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I

(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 556/2008

of 16 June 2008

**amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous
Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 December 1996 the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 ⁽¹⁾. Community demand for the products to which that Regulation applies should be met under the most favourable conditions. For that purpose, with effect from 1 July 2008 new Community tariff quotas should be opened at zero rates of duty for appropriate amounts and any disturbance of the markets for those products should be avoided.
- (2) The quota amounts for five autonomous Community tariff quotas are insufficient to meet the needs of the Community industry. Consequently, those quota amounts should be increased.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) Having regard to the economic importance of this Regulation, it is necessary to rely on the grounds of urgency provided for in point 1.3 of the Protocol on the role of

national parliaments in the European Union annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Communities.

- (5) Since the tariff quotas have to take effect from 1 July 2008, this Regulation should apply from the same date and enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 is hereby amended as follows:

1. the tariff quotas for the products listed in Annex I to this Regulation shall be inserted;
2. the rows for the tariff quotas with order numbers 09.2975, 09.2603, 09.2935, 09.2814 and 09.2620 shall be replaced by the rows in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2008.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2008.

For the Council

The President

D. RUPEL

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 345, 31.12.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1526/2007 (OJ L 349, 31.12.2007, p. 1).

ANNEX I

Tariff quotas referred to in Article 1(1):

Order number	CN code	TARIC	Description	Quota period	Quota amount	Quota duty
09.2767	ex 2910 90 00	80	Allyl glycidyl ether	1.7.- 31.12.2008	750 tonnes	0 %
09.2769	ex 2917 13 90	10	Dimethyl sebacate	1.7.- 31.12.2008	650 tonnes	0 %
09.2977	2926 10 00		Acrylonitrile	1.7.- 31.12.2008	35 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2763	ex 8501 40 80	30	Electric AC commutator motor, single-phase, with an output exceeding 750 W, an input power of more than 1 600 W but not exceeding 2 700 W, an external diameter of more than 120 mm ($\pm 0,2$ mm) but not exceeding 135 mm ($\pm 0,2$ mm), a rated speed of more than 30 000 rpm but not exceeding 50 000 rpm, equipped with air-inducting ventilator, for use in the manufacture of vacuum cleaners ⁽¹⁾	1.7.- 31.12.2008	1 150 000 units	0 %
09.2775	ex 8504 40 81	20	AC/DC converter for use in the manufacture of LCD television reception apparatus ⁽¹⁾	1.7.- 31.12.2008	200 000 units	0 %
09.2771	ex 8504 40 84	30	Inverter on a printed circuit board not integrated in the power supply unit, for driving external electrode fluorescent lamps (EEFL) or cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) in a backlight unit and supplying a voltage of not more than 1,33 kV, for use in the manufacture of LCD modules ⁽¹⁾	1.7.- 31.12.2008	800 000 units	0 %

⁽¹⁾ Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions laid down in the relevant Community provisions (see Articles 291 to 300 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 — OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

ANNEX II

Tariff quotas referred to in Article 1(2):

Order number	CN code	TARIC	Description	Quota period	Quota amount	Quota duty
09.2975	ex 2918 30 00	10	Benzophenone-3,3':4,4'-tetracarboxylic dianhydride	1.1.-31.12.	1 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2603	ex 2930 90 85	79	Bis(3-triethoxysilylpropyl)tetra-sulfide	1.1.-31.12.	9 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2935	3806 10 10		Rosin and resin acids obtained from fresh oleoresins	1.1.-31.12.	280 000 tonnes	0 %
09.2814	ex 3815 90 90	76	Catalyst consisting of titanium dioxide and tungsten trioxide	1.1.-31.12.	1 600 tonnes	0 %
09.2620	ex 8526 91 20	20	Assembly for GPS system having a position determination function	1.1.-31.12.	2 000 000 units	0 %

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 557/2008**of 18 June 2008****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 1580/2007 of 21 December 2007 laying down implementing rules of Council Regulations (EC) No 2200/96, (EC) No 2201/96 and (EC) No 1182/2007 in the fruit and vegetable sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 138(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 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 138 of Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 350, 31.12.2007, p. 1.

