I have the honour to confirm that the European Community is in agreement with the content of this letter.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway is in agreement with the above.

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

B. Letter from the Kingdom of Norway

Sir,

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

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I should be obliged if you would confirm that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway is in agreement with the above.'.

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

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

COUNCIL DECISION**of 4 December 2006****concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America renewing the cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training**

(2006/910/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 149 and 150 in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) By its decision of 24 October 2005 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate with the United States of America an agreement renewing the cooperation programme in higher education and vocational training.
- (2) On behalf of the Community, the Commission has negotiated an agreement with the United States of America in accordance with the directives in the Annex to that decision.
- (3) The Community and the United States of America expect to obtain mutual benefit from such cooperation, which must, on the Community's side, be complementary to the bilateral programmes between the Member States and the United States of America and provide a European added value.
- (4) The Agreement was signed on behalf of the Community on 21 June 2006 subject to its conclusion at a later date.

- (5) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America renewing a programme of cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

2. The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The delegation of the European Community to the Joint Committee referred to in Article 6 of the Agreement shall consist of a representative from the Commission assisted by a representative from each Member State.

Article 3

The President of the Council is authorised to designate the person empowered to give the notification provided for in Article 12(1) of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2006.

For the Council

The President

L. LUHTANEN

AGREEMENT**between the European Community and the United States of America renewing a programme of cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training**

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

of the one part, and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

of the other part,

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties),

NOTING that the Transatlantic Declaration adopted by the European Community and its Member States (hereinafter referred to as the European Community) and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the United States) in November 1990 makes specific reference to strengthening mutual cooperation in various fields which directly affect the present and future well-being of their citizens, such as exchanges and joint projects in education and culture, including academic and youth exchanges;

NOTING that the new Transatlantic Agenda adopted at the EU-US Summit in December 1995 in Madrid refers under Action IV — Building Bridges Across the Atlantic — to the EC/US Agreement establishing a Cooperation Programme in Education and Vocational Training as a potential catalyst for a broad spectrum of innovative cooperative activities of direct benefit to students and teachers and refers to the introduction of new technologies into classrooms, linking educational establishments in the United States with those in the European Union and encouraging the teaching of each other's languages, history and culture;

NOTING that the 1997 'Bridging the Atlantic: People to People Links' Transatlantic Conference underlined the potential for cooperation between the European Community and the United States of America in the field of non-formal education;

NOTING that at the EU-US Summit in June 2005, leaders agreed on an initiative to enhance transatlantic economic integration and growth which identified education cooperation as one of the tools 'to increase synergies across the Atlantic as we become more knowledge-based economies' and committed to work to 'renew and reinforce the US-EU Agreement on Higher Education and Vocational Training, which includes the Fulbright/European Union Programme, to boost education cooperation and transatlantic exchanges between our citizens';

CONSIDERING that the adoption and the implementation of the 1995 Agreement Between the European Community and the United States of America Establishing a Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training and the 2000 Agreement Between the European Community and the United States Renewing a Programme of Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training give effect to the commitments of the Transatlantic Declaration and constitute examples of highly successful and cost-effective cooperation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the crucial contribution of education and training to the development of human resources capable of participating in the global knowledge-based economy;

RECOGNISING that cooperation in education and vocational training should complement other relevant cooperation initiatives between the European Community and the United States;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of ensuring complementarity with relevant initiatives carried out in the field of higher education and vocational training by international organisations active in these fields such as OECD, UNESCO and the Council of Europe;

RECOGNISING that the Parties have a common interest in cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training;

EXPECTING to obtain mutual benefit from cooperative activities in higher education and vocational education and training;

RECOGNISING the need to widen access to the activities supported under this Agreement, in particular those activities in the vocational education and training sector; and

DESIRING to establish a formal basis for continued cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Purpose

This Agreement renews the 2000 Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (hereinafter referred to as the Programme), originally established under the 1995 Agreement Between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

1. 'higher education institution' means any establishment, according to the applicable laws or practices, which offers qualifications or diplomas at the higher education level, whatever such establishment may be called;
2. 'vocational education and training institutions' means any type of public, semi-public or private body, which, irrespective of the designation given to it, in accordance with the applicable laws and practices, designs or undertakes vocational education or training, further vocational training, refresher vocational training or retraining; and
3. 'students' means all those persons participating in learning or training courses or programmes which are run by higher education or vocational education and training institutions as defined in this Article.

Article 3

Objectives

1. The general objectives of the Programme shall be to:
 - (a) promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Community and the United States including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions; and

- (b) improve the quality of human resource development in both the European Community and the United States, including the acquisition of skills required to meet the challenges of the global knowledge-based economy.

2. The specific objectives of the Programme shall be to:

- (a) enhance collaboration between the European Community and the United States in the domains of higher education and vocational training;

- (b) contribute to the development of higher education and vocational training institutions;

- (c) contribute to individual participants' personal development for their own sake and as a way to achieve the general objectives of the Programme; and

- (d) contribute to transatlantic exchanges between EU and US citizens.

3. The operational objectives of the Programme shall be to:

- (a) support collaboration between higher education and vocational training institutions with a view to promoting joint study programmes and mobility;

- (b) improve the quality of transatlantic student mobility by promoting transparency, mutual recognition of qualifications and periods of study and training, and, where appropriate, portability of credits;

- (c) support collaboration between public and private organisations active in the field of higher education and vocational training with a view to encouraging discussion and exchange of experience on policy issues; and

- (d) support transatlantic mobility of professionals with a view to improving mutual understanding of issues relevant to EC/US relations.

*Article 4***Principles**

Cooperation under this Agreement shall be guided by the following principles:

1. full respect for the responsibilities of the Member States of the European Community and the United States of America and the autonomy of higher education and vocational education and training institutions;
2. mutual benefit from activities undertaken through this Agreement;
3. broad participation across the different Member States of the European Community and the United States of America; and
4. recognition of the full cultural, social, and economic diversity of the European Community and the United States of America.

*Article 5***Programme actions**

The Programme shall be pursued by means of the actions described in the Annex, which forms an integral part of this Agreement.

*Article 6***Joint Committee**

1. A Joint Committee is hereby established. It shall comprise an equal number of representatives from each of the Parties.
2. The functions of the Joint Committee shall be to:
 - (a) review the cooperative activities envisaged under this Agreement; and
 - (b) provide a biannual report to the Parties on the level, status, and effectiveness of cooperative activities undertaken under this Agreement.
3. The Joint Committee shall meet every second year or as agreed upon by the Parties, with such meetings being held alternately in the European Community and the United States.
4. Decisions of the Joint Committee shall be reached by consensus. Minutes, comprising a record of the decisions and principal points, shall be taken at each meeting. These Minutes

shall be approved by those persons selected from each side to chair jointly the meeting, and shall, together with the biannual report, be made available to appropriate Minister-level officials of each Party.