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to Commission Regulation of 18 June 2008 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	MA	41,9
	MK	42,6
	TR	60,2
	ZZ	48,2
0707 00 05	JO	151,2
	MK	35,8
	TR	99,5
	ZZ	95,5
0709 90 70	TR	102,4
	ZZ	102,4
0805 50 10	AR	126,4
	EG	120,2
	US	91,7
	ZA	126,6
	ZZ	116,2
0808 10 80	AR	175,2
	BR	93,6
	CL	100,7
	CN	91,3
	NZ	122,0
	US	108,6
	UY	59,9
	ZA	89,3
	ZZ	105,1
0809 10 00	IL	89,8
	TR	186,6
	US	236,6
	ZZ	171,0
0809 20 95	TR	421,1
	US	412,9
	ZZ	417,0
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	EG	182,1
	US	191,8
	ZZ	187,0
0809 40 05	IL	121,3
	TR	223,9
	ZZ	172,6

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 558/2008**of 18 June 2008****setting the allocation coefficient for issuing of licences applied for from 9 to 13 June 2008 to import sugar products under tariff quotas and preferential agreements**

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 950/2006 of 28 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 marketing years for importing and refining of sugar products under certain tariff quotas and preferential agreements ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Applications for import licences were submitted to the competent authority during the period from 9 to 13 June 2008, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 950/2006 or Commission Regulation (EC) No 1832/2006 of 13 December 2006 laying down transitional measures in the sugar sector by reason of the accession of

Bulgaria and Romania ⁽³⁾ for a total quantity equal to or exceeding the quantity available for serial number 09.4366 (2007 to 2008).

- (2) In these circumstances, the Commission should fix an allocation coefficient in order to issue licences in proportion to the quantity available and inform the Member States that the set limit has been reached,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Licences shall be issued within the quantitative limits set in the Annex to this Regulation in respect of applications for import licences submitted from 9 to 13 June 2008, in accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006 or Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1832/2006.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1260/2007 (OJ L 283, 27.10.2007, p. 1). Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 October 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 178, 1.7.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 371/2007 (OJ L 92, 3.4.2007, p. 6).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 8.

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ACP-India Preferential Sugar
Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006
2007/2008 marketing year

Serial No	Country	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4331	Barbados	100	Reached
09.4332	Belize	0	
09.4333	Côte d'Ivoire	100	
09.4334	Republic of the Congo	100	
09.4335	Fiji	100	
09.4336	Guyana	100	Reached
09.4337	India	0	
09.4338	Jamaica	100	
09.4339	Kenya	100	
09.4340	Madagascar	100	
09.4341	Malawi	0	Reached
09.4342	Mauritius	100	
09.4343	Mozambique	0	
09.4344	Saint Kitts and Nevis	—	
09.4345	Suriname	—	
09.4346	Swaziland	0	Reached
09.4347	Tanzania	100	
09.4348	Trinidad and Tobago	100	
09.4349	Uganda	—	
09.4350	Zambia	100	
09.4351	Zimbabwe	100	

ACP-India Preferential Sugar
Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006
2008/2009 marketing year

Serial No	Country	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4331	Barbados	100	Reached
09.4332	Belize	100	
09.4333	Côte d'Ivoire	100	
09.4334	Republic of the Congo	100	
09.4335	Fiji	100	
09.4336	Guyana	100	
09.4337	India	0	
09.4338	Jamaica	100	
09.4339	Kenya	100	
09.4340	Madagascar	100	
09.4341	Malawi	100	
09.4342	Mauritius	100	
09.4343	Mozambique	100	
09.4344	Saint Kitts and Nevis	—	
09.4345	Suriname	—	
09.4346	Swaziland	100	
09.4347	Tanzania	100	
09.4348	Trinidad and Tobago	100	
09.4349	Uganda	—	
09.4350	Zambia	100	
09.4351	Zimbabwe	100	

Complementary Sugar
Title V of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006
2007/2008 marketing year

Serial No	Country	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4315	India	100	
09.4316	ACP Protocol signatory countries	100	

CXL Concessions Sugar**Title VI of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006****2007/2008 marketing year**

Serial No	Country	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4317	Australia	0	Reached
09.4318	Brazil	0	Reached
09.4319	Cuba	0	Reached
09.4320	Other third countries	0	Reached

Balkans sugar**Title VII of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006****2007/2008 marketing year**

Serial No	Country	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4324	Albania	100	Reached
09.4325	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	
09.4326	Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo	100	
09.4327	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	100	
09.4328	Croatia	100	

Exceptional import sugar and industrial import sugar**Title VIII of Regulation (EC) No 950/2006****2007/2008 marketing year**

Serial No	Type	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4380	Exceptional	—	
09.4390	Industrial	—	

Import of sugar under the transitional tariff quotas opened for Bulgaria and Romania**Chapter 1 Section 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1832/2006****2007/2008 marketing year**

Order No	Type	Week of 9.6.2008-13.6.2008: % of requested quantity to be granted	Limit
09.4365	Bulgaria	0	Reached
09.4366	Romania	100	Reached

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 559/2008**of 18 June 2008****on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of June 2008
under tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 533/2007 for poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of the Council of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 of 31 August 2006 laying down common rules for the administration of import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 533/2007 of 14 May 2007 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas in the poultrymeat sector ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 533/2007 opened tariff quotas for imports of products in the poultrymeat sector.

(2) The applications for import licences lodged during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 relate to quantities exceeding those available. The extent to which licences may be issued should therefore be determined and an allocation coefficient laid down to be applied to the quantities applied for,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications have been lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 533/2007 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 shall be multiplied by the allocation coefficients set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 289/2007 (OJ L 78, 17.3.2007, p. 17).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 125, 15.5.2007, p. 9.

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Group No	Order No	Allocation coefficient for import licence applications lodged for the subperiod 1.7.2008-30.9.2008 (in %)	Quantities not applied for to be added to the subperiod 1.10.2008-31.12.2008 (in kg)
P1	09.4067	3,805029	—
P2	09.4068	33,320946	—
P3	09.4069	1,416430	—
P4	09.4070	22,613443	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 560/2008

of 18 June 2008

on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of June 2008 under tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 for certain products in the egg sector and for egg albumin

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of the Council of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2783/75 of the Council of 29 October 1975 on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 of 31 August 2006 laying down common rules for the administration of import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 of 15 May 2007 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas in the egg sector and for egg albumin ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 opened tariff quotas for imports of products in the egg sector and for egg albumin.
- (2) The applications for import licences lodged during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod

1 July to 30 September 2008 relate, for some quotas, to quantities exceeding those available. The extent to which licences may be issued should therefore be determined and an allocation coefficient laid down to be applied to the quantities applied for.

- (3) The applications for import licences lodged during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 do not, for some quotas, cover the total quantity available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The quantities for which import licence applications have been lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 539/2007 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 shall be multiplied by the allocation coefficients set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

2. The quantities for which import licence applications have not been lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 539/2007, to be added to the subperiod 1 October to 31 December 2008, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 104. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 (OJ L 305, 19.12.1995, p. 49).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 289/2007 (OJ L 78, 17.3.2007, p. 17).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 128, 16.5.2007, p. 19.

ANNEX

Group No	Order No	Allocation coefficient for import licence applications lodged for the subperiod 1.7.2008-30.9.2008 (%)	Quantities not applied for to be added to the subperiod 1.10.2008-31.12.2008 (kg)
E1	09.4015	(¹)	27 000 000
E2	09.4401	40,926099	—
E3	09.4402	(²)	3 117 453

(¹) Not applied: no licence application has been sent to the Commission.

(²) Not applied: the applications do not cover the total quantity available.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 561/2008**of 18 June 2008****on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of June 2008
under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1385/2007 for poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 of 31 August 2006 laying down common rules for the administration of import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1385/2007 of 26 November 2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 as regards the opening and procedure for administering certain Community tariff quotas in the poultrymeat sector ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The applications for import licences lodged under certain quotas during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 relate to quantities exceeding those available. The quantities for which

licences may be issued should therefore be determined by setting the allocation coefficient by which the quantities applied for are to be multiplied.