*Article 7***Monitoring and evaluation**

The Programme shall be monitored and evaluated as appropriate on a cooperative basis. This shall permit, as necessary, the reorientation of activities in light of any needs or opportunities becoming apparent in the course of its operation.

*Article 8***Funding**

1. Activities under this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds and to the applicable laws and regulations, policies and programmes of the European Community and the United States. Financing will be, to the extent possible, on the basis of an overall matching of funds between the Parties. The Parties shall attempt to offer Programme activities of comparable benefit and scope.

2. Costs incurred by or on behalf of the Joint Committee shall be met by the Party to whom the members are responsible. Costs, other than those of travel and subsistence, which are directly associated with meetings of the Joint Committee, shall be met by the host Party.

*Article 9***Entry of personnel**

Each Party shall use its best efforts to facilitate entry to and exit from its territory of personnel, students, material and equipment of the other Party engaged in or used in cooperative activities under this Agreement.

*Article 10***Other agreements**

This Agreement shall not replace or otherwise affect other agreements or activities undertaken in the fields covered between any Member State of the European Community and the United States of America.

*Article 11***Territorial application of this Agreement**

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the United States.

*Article 12***Entry into force and termination**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties shall have notified each other in writing that their legal requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled, whichever is the later date. This Agreement replaces the 2000 Agreement Between the European Community and the United States Renewing a Programme of Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training in its entirety.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for eight years and may be extended or amended by mutual written agreement.

Amendments or extensions shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties shall have notified each other in writing that their requirements for entry into force of the agreement providing for the amendment or extension in question have been fulfilled.

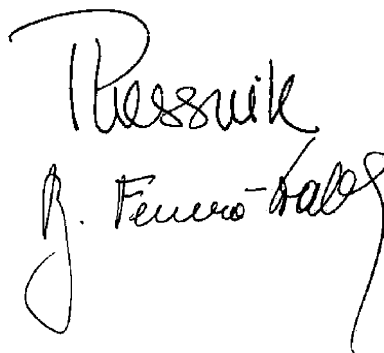
3. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party by providing twelve months' written notice. The expiration or termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or duration of any pre-existing arrangements made under it.

Article 13

Done at Vienna this twenty-first day of June 2006, in duplicate in the English, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of discrepancies, the English language shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised, have signed the present Agreement.

Por la Comunidad Europea
Za Evropské společenství
For Det Europæiske Fællesskab
Für die Europäische Gemeinschaft
Euroopa Ühenduse nimel
Για την Ευρωπαϊκή Κοινότητα
For the European Community
Pour la Communauté européenne
Per la Comunità europea
Eiropas Kopienas vārdā
Europos bendrijos vardu
Az Európai Közösség részéről
Għall-Komunità Ewropea
Voor de Europese Gemeenschap
W imieniu Wspólnoty Europejskiej
Pela Comunidade Europeia
Za Európske spoločenstvo
Za Evropsko skupnost
Euroopan yhteisön puolesta
För Europeiska gemenskapen



Por los Estados Unidos de América
Za Spojené státy americké
For Amerikas Forenede Stater
Für die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika
Ameerika Ühendriikide nimel
Για τις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες της Αμερικής
For the United States of America
Pour les États-Unis d'Amérique
Per gli Stati Uniti d'America
Amerikas Savienoto Valstu vārdā
Jungtinių Amerikos Valstijų vardu
az Amerikai Egyesült Államok részéről
Għall-Istati Uniti ta' l-Amerika
Voor de Verenigde Staten van Amerika
W imieniu Stanów Zjednoczonych Ameryki
Pelos Estados Unidos da América
Za Spojené štáty americké
Za Združene države Amerike
Amerikan yhdysvaltojen puolesta
På Amerikas förenta staters vägnar



ANNEX

ACTIONS**Action 1 — Joint European Community/United States consortia projects**

1. The Parties shall provide support to higher education and vocational education and training institutions which form joint EC/US consortia for the purpose of undertaking joint projects in the area of higher education and vocational education and training.
2. Each joint consortium must be formed by a multilateral partnership of EC and US higher education and vocational training institutions.
3. Joint consortia projects should normally involve transatlantic mobility of students in the framework of joint study programmes, with a goal of parity in the flows in each direction, and should foresee adequate language and cultural preparation.
4. Appropriate authorities on each side will jointly agree upon the eligible subject areas for joint EC/US consortia based on priority fields which are key to EC/US cooperation.

Action 2 — Excellence (follow-up) mobility projects

The Parties may provide financial support for student mobility to joint consortia of higher education and vocational training institutions that have a proven track record of excellence in the implementation of joint projects funded by the Parties.

Action 3 — Policy-oriented measures

The Parties may provide financial support to multilateral projects involving organisations active in the field of higher education and vocational training with a view to enhancing collaboration between the European Community and the United States as regards the development of higher education and vocational training. Policy-oriented measures may include studies, conferences, seminars, working groups, benchmarking exercises and address horizontal higher education and vocational training issues, including recognition of qualifications.

Action 4 — 'Schuman-Fulbright' grants

The Parties intend to provide scholarships to highly qualified professionals (including professionals-in-training, who may be engaged in advanced studies at universities and professional schools) who want to undertake studies or training, in areas of specific relevance to the EU/US relationship, which would be jointly identified by the Parties. For the purpose of promoting 'Schuman-Fulbright' grants and supporting grantees, the Parties may provide financial support to an organisation that they shall jointly designate.

Action 5 — Alumni association

The Parties may provide financial support to alumni associations involving students who have participated in exchanges supported by the EC/US cooperation programme in higher education and vocational training. Alumni associations may be run by organisations that the Parties shall jointly designate.

PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION

Administration of these actions shall be implemented by the competent officials of each Party. These tasks may include:

1. deciding upon the rules and procedures for the presentation of proposals, including the preparation of a common set of guidelines for applicants;
2. establishing a timetable for publication of calls for proposals, submission and selection of proposals;
3. providing information on the Programme and its implementation;
4. appointing academic advisors and experts;
5. recommending to the appropriate authorities of each Party which projects to finance;

6. providing financial management; and
7. promoting a cooperative approach to programme monitoring and evaluation.