- (2) The applications for import licences lodged under certain quotas during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 do not cover the total available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined, and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The quantities for which import licence applications have been lodged for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 under Regulation (EC) No 1385/2007 shall be multiplied by the allocation coefficients set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

2. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged, to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod 1 October to 31 December 2008, shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 289/2007 (OJ L 78, 17.3.2007, p. 17).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 309, 27.11.2007, p. 47.

ANNEX

Group No	Serial No	Allocation coefficient for import licence applications lodged for the subperiod 1.7.2008-30.9.2008 (%)	Quantities not applied for, to be added to the quantity for the subperiod 1.10.2008-31.12.2008 (kg)
1	09.4410	0,899896	—
2	09.4411	(¹)	3 825 000
3	09.4412	0,935362	—
4	09.4420	1,400578	—
5	09.4421	5,814053	—
6	09.4422	1,309222	—

(¹) Not applicable: no licence application has been sent to the Commission.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 562/2008**of 18 June 2008****on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of June 2008
under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 536/2007 for poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 536/2007 of 15 May 2007 opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for poultrymeat allocated to the United States of America ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 536/2007 opened import tariff quotas for poultrymeat products.

- (2) The applications for import licences lodged during the first seven days of juin 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 do not cover the total quantity available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications under quota 09.4169 have not been lodged under Regulation (EC) No 536/2007, to be added to the subperiod 1 October to 31 December 2008, are 4 166 250 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 128, 16.5.2007, p. 6.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 563/2008**of 18 June 2008****on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of June 2008
under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007 for poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 of 31 August 2006 laying down common rules for the administration of import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007 of 26 November 2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2398/96 as regards the opening and providing for the administration of certain quotas for imports into the Community of poultrymeat products originating in Israel ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The applications for import licences lodged (under the quota bearing the serial number 09.4092) during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 relate to quantities exceeding those available. The quantities for which licences may be issued should therefore be determined

by setting the allocation coefficient by which the quantities applied for are to be multiplied.

- (2) The applications for import licences lodged (under the quota bearing the serial number 09.4091) during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 do not cover the total quantities available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined, and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The quantities for which import licence applications have been lodged for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 under Regulation (EC) No 1384/2007 shall be multiplied by the allocation coefficients set out in the Annex to this Regulation.
2. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged, to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod 1 October to 31 December 2008, shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 289/2007 (OJ L 78, 17.3.2007, p. 17).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 309, 27.11.2007, p. 40.

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Group No	Serial No	Allocation coefficient for import licence applications lodged for the subperiod 1.7.2008-30.9.2008 (%)	Quantities not applied for, to be added to the quantity for the subperiod 1.10.2008-31.12.2008 (kg)
IL1	09.4092	3,861033	—
IL2	09.4091	(¹)	420 000

(¹) Not applicable: no licence application has been sent to the Commission.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 564/2008**of 18 June 2008****on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of June 2008
under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1383/2007 for poultrymeat**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1383/2007 of 26 November 2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 779/98 as regards opening and providing for the administration of certain quotas for imports into the Community of poultrymeat products originating in Turkey ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1383/2007 has opened tariff quotas for imports of poultrymeat products.

- (2) The applications for import licences lodged during the first seven days of June 2008 for the subperiod 1 July to 30 September 2008 do not cover the total quantity available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined, and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1383/2007 under the quota bearing the serial number 09.4103 have not been lodged, to be added to subperiod 1 October to 31 December 2008, shall be 750 000 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 309, 27.11.2007, p. 34.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 565/2008

of 18 June 2008

amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs as regards the establishment of a maximum level for dioxins and PCBs in fish liver

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993 laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 ⁽²⁾ sets maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.
- (2) Maximum levels should be set at a strict level which is achievable by following good practices and taking into account the risk related to the consumption of food.
- (3) Very high levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs have been found in canned fish liver and were reported through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) since 2006. No maximum level was established for fish liver and processed products thereof. In order to protect public health competent authorities prohibited the placing on the market of those products because they were deemed to be unsafe.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish a Community maximum level for the sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in fish liver and processed products thereof to protect public health and to ensure a uniform approach in the internal market.
- (5) Taking into account the specific canning process of fish liver, the maximum level established for fresh fish liver should also apply to processed fish liver.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. In Section 5 (Dioxins and PCBs) of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006, the following point is added:

		Maximum levels	
		Sum of dioxins (WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ)	Sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs (WHO-PCDD/F-PCB-TEQ)
‘5.11	Fish liver and derived products thereof with the exception of marine oils referred to in point 5.10	—	25,0 pg/g wet weight ⁽³²⁾ ⁽³⁸⁾

⁽³⁸⁾ In the case of canned fish liver, the maximum level applies to the whole edible content of the can.’

2. Footnote 34 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 is replaced by the following:

‘⁽³⁴⁾ Foodstuffs listed in this category as defined in categories (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) of the list in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, with the exclusion of fish liver referred to in point 5.11.’

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2008.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 37, 13.2.1993, p. 1. Regulation as 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 364, 20.12.2006, p. 5. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1126/2007 (OJ L 255, 29.9.2007, p. 14).

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission
Androulla VASSILIOU
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 566/2008**of 18 June 2008****laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards the marketing of the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of the agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 121, point (j) in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 provides that, as of 1 July 2008, the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less has to be marketed in accordance with certain conditions laid down in that Regulation, in particular as regards the classification of bovine animals into categories and the sales descriptions to be used. Point II of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 requires that, on slaughter, all bovine animals aged 12 months or less have to be classified in one of the two categories listed in Annex XIa to that Regulation. In order to ensure correct and uniform implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, detailed rules should be laid down that should apply as from 1 July 2008.
- (2) The age of the animal on slaughter and the sales description should, at each stage of production and marketing, be indicated on the label, in accordance with point IV of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007. As the size of the products to be labelled varies depending on the stage of the production and marketing, it is necessary to require that the indications of the age and the sales description are perfectly legible on the label. Moreover, in order to ensure transparency towards the final consumer, the indication of the animal's age on slaughter and the sales description should be presented in the same visual field and on the same label at the moment of the release of the meat to the final consumer.
- (3) In accordance with Article 121(j) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, the practical method of indicating the category identification letter referred to in Annex XIa

to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 should be laid down. For control purposes, it is necessary to require that the category identification letter is indicated on the carcass as soon as possible after the bovine animal has been slaughtered.

- (4) For the sake of ensuring a correct application of Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, operators at each stage of the production and marketing should record indications of any person from whom they have been supplied with meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less. Whilst such traceability of food is ensured within the Community by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety ⁽²⁾, a special provision is needed in order to also guarantee the traceability of the said meat imported from third countries.
- (5) In order to verify the application of Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and inform the Commission thereof, official checks should be carried out, which should include also the supervision of the classification of the bovine animals in slaughterhouses provided for in point II of Annex XIa to that Regulation. Moreover, the competent authorities, designated by the Member States for those checks, should be allowed to delegate their check tasks to independent third-party bodies under certain conditions that should be laid down.
- (6) Operators concerned should grant access to their premises and to all records in order to enable experts of the Commission, the competent authority, or, failing that, the independent third-party body to verify the application of Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.
- (7) Point VIII of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 requires that meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less and imported from third countries is only marketed in the Community in accordance with that Regulation. This requires that the competent authority designated by the third country concerned, or failing that, an independent third-party body, should approve and control an identification and registration system of the bovine animal, which guarantees the respect of the provisions of that Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 470/2008 (OJ L 140, 30.5.2008, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 202/2008 (OJ L 60, 5.3.2008, p. 17).

- (8) Only independent third-party bodies that are accredited to certain standards should be allowed to check the activities of operators from third countries wishing to place on the Community market meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less.
- (9) The Commission should be able to request from the competent authority or independent third-party body in a third country all information necessary to verify the application of Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007. Detailed rules on the information to be notified to the Commission and the communication thereof by the Commission to the Member States should be laid down. Moreover, where deemed necessary, the Commission should be allowed to carry out on-the-spot checks in third countries under certain conditions.
- (10) Where repeated cases of non-compliance are found as regards imported meat, the Commission should set, in accordance with certain conditions, specific rules for the importation of that meat in order to guarantee the respect of Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and of this Regulation and thereby ensuring equivalent marketing conditions for meat produced within the Community or imported from third countries.
- (11) Member States should be required to take certain measures in case they find cases of non-compliance in relation to the application of Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 or of this Regulation.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Scope

This Regulation lays down detailed rules for the marketing of the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less as provided for in Article 113b of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.