As a rule, the European Community will provide support for the use of the European Community project partners; the United States will provide support for United States project partners. In providing support, the Parties may have recourse to flat-rate grants, scales of unit costs and/or scholarships.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT MEASURES

Funds may be used for the purchase of services necessary to the implementation of the Programme. In particular, the Parties may have recourse to experts; may organise seminars, colloquia or other meetings likely to facilitate the implementation of the Programme; and may undertake evaluation, information, publication and dissemination activities.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 December 2006

amending Council Directives 64/432/EEC, 90/539/EEC, 92/35/EEC, 92/119/EEC, 93/53/EEC, 95/70/EC, 2000/75/EC, 2001/89/EC, 2002/60/EC and Decision 2001/618/EC as regards lists of national reference laboratories and State institutes

(notified under document number C(2006) 5856)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/911/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8, Article 9 (2), Article 10 (2) and the second subparagraph of Article 16 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 34 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/35/EEC of 29 April 1992 laying down control rules and measures to combat African horse sickness⁽³⁾, in particular Article 18 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animal diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 24 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 93/53/EEC of 24 June 1993 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases⁽⁵⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 18 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain diseases affecting bivalve molluscs⁽⁶⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/75/EC of 20 November 2000 laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue⁽⁷⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 19 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2001/89/EC of 23 October 2001 on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever⁽⁸⁾, and in particular Article 25 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/60/EC of 27 June 2002 laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever and amending Directive 92/119/EC as regards Teschen disease and African swine fever⁽⁹⁾, and in particular Article 26 (1) thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 (OJ L 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 31.10.1990, p. 6. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 157, 10.6.1992, p. 19. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 69. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 175, 19.7.1993, p. 23. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 332, 30.12.1995, p. 33. Directive as last amended by Commission Decision 2006/775/EC (OJ L 314, 15.11.2006, p. 33).

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 74. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 316, 1.12.2001, p. 5. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 192, 20.7.2002, p. 27. Directive as amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

Whereas:

ordinating standards and methods of diagnosis. Those national laboratories are listed in that Directive.

- (1) Directive 64/432/EEC sets out a list of State institutes and national reference laboratories responsible for official testing of tuberculins and reagents, a list of national reference laboratories for bovine brucellosis, as well as a list of official institutes responsible for calibrating the standard working antigen of the laboratory against the official EEC standard serum (EI serum) supplied by the State Veterinary Serum Laboratory in Copenhagen, as regards enzootic bovine leucosis.
 - (2) Directive 90/539/EEC provides for the designation by Member States of national reference laboratories responsible for coordinating diagnostic methods and their use by approved laboratories. The national reference laboratories are listed in that Directive.
 - (3) Directive 92/35/EEC provides for the designation by Member States of national reference laboratories responsible for coordinating diagnostic methods and their use by approved laboratories. The national reference laboratories are listed in that Directive.
 - (4) Directive 92/119/EEC provides for the designation by Member States of national laboratories, for each of the diseases referred to in that Directive. The list of national laboratories for swine vesicular disease is set out in that Directive.
 - (5) Directive 93/53/EEC provides for the designation by Member States of national reference laboratories, for each of the diseases referred to in that Directive. The list of national reference laboratories for fish diseases is set out in that Directive.
 - (6) Directive 95/70/EC provides for the designation by Member States of national reference laboratories to carry out sampling and testing. The list of national reference laboratories for diseases of bivalve molluscs is set out in that Directive.
 - (7) Directive 2000/75/EC provides for the designation by Member States of national laboratories responsible for carrying out laboratory tests. Those national laboratories are listed in that Directive.
 - (8) Directive 2001/89/EC provides that Member States are to ensure that a national laboratory is responsible for co-
 - (9) Directive 2002/60/EC provides that Member States are to ensure that a national laboratory is responsible for coordinating standards and methods of diagnosis. Those national laboratories are listed in that Directive.
 - (10) Commission Decision 2001/618/EC of 23 July 2001 on additional guarantees in intra-Community trade of pigs relating to Aujeszky's disease, criteria to provide information on this disease and repealing Decisions 93/24/EEC and 93/244/EEC ⁽¹⁾ establishes the list of institutes responsible for checking the quality of the ELISA method in each Member State, and in particular for producing and standardising national reference sera according to the Community reference sera. That list is set out in that Decision.
 - (11) The competent authorities of almost all Member States submitted requests for updating details concerning national reference laboratories listed in a number of Directives and Decision. In addition, it is appropriate that the national reference laboratories and State institutes referred to in those acts are listed in the alphabetic order of the ISO code for each Member State.
 - (12) In the interests of clarity and consistency of Community legislation, it is appropriate to replace such lists in those Directives and that Decision.
 - (13) Directives 64/432/EEC, 90/539/EEC, 92/35/EEC, 92/119/EEC, 93/53/EEC, 95/70/EC, 2000/75/EC, 2001/89/EC, 2002/60/EC and Decision 2001/618/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
 - (14) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,
- HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:
- Article 1*
- Directives 64/432/EEC, 90/539/EEC, 92/35/EEC, 92/119/EEC, 93/53/EEC, 95/70/EC, 2000/75/EC, 2001/89/EC, 2002/60/EC and Decision 2001/618/EC are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.
- ⁽¹⁾ OJ L 215, 9.8.2001, p. 48. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/768/EC (OJ L 290, 4.11.2005, p. 27).

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 December 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Directives 64/432/EEC, 90/539/EEC, 92/35/EEC, 92/119/EEC, 93/53/EEC, 95/70/EC, 2000/75/EC, 2001/89/EC, 2002/60/EC and Decision 2001/618/EC are amended as follows:

1. In Annex B to Directive 64/432/EEC, point 4.2 is replaced by the following:

‘4.2. List of State institutes and national reference laboratories

AT	AGES: Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit GmbH — Institut für veterinärmedizinische Untersuchungen Mödling (Austrian Agency for Health and Consumer Protection-Institute for veterinary investigations Mödling) Robert Koch-Gasse 17 A-2340 Mödling Tel.: +43 (0) 505 55-38112 Fax: +43 (0) 505 55-38108 E-mail: vetmed.moedling@ages.at	GB	Veterinary Laboratories Agency New Haw, Addlestone, Weybridge Surrey KT15 3NB, UK Tel. (44-1932) 341111 Fax (44-1932) 347046
BE	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels	GR	Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutions Institute of infectious and parasitic diseases Department of Microbiology 25 Neapoleos Street 15 310 Ag. Paraskevi Tel.: +30 210 6010903-6399521 Fax: +30 210 6399477
CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia	HU	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet Budapest Tábornok u. 2. H-1149
CZ	Státní veterinární ústav Praha – Lysolaje Sídlištní 136/24 165 03 Praha 6 – Lysolaje	IE	Bacteriology Division Central Veterinary Research Laboratory Department of Agriculture and Food Laboratories Backweston Campus Stacumny Lane Celbridge Co. Kildare
DE	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit Standort Jena Naumburger Str. 96a 07743 Jena Tel.: +49 3641-804-0 Fax: +49 3641-804-228	IT	Istituto Superiore di Sanità 299 Viale Regina Elena 00161 - Roma (I) Tel. +39 06 49 90 1 Fax +39 06 49 38 71 18
DK	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Department of Veterinary Diagnostics and Research, Bülowsvej 27, DK-1790 Copenhagen V	LT	Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija, J. Kairiūkščio g. 10, LT-2021 Vilnius
EE	Eesti Maaülikool Mikrobakteriooside laboratoorium F.H. Kreutzwaldi 62 51014 Tartu Tel.: +372 731 3250	LU	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels
ES	Laboratorio Central de Sanidad Animal de Santa Fe Camino del Jau s/n Santa Fe 18320 (Granada) Tel.: +34 958 440 375/440 400 Fax: +34 958 441 200 Fulgencio Garrido Abellán E-mail: clvgr@mapya.es	LV	Nacionālais diagnostikas centrs (National Diagnostic Centre) Lejupes iela 3, Rīga, LV-1076 Tel.: +371 7620526 Fax: +371 7620434 E-mail: ndc@ndc.gov.lv
FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel.: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350	MT	—
FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les médicaments vétérinaires et les désinfectants AFSSA site de Fougères La Haute Marche — Javené 35133 Fougères	NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad

PL	Laboratory Department of Microbiology Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy, Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl
PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa

SE	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt SE-751 89 Uppsala
SI	Univerza v Ljubljani Veterinarska fakulteta Nacionalni veterinarski inštitut Gerbičeva 60, SI-1000 Ljubljana
SK	Štátny veterinárny a potravinový ústav Akademická 3 SK-949 01 Nitra

2. In Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC, point 4.2 is replaced by the following:

‘4.2. List of national reference laboratories

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CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia
CZ	Státní veterinární ústav Olomouc Jakoubka ze Stříbra 1 779 00 Olomouc
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DK	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Department of Veterinary Diagnostics and Research, Bülowsvej 27, DK-1790 Copenhagen V
EE	Veterinaar- ja Toidulaboratoorium Kreutzwaldi 30, 51006 Tartu, Estonia Tel.: +372 7 386 100 Faks: +372 7 386 102 E-post: info@vetlab.ee

ES	Laboratorio Central de Sanidad Animal de Santa Fe Camino del Jau s/n Santa Fe 18320 (Granada) Tel.: 34 958 440 375/440 400 Fax: 34 958 441 200 Fulgencio Garrido Abellán E-mail: clvgr@mapya.es
FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel.: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350
FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie animale et zoonoses AFSSA site de Maisons-Alfort — LERPAZ 22 rue Pierre Curie — BP 67 94703 Maisons-Alfort Cedex
GB	Veterinary Laboratories Agency New Haw, Addlestone, Weybridge Surrey KT15 3NB, UK Tel. (44-1932) 341111 Fax (44-1932) 347046 Immunodiagnosics Department Veterinary Sciences Division Stoney Road Stormont Belfast BT4 3SD, UK
GR	Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food National Veterinary Laboratory of Larisa 60 Km, National Highway Larisa-Trikala Tel.: + 30 2410 617 980-617 981 Fax: + 30 2410 617982
HU	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet Budapest Tábornok u. 2. H-1149
IE	The Blood Testing Laboratory Department of Agriculture and Food Model Farm Road Cork Co. Cork

IT	Centro di Referenza Nazionale per le brucellosi c/o Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale dell' Abruzzo e del Molise Via Campo Boario I- 64100 Teramo	PL	Laboratory Department of Microbiology Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy, Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl
LT	Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija, J. Kairiūkščio g. 10, LT-2021 Vilnius		
LU	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels	PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa
LV	Nacionālais diagnostikas centrs (National Diagnostic Centre) Leļupes iela 3, Rīga, LV-1076 Tel.: +371 7620526 Fax: +371 7620434 E-mail: ndc@ndc.gov.lv	SE	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt SE-751 89 Uppsala
MT	—	SI	Univerza v Ljubljani Veterinarska fakulteta Nacionalni veterinarski inštitut Gerbičeva 60, SI-1000 Ljubljana
NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad	SK	Štátny veterinárny ústav Pod dráhami 918 SK-960 86 Zvolen'

3. In Annex D to Directive 64/432/EEC, points A.1 and A.2 in Chapter II are replaced by the following:

'A.1. The antigen to be used in the test must contain bovine leukosis virus glycoproteins. The antigen must be standardised against a standard serum (EI serum) supplied by the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Copenhagen.

A.2. The official institutes indicated below must be responsible for calibrating the standard working antigen of the laboratory against the official EEC standard serum (EI serum) supplied by the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Copenhagen.

AT	AGES: Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit GmbH — Institut für veterinärmedizinische Untersuchungen Mödling (Austrian Agency for Health and Consumer Protection-Institute for veterinary investigations Mödling) Robert Koch-Gasse 17 A-2340 Mödling Tel.: +43 (0) 505 55-38112 Fax: +43 (0) 505 55-38108 E-mail: vetmed.moedling@ages.at	DE	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit Standort Wusterhausen Seestraße 55 16868 Wusterhausen Tel.: +49 33979-80-0 Fax: +49 33979-80-200
BE	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels	DK	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Department of Virology, Lindholm, DK-4771 Kalvehave
CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia	EE	Veterinaar- ja Toidulaboratoorium Kreutzwaldi 30, 51006 Tartu, Estonia Tel.: +372 7 386 100 Faks: +372 7 386 102 E-post: info@vetlab.ee
CZ	Státní veterinární ústav Praha – Lysolaje Sídlištní 136/24 165 03 Praha 6 – Lysolaje	ES	Laboratorio Central de Sanidad Animal de Algete Carretera de Algete, km 8 Algete 28110 (Madrid) Tel.: +34 916 290 300 Fax: +34 916 290 598 E-mail: lcv@mapya.es

FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel.: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350	LT	Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija, J. Kairiūkščio g. 10, LT-2021 Vilnius
FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie bovine et hygiène des viandes AFSSA site de Lyon — LERPBHV 31 avenue Tony Garnier 69364 Lyon Cedex 07 FRANCE	LU	CODA — Cerva — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels
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		MT	—
GR	Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutions Institute of Foot and Mouth Disease and exotic diseases 25 Neapoleos Street 15 310 Ag. Paraskevi Tel.: + 30 210 6010903-6007016 Fax: + 30 210 6399477	NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad
HU	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet Budapest Tábornok u. 2. H-1149	PL	Laboratory Department of Biochemistry Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy, Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl
IE	Virology Division Central Veterinary Research Laboratory Department of Agriculture and Food Laboratories Backweston Campus Stacumny Lane Celbridge Co. Kildare	PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa
IT	Centro di referenza nazionale per i retrovirus correlati alle patologie infettive dei ruminanti c/o Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale dell' Umbria e delle Marche, Via G. Salvemini 1, 06126 Perugia Tel. +39 75 3431 Fax +39 75 35047	SE	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt SE-751 89 Uppsala
		SI	Univerza v Ljubljani Veterinarska fakulteta Nacionalni veterinarski inštitut Gerbičeva 60, SI-1000 Ljubljana
		SK	Štátny veterinárny ústav Pod dráhami 918 SK-960 86 Zvolen'