Article 2

Definition

For the purposes of this Regulation, the term 'competent authority' shall mean the central authority of a Member State competent for the organisation of official checks referred to in point VII of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 or

any other authority to which that competence has been conferred; it shall also include, where appropriate, the corresponding authority of a third country.

Article 3

Categories of bovine animals aged 12 months or less

The classification in the categories referred to in point II of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall cover:

- (a) category V: bovines from the day of birth until the day they reach the age of eight months;
- (b) category Z: bovines from the day after reaching the age of eight months until the day they reach the age of 12 months.

Article 4

Compulsory information on the label

1. Notwithstanding the provisions in point IV of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, immediately after slaughter, the category identification letter referred to in point II of Annex XIa to that Regulation shall be indicated on the outside surface of the carcass by using labels or stamps.

The labels shall be of a size not less than 50 cm². The category identification letter shall be perfectly legible on the label and alterations shall only be permitted as provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 8(3) of this Regulation.

In case stamps are used, the letter shall be not less than two centimetres in height. The letter shall be stamped directly on the surface of the meat using an indelible ink.

The labels or stamps shall be applied on the hindquarters on the striploin at the level of the fourth lumbar vertebra and on the forequarters, on the brisket between 10 and 30 centimetres from the cut edge of the sternum.

However, Member States may determine other positions on each quarter provided they inform the Commission beforehand. The Commission shall transmit this information to the other Member States.

2. The indications of the age of the bovine animal on slaughter and the sales description referred to in point IV of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall be:

- (a) perfectly legible at each stage of production and marketing;
- (b) presented in the same visual field and on the same label at the moment of the release of the meat to the final consumer.

3. Member States shall notify to the Commission the rules referred to in point IV of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 by 1 July 2009 at the latest and shall notify it without delay of any subsequent amendments of these rules.

Article 5

Recording of information

The recording of information referred to in point VI of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall also include an indication of the name and address of the operator responsible for the previous stage of marketing from whom they have been supplied with meat referred to in point I of Annex XIa to that Regulation.

Article 6

Official checks

1. The official checks referred to in point VII of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall also include the supervision of the classification of bovine animals at the slaughterhouse referred to in point II of Annex XIa to that Regulation.

2. A competent authority may delegate, totally or partially, its check tasks to one or more independent third-party bodies only where there is a proof that the body:

- (a) has a sufficient number of adequately qualified and experienced staff; and
- (b) is impartial and free from any conflict of interest as regards the exercise of the tasks delegated to it.

In particular, the competent authority may delegate its check tasks only where such independent third-party bodies are accredited to comply with the most recent notified version of European Standard EN 45011 or ISO Guide 65 (General requirements for bodies operating products certification systems), published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

3. A competent authority wishing to delegate its check tasks to one or more independent third-party bodies shall notify the Commission thereof. The notification shall indicate:

- (a) the competent authority that intends to delegate its check tasks; and
- (b) one or more independent third-party bodies to which it would delegate these check tasks.

The Commission shall transmit to the Member States the notifications referred to in the first subparagraph.

4. The independent third-party body performing check tasks shall:

(a) communicate the results of the checks carried out to the competent authority on a regular basis and whenever the competent authority so requests. If the results of the checks indicate non-compliance, the independent third-party body shall immediately inform the competent authority thereof;

(b) give the competent authority access to its offices and facilities and provide any information and assistance deemed necessary by the competent authority for the fulfilment of their obligations.

5. A competent authority delegating check tasks to an independent third-party body, shall, on a regular basis, supervise that body.

If, as a result of that supervision, it appears that such body has failed to properly carry out the check tasks delegated to it, the delegating competent authority may withdraw the delegation.

The competent authority shall withdraw the delegation without delay if the independent third-party body fails to take timely and appropriate remedial action.

6. At each stage of production and marketing, operators shall at all times grant access to their premises and to all records which prove the fulfilment of the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 to the experts of the Commission, the competent authority and the relevant independent third-party bodies.