4. In Annex I to Directive 90/539/EEC, point 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The national reference laboratories for avian diseases are as follows:

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BE	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels	GR	Centre of Thessaloniki Veterinary Institutions, 80, 26th October Street, GR-546 27 Thessaloniki Tel.: 2310785104
CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia	HU	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet (Central Veterinary Institute) H-1581 Budapest 146., Pf. 2. Tel.: +36-1-460-6300, +36-1-460-6317 Fax: +36-1-222-6070
CZ	State Veterinary Institute Praha Sídlištní 136/24 165 03 Praha 6	IE	Virology Division Central Veterinary Research Laboratory Department of Agriculture and Food Laboratories Backweston Campus Stacumny Lane Celbridge Co. Kildare
DE	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit Boddenblick 5a 17493 Greifswald-Insel Riems Tel.: +49 383 51-7-0 Fax: +49 383 51-7-151	IT	Centro di Referenza Nazionale per l'influenza aviaria e la malattia di New Castle e Centro di Referenza Nazionale per le Salmonellosi c/o Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale delle Venezie, V.le dell'Università, 10-35020 Legnaro (Pd)
DK	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Dpt. of Poultry, Fish and Fur Animals, Hangovej 2, DK-8200 Aarhus N	LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J. Kairiūkščio 10 LT-08409 Vilnius
EE	Veterinaar- ja Toidulaboratoorium Väike-Paala 3, 11415 Tallinn, Estonia Tel.: +372 603 58 10 Faks: +372 603 58 11 E-post: tallinn@vetlab.ee	LU	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels
ES	Laboratorio Central de Sanidad Animal de Algete Carretera de Algete, km 8 Algete 28110 (Madrid) Tel.: +34 916 290 300 Fax: +34 916 290 598 E-mail: lcv@mapya.es	LV	Nacionālais diagnostikas centrs (National Diagnostic Centre) Lejupes iela 3, Rīga, LV-1076 Tel.: +371 7620526 Fax: +371 7620434 E-mail: ndc@ndc.gov.lv
FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel.: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350	MT	National Veterinary Laboratory, Marsa
FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches avicoles, porcines et piscicoles AFSSA site de Ploufragan/Brest — LERAPP BP 53 22440 Ploufragan	NL	Centraal Instituut voor Dierziekte Controle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad

PL	Laboratory Department of Poultry Diseases Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl	SE	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt Department of Virology SE-751 89 Uppsala Tel (46-18) 674000 Fax (46-18) 674467 Department of Bacteriology SE-751 89 Uppsala Tel (46-18) 674000 Fax (46-18) 309162
PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa	SI	Univerza v Ljubljani Veterinarska fakulteta Nacionalni veterinarski inštitut Gerbičeva 60, SI-1000 Ljubljana
		SK	Štátny veterinárny a potravinový ústav, Botanická 15, 842 52 Bratislava'

5. In Annex I to Directive 92/35/EEC, point A is replaced by the following:

'A. LIST OF NATIONAL LABORATORIES FOR AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS

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BE	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels	FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel.: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350
CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia	FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches en pathologie animale et zoonoses AFSSA site de Maisons-Alfort — LERPAZ 22 rue Pierre Curie — BP 67 94703 Maisons-Alfort Cedex FRANCE
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DK	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Dpt. of Virology, Lindholm, DK-4771 Kalvehave	HU	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet (Central Veterinary Institute) H-1581 Budapest 146., Pf. 2. Tel.: +36-1-460-6300, +36-1-460-6317 Fax: +36-1-222-6070
EE	Veterinaar- ja Toidulaboratoorium Kreutzwaldi 30, 51006 Tartu, Estonia Tel.: +372 7 386 100 Faks: +372 7 386 102 E-post: info@vetlab.ee	IE	Central Veterinary Research Laboratory Department of Agriculture and Food Abbotstown, Castleknock, Dublin
		IT	Centro Nazionale di Referenza per lo studio e l'accertamento delle malattie esotiche degli animali c/o Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale dell' Abruzzo e del Molise Via Campo Boario I- 64100 Teramo

LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J. Kairiūkščio g. 10 LT-08409 Vilnius	PL	Laboratory Department of Virology Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl
LU	Laboratoire de Médecine Vétérinaire de l'Etat, 54, Avenue Gaston Diderich, L-Luxemburg	PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa
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NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad	SK	Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright Laboratory Ash Road, Pirbright, Woking Surrey GU24 0NF, UK E-mail: pirbright.reception@bbsrc.ac.uk

6. In Annex II to Directive 92/119/EEC, point 5 is replaced by the following:

‘5. Diagnostic laboratories

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CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia	FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350
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DK	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Dpt. of Virology, Lindholm, DK-4771 Kalvehave	GR	Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutes 25 Neapoleos Street, GR-153 10 Agia Paraskevi Attiki Tel.: +30.2106010903

HU	Országos Állategészségügyi Intézet (Central Veterinary Institute) H-1581 Budapest 146., Pf. 2. Tel.: +36-1-460-6300, +36-1-460-6317 Fax: +36-1-222-6070	NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad
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IT	Centro di Referenza Nazionale per lo studio e la diagnosi delle malattie vescicolari c/o Istituto zooprofilattico speri- mentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna, Via Bianchi, 9 25124 Brescia	PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa
LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J. Kairiūkščio 10 LT-08409 Vilnius	SE	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt Department of Virology SE-751 89 Uppsala Tel (46-18) 674000 Fax (46-18) 674467
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LV	—	SK	Štátny veterinárny ústav, Pod dráhami 918, 960 86 Zvolen'
MT	Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright Laboratory Ash Road, Pirbright, Woking Surrey GU24 0NF, UK E-mail: pirbright.reception@bbsrc.ac.uk		

7. Annex A to Directive 93/53/EEC is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX A

NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES FOR FISH DISEASES

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GR	Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutes Laboratory of Fish Pathology and Bio-Pathology of Aquatic Organisms, 25 Neapoleos Street, GR-153 10 Agia Paraskevi Attiki Tel.: +30.2106010903	MT	Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie Legnaro (PD), Italia
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IT	Centro di referenza nazionale per lo studio e la diagnosi delle malattie dei pesci, molluschi e crostacei c/o Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale delle Venezie, V.le dell'Università, 10 - 35020 Legnaro (Pd)	PT	Laboratório Nacional de Investigação Veterinária (LNIV) Estrada de Benfica, 701 P-1549-011 Lisboa
LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J. Kairiūkščio 10 LT-08409 Vilnius, Lietuva	SE	Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt Department of Wildlife, Fish and Environment SE-751 89 Uppsala Tel (46-18) 674000 Fax (46-18) 674044
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8. Annex C to Directive 95/70/EC is replaced by the following:

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BE	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels	GR	Centre of Thessaloniki Veterinary Institutions, Department of Pathology of Aquatic Organisms, 80, 26th October Street, GR-54627 Thessaloniki Tel: +30.2310785104
CY	State Veterinary Laboratory Veterinary Services 1417 Athalassa Nicosia	HU	—
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DE	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit Boddenblick 5a 17493 Greifswald-Insel Riems Tel.: +49 383 51-7-0 Fax: +49 383 51-7-151	IT	Centro di referenza nazionale per lo studio e la diagnosi delle malattie dei pesci, molluschi e crostacei c/o Istituto zooprofilattico sperimentale delle Venezie, V.le dell'Università, 10-35020 Legnaro (Pd)
DK	Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, Dpt. for Marine Ecology and Aquaculture, Fish Disease Laboratory, Stigboejlen 4, DK-1870 Frederiksberg C	LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J.J. Kairiūkščio 10 LT-08409 Vilnius
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ES	Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas CSIC Eduardo Cabello, 6 E-36208 Vigo Tel.: +34 986 214 462 Fax: +34 986 292 762 E-mail: pato1@iim.csic.es	LV	—
FI	Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, Dpt. for Marine Ecology and Aquaculture, Fish Disease Laboratory, Stigboejlen 4, DK-1870 Frederiksberg C	MT	—
FR	Laboratoire de génétique et pathologie IFREMER Ronce-les-bains 17390 La Tremblade	NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad
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9. In Annex I to Directive 2000/75/EC, point A is replaced by the following:

'A. LIST OF THE NATIONAL BLUETONGUE LABORATORIES

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EE	—
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FI	Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research, Dpt. of Virology, Lindholm, DK-4771 Kalvehave
FR	Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agro-nomique pour le développement CIRAD-EMVT Campus international de Baillarguet BP 5035 34032 Montpellier Cedex 1
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LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J. Kairiūkščio 10 LT-08409 Vilnius, Lietuva
LU	CODA — CERVA — VAR Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre Groeselenberg 99 B-1180 Brussels
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NL	Centraal Instituut voor DierziekteControle CIDC-Lelystad Hoofdvestiging: Houtribweg 39 Nevenvestiging: Edelhertweg 15 Postbus 2004 8203 AA Lelystad
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SI	Univerza v Ljubljani Veterinarska fakulteta Nacionalni veterinarski inštitut Gerbičeva 60, SI-1000 Ljubljana
SK	Štátny veterinárny ústav, Pod dráhami 918, 960 86 Zvolen'

10. In Annex III to Directive 2001/89/EC, point 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The national classical swine fever laboratories are as follows:

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CZ	State Veterinary Institute Jihlava Rantířovská 93 586 05 Jihlava
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ES	Centro de Investigación en Sanidad Animal INIA-CISA Carretera de Algete-El Casar, km 8, Valdeolmos E-28130 (Madrid) Tel.: +34 916 202 216/202 300 Fax: +34 916 202 247 E-mail: arias@inia.es
FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel.: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350

FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches avicoles, porcines et piscicoles AFSSA site de Ploufragan/Brest — LERAPP BP 53 22440 Ploufragan
GB	Veterinary Laboratories Agency New Haw, Addlestone, Weybridge Surrey KT15 3NB, UK Tel. (44-1932) 341111 Fax (44-1932) 347046
GR	Centre of Athens Veterinary Institutes 25 Neapoleos Street, GR-153 10 Agia Paraskevi Attiki Tel 2106010903
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IE	Virology Division Central Veterinary Research Laboratory Department of Agriculture and Food Laboratories Backweston Campus Stacumny Lane Celbridge Co. Kildare
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MT	Veterinary Laboratories Agency, New Haw, Addlestone, Weybridge Surrey KT15 3NB, UK. Tel.: +44 1932 341111 Fax: +44. 1932 347046

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11. In Annex IV to Directive 2002/60/EC, point 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The national African swine fever laboratories are as follows:

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FR	Laboratoire d'études et de recherches avicoles, porcines et piscicoles AFSSA site de Ploufragan/Brest — LERAPP BP 53 22 440 Ploufragan
GB	Institute for Animal Health Pirbright Laboratory Ash Road Pirbright, Woking Surrey GU12 6DG E-mail: pirbright.reception@bbsrc.ac.uk
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IT	Centro di Referenza Nazionale per le Malattie da Pestivirus e da Asfivirus c/o Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Umbria e delle Marche, Via G. Salvemini n. 1, 06126 Perugia	PL	Laboratory Departement of Swine Diseases Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl
LT	National Veterinary Laboratory (Nacionalinė veterinarijos laboratorija) J. Kairiūkščio 10 LT-08409 Vilnius	PL	Laboratory Departament of Pathology Państwowy Instytut Weterynaryjny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy Al. Partyzantów 57, 24-100 Puławy Tel.: +48.81.886 30 51 Fax: +48.81.886 25 95 E-mail: sekretariat@piwet.pulawy.pl
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12. In Annex III to Decision 2001/618/EC, point (d) of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

- '(d) The institutes listed below will, in addition, be responsible for checking the quality of the ELISA method in each Member State, and in particular for producing and standardising national reference sera according to the Community reference sera.

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CZ	—	FI	Finnish Food Safety Authority Animal Diseases and Food Safety Research Mustialankatu 3 FI-00790 Helsinki, Finland E-mail: info@evira.fi Tel: +358 20 772 003 (exchange) Fax: +358 20 772 4350
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COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 December 2006

amending Decisions 2005/723/EC and 2005/873/EC as regards the reallocation of the Community's financial contribution to certain Member States for their programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases and for checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses for 2006

(notified under document number C(2006) 5937)

(2006/912/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(5) and (6), and Articles 29 and 32 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Decision 90/424/EEC provides for the possibility of financial participation by the Community towards the programmes of Member States aimed at the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases and for checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses.

(2) Commission Decision 2005/723/EC of 14 October 2005 on programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases, of certain TSEs, and for the prevention of zoonoses, which qualify for a Community financial contribution in 2006 ⁽²⁾ sets out the proposed rate and maximum amount of the Community's financial contribution for each programme submitted by the Member States.

(3) Commission Decision 2005/873/EC of 30 November 2005 approving programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases, of certain TSEs, and for the prevention of zoonoses presented by the Member States for the year 2006 ⁽³⁾ sets out the maximum amount of the Community's financial contribution for each programme submitted by the Member States.

(4) The Commission has analysed the reports forwarded by the Member States on the expenditures of those programmes. The results of that analysis show that certain Member States will not utilise their full allocation for 2006 while others will spend in excess of the allocated amount.

(5) The Community's financial contribution to certain of those programmes therefore needs to be adjusted. It is appropriate to reallocate funding from programmes of Member States, which are not using their full allocation to those that are exceeding it. The reallocation should be based on the most recent information on the expenditure actually incurred by the concerned Member States.

(6) Decisions 2005/723/EC and 2005/873/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annexes I to V to Decision 2005/723/EC are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Decision 2005/873/EC is amended as follows:

1. in Article 1(2)(d), 'EUR 105 000' is replaced by 'EUR 0';

2. in Article 1(2)(f), 'EUR 600 000' is replaced by 'EUR 0';

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Decision 2006/782/EC (OJ L 328, 24.11.2006, p. 57).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 272, 18.10.2005, p. 18. Decision as amended by Decision 2006/645/EC (OJ L 263, 23.9.2006, p. 14).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 322, 9.12.2005, p. 21. Decision as amended by Decision 2006/645/EC.

3. in Article 3(2)(a), 'EUR 65 000' is replaced by 'EUR 135 000';
 4. in Article 3(2)(b), 'EUR 5 000 000' is replaced by 'EUR 7 000 000';
 5. in Article 3(2)(e), 'EUR 240 000' is replaced by 'EUR 370 000';
 6. in Article 4(2)(c), 'EUR 50 000' is replaced by 'EUR 90 000';
 7. in Article 4(2)(e), 'EUR 100 000' is replaced by 'EUR 400 000';
 8. in Article 5(2)(f), 'EUR 1 000 000' is replaced by 'EUR 1 130 000';
 9. in Article 6(2)(a), 'EUR 2 200 000' is replaced by 'EUR 4 200 000';
 10. in Article 7(1)(a), 'EUR 650 000' is replaced by 'EUR 550 000';
 11. in Article 7(1)(c), 'EUR 900 000' is replaced by 'EUR 300 000';
 12. in Article 7(1)(k), 'EUR 488 000' is replaced by 'EUR 38 000';
 13. in Article 8(2)(b), 'EUR 600 000' is replaced by 'EUR 1 200 000';
 14. in Article 9(2)(a), 'EUR 160 000' is replaced by 'EUR 260 000';
 15. in Article 11(2)(h), 'EUR 25 760 000' is replaced by 'EUR 26 065 000';
 16. in Article 11(2)(q), 'EUR 5 515 000' is replaced by 'EUR 5 550 000';
 17. in Article 11(2)(t), 'EUR 2 205 000' is replaced by 'EUR 2 665 000';
 18. in Article 12(2)(h), 'EUR 300 000' is replaced by 'EUR 100 000';
 19. in Article 12(2)(p), 'EUR 685 000' is replaced by 'EUR 335 000';
 20. in Article 13(2)(g), 'EUR 12 790 000' is replaced by 'EUR 4 790 000';
 21. in Article 13(2)(k), 'EUR 5 215 000' is replaced by 'EUR 2 815 000';
 22. in Article 13(2)(p), 'EUR 685 000' is replaced by 'EUR 500 000';
 23. in Article 13(2)(r), 'EUR 865 000' is replaced by 'EUR 75 000'.
- Article 3*
- This Decision is addressed to the Member States.
- Done at Brussels, 8 December 2006.
- For the Commission*
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission
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ANNEX

Annexes I to V to Decision 2005/723/EC are replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX I

List of programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases (Article 1(1))

Rate and maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

Disease	Member State	Rate (%)	Maximum amount (EUR)
Aujeszky's disease	Belgium	50	260 000
	Spain	50	100 000
Bluetongue	Spain	50	4 200 000
	France	50	150 000
	Italy	50	1 000 000
	Portugal	50	1 250 000
Bovine brucellosis	Greece	50	300 000
	Spain	50	6 000 000
	Ireland	50	1 750 000
	Italy	50	2 600 000
	Cyprus	50	300 000
	Poland	50	260 000
	Portugal	50	1 800 000
	United Kingdom ⁽¹⁾	50	1 900 000
Bovine tuberculosis	Estonia	50	135 000
	Spain	50	7 000 000
	Italy	50	1 800 000
	Poland	50	800 000
	Portugal	50	370 000
Classical swine fever	Czech Republic	50	35 000
	Germany	50	1 200 000
	France	50	400 000
	Luxembourg	50	15 000
	Slovenia	50	25 000
	Slovakia	50	400 000
Enzootic bovine leucosis	Estonia	50	5 000
	Italy	50	90 000
	Lithuania	50	100 000
	Latvia	50	200 000
	Portugal	50	400 000
Ovine and caprine brucellosis (<i>B. melitensis</i>)	Greece	50	600 000
	Spain	50	6 500 000
	France	50	150 000
	Italy	50	3 200 000
	Cyprus	50	310 000
	Portugal	50	1 130 000
Poseidom ⁽²⁾	France ⁽³⁾	50	100 000

Disease	Member State	Rate (%)	Maximum amount (EUR)
Rabies	Austria	50	180 000
	Czech Republic	50	390 000
	Germany	50	750 000
	Estonia	50	990 000
	France	50	0
	Finland	50	100 000
	Lithuania	50	0
	Latvia	50	650 000
	Poland	50	3 750 000
	Slovenia	50	300 000
	Slovakia	50	400 000
African swine fever/Classical swine fever	Italy	50	50 000
Total			54 395 000

⁽¹⁾ United Kingdom only as regards Northern Ireland.

⁽²⁾ Heartwater, babesiosis and anaplasmosis transmitted by vector insects in the French overseas departments.

⁽³⁾ France only as regards Guadeloupe, Martinique and Réunion.

ANNEX II

List of programmes of checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses (Article 2(1))

Rate and maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

Zoonosis	Member State	Rate (%)	Maximum amount (EUR)
Salmonella	Austria	50	72 000
	Belgium	50	550 000
	Cyprus	50	69 000
	Denmark	50	155 000
	Germany	50	300 000
	France	50	315 000
	Ireland	50	75 000
	Italy	50	675 000
	Latvia	50	73 000
	Netherlands	50	759 000
	Portugal	50	38 000
	Slovakia	50	232 000
	Total		3 313 000

ANNEX III

List of programmes for the monitoring of TSEs (Article 3(1))

Rate and maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

Disease	Member State	Rate rapid tests and discriminatory tests performed %	Maximum amount (EUR)
TSEs	Belgium	100	3 375 000
	Czech Republic	100	1 640 000
	Denmark	100	2 380 000
	Germany	100	15 155 000
	Estonia	100	285 000
	Greece	100	1 625 000
	Spain	100	9 945 000
	France	100	26 065 000
	Ireland	100	6 695 000
	Italy	100	9 045 000
	Cyprus	100	565 000
	Latvia	100	355 000
	Lithuania	100	770 000
	Luxembourg	100	140 000
	Hungary	100	1 415 000
	Malta	100	35 000
	Netherlands	100	5 550 000
	Austria	100	2 230 000
	Poland	100	3 800 000
	Portugal	100	2 665 000
	Slovenia	100	410 000
	Slovakia	100	845 000
	Finland	100	1 020 000
	Sweden	100	1 440 000
	United Kingdom	100	7 700 000
Total			105 150 000

ANNEX IV

List of programmes for the eradication of BSE (Article 4(1))

Rate and maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

Disease	Member State	Rate	Maximum amount (EUR)
BSE	Belgium	50 % culling	150 000
	Czech Republic	50 % culling	750 000
	Denmark	50 % culling	100 000
	Germany	50 % culling	875 000
	Estonia	50 % culling	15 000
	Greece	50 % culling	15 000
	Spain	50 % culling	1 000 000
	France	50 % culling	100 000
	Ireland	50 % culling	2 800 000
	Italy	50 % culling	200 000
	Cyprus	50 % culling	15 000
	Luxembourg	50 % culling	100 000
	Netherlands	50 % culling	60 000
	Austria	50 % culling	15 000
	Poland	50 % culling	985 000
	Portugal	50 % culling	335 000
	Slovenia	50 % culling	25 000
	Slovakia	50 % culling	65 000
	Finland	50 % culling	25 000
	United Kingdom	50 % culling	530 000
Total			8 160 000

ANNEX V

List of programmes for the eradication of scrapie (Article 5(1))

Rate and amount of the Community financial contribution

Disease	Member State	Rate	Maximum amount (EUR)
Scrapie	Belgium	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	100 000
	Czech Republic	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	105 000
	Denmark	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Germany	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	1 105 000
	Estonia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	6 000
	Greece	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	1 060 000
	Spain	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	4 790 000
	France	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	4 690 000
	Ireland	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	705 000
	Italy	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	530 000
	Cyprus	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	2 815 000
	Latvia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	10 000
	Lithuania	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Luxembourg	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	35 000
	Hungary	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	50 000
	Netherlands	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	500 000
	Austria	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	15 000
	Portugal	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	75 000
	Slovenia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	160 000
	Slovakia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	250 000
	Finland	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	6 000
	Sweden	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	6 000
	United Kingdom	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 740 000
	Total		22 763 000*

(Acts adopted under Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2006/913/CFSP

of 7 December 2006

amending and extending Joint Action 2004/847/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission in Kinshasa (DRC) regarding the Integrated Police Unit (EUPOL 'Kinshasa')

Extension into 2007

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

(5) This Joint Action should be revised, if necessary, once the Council has decided on future EU actions in the field of Security Sector Reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular Article 14 and Article 25, third subparagraph, thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Whereas:

Article 1

Joint Action 2004/847/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

(1) On 9 December 2004, the Council adopted Joint Action 2004/847/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission in Kinshasa (DRC) regarding the Integrated Police Unit (EUPOL 'Kinshasa') ⁽¹⁾.

1. Article 1(3) shall be replaced by the following:

'3. EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall be temporarily reinforced during the electoral process and in the immediate period thereafter in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 3. This reinforcement shall end on 31 March 2007 at the latest.'

(2) By Joint Action 2005/822/CFSP of 21 November 2005 ⁽²⁾, the Council amended and extended the mandate of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' for a first phase until 30 April 2006. By Joint Action 2006/300/CFSP of 21 April 2006, the Council amended and extended the mandate of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' until 31 December 2006 ⁽³⁾, which notably provided for a temporary reinforcement of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' during the electoral process in the DRC.

2. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 3

Mission Statement

The European Union shall conduct a police mission in Kinshasa (DRC) in order to monitor, mentor and advise the setting up and the initial running of the IPU in order to ensure that the IPU acts following the training received in the Academy Centre and according to international best practices in this field. These actions shall be focused on the IPU chain of command to enhance the management capability of the IPU and to monitor, mentor and advise the operational Units in the execution of its tasks.

(3) On 30 November 2006, the Council adopted Joint Action 2006/868/CFSP, which extended the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' until 31 December 2006.

EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall continue to monitor, mentor and advise on the development of the IPU, and shall help ensure the proper integration of the IPU in the National Congolese Police (PNC). EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall also strengthen its advising capacity to the Congolese police with a view to facilitating the Security Sector Reform process in the DRC together with EUSEC RD CONGO.

(4) The overall mandate of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' should be adapted and extended for a further period of six months, and the temporary reinforcement should be extended for a further period of three months.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 367, 14.12.2004, p. 30. Joint Action as last amended by Joint Action 2006/868/CFSP (OJ L 335, 1.12.2006, p. 50).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 305, 24.11.2005, p. 44.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 111, 25.4.2006, p. 12.

For the purposes of the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL “Kinshasa” during the electoral process, EUPOL “Kinshasa” shall establish, as an integral part of EUPOL “Kinshasa” and under the overall security framework for the elections, a police coordination support element in order to ensure an enhanced and coordinated response of the PNC crowd control units in Kinshasa, in case of disturbances during the electoral period, with particular focus on the election of the of the DRC president. The area of responsibility shall be limited to Kinshasa. The police coordination support element, as part of EUPOL “Kinshasa”, shall not have executive powers.

For the purpose of the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL “Kinshasa” during the electoral process, EUPOL “Kinshasa” shall be authorised to use dedicated bilateral financial contributions in order to procure additional equipment for PNC crowd control units in Kinshasa.’.

3. Article 4 shall be replaced by the following:

‘Article 4

Structure of the Mission

The Mission will be composed of a Headquarter (HQ) and police monitors. The HQ will consist of the office of the Head of the Mission and an administration support branch. All IPU monitors, mentors and advisors, as well as the trainers, will be co-located in the IPU operational base.

For the purposes of the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL “Kinshasa” during the electoral process, EUPOL “Kinshasa”

will include a dedicated coordination element in charge of the specific tasks assigned to the mission during this period’.

4. In Article 14 subparagraph two shall be replaced by the following:

‘It shall expire on 30 June 2007’.

Article 2

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mission for the period from 1 January 2007 until 30 June 2007 shall be a maximum amount of EUR 2 075 000.

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Article 4

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 7 December 2006.

For the Council

The President

E. TUOMIOJA