Article 7

Meat imported from third countries

1. For the purpose of point VIII of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, the competent authority designated by a third country, or failing that, an independent third-party body referred to in point VIII of Annex XIa to that Regulation, shall approve and control an identification and registration system of the bovine animals concerned starting from the day of birth of the animals. Such a system shall provide reliable information about the exact age of the animals on slaughter and provide guarantees as to the respect of point VIII of Annex XIa to that Regulation.

2. The independent third-party bodies referred to in point VIII of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall be accredited to comply with the most recent notified version of European Standard EN 45011 or ISO Guide 65 (General requirements for bodies operating products certification systems) published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

3. The name and address, if possible including e-mail and internet address, of the competent authority or independent third-party body referred to in paragraph 1 shall be notified to the Commission, indicating each individual operator for whom they are carrying out checks.

The notification referred to in the first subparagraph shall be made before the first consignment of meat of each individual operator is imported into the Community and thereafter within one month after any changes in the information to be notified.

The Commission shall communicate the notifications referred to in the second subparagraph to the Member States.

4. Upon request of the competent authorities of the Member States or on its own initiative, the Commission may at any moment request from the competent authority or independent third-party body referred to in paragraph 1 to supply all information necessary to guarantee the fulfilment of the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.

The Commission may further request the third country to authorise representatives of the Commission to carry out, where required, on-the-spot checks in that third country. These checks shall be performed jointly with the competent authorities concerned in the third country and, where applicable, with the independent third-party body.

5. Where, as regards meat imported from third countries, specific cases of non-compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 or of this Regulation are detected, the Commission may fix, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, specific import conditions on a case by case and strictly temporary basis following consultations with the third country concerned. These conditions shall be proportionate to allow verification of compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and of this Regulation.

Article 8

Notifications of cases of non-compliance and follow-up measures

1. Where a Member State considers that meat referred to in point I of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and coming from another Member State does not comply with

requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 or in this Regulation, it shall immediately inform the competent authority of that Member State and the Commission.

2. Where a Member State has evidence that meat imported from a third country as referred to in point VIII of Annex XIa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 does not comply with requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 or in this Regulation, it shall immediately inform the Commission.

The Commission shall inform the other Member States accordingly.

3. Member States shall take whatever measures and action are required to solve the non-compliance referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.

In particular, Member States shall require the removal of the meat concerned from the market until it is re-labelled in conformity with Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and this Regulation.

Article 9

Whenever Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and this Regulation provide for notifications to the Commission, these notifications shall be addressed to:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development
Fax: +32-2-295 33 10
E-mail: agri-bovins@ec.europa.eu

Article 10

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 567/2008**of 17 June 2008****establishing a prohibition of fishing for saithe in ICES zones IIIa and IV; EC waters of IIa, IIb, IIc and IIId by vessels flying the flag of Sweden**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2008.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 26(4) thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to common fisheries policy ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2008 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 40/2008 of 16 January 2008 fixing for 2008 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required ⁽³⁾, lays down quotas for 2008.

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

*Article 3***Entry into force**

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of

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

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

Done at Brussels, 17 June 2008.

For the Commission

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Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 865/2007 (OJ L 192, 24.7.2007, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 (OJ L 409, 30.12.2006, p. 11), as corrected by OJ L 36, 8.2.2007, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 19, 23.1.2008, p. 1.

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No	12/T & O
Member State	SWE
Stock	POK/2A34
Species	Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)
Area	IIIa and IV; EC waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIc and IIId
Date	26.5.2008

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 568/2008**of 18 June 2008****amending Regulation (EC) No 527/2008 fixing the export refunds on white and raw sugar exported without further processing**

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 market in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the fourth subparagraph of Article 33(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Export refunds on products listed in Article 1(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 were fixed from 13 June 2008 by Commission Regulation (EC) No 527/2008 ⁽²⁾.

- (2) In the light of additional information available to the Commission, related in particular to the change in the relation between prices in the internal and world market, it is necessary to adjust export refunds currently applying.

- (3) Regulation (EC) No 527/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 527/2008 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 2008.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1260/2007 (OJ L 283, 27.10.2007, p. 1). Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 October 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 155, 13.6.2008, p. 5.

ANNEX

Export refunds on white and raw sugar exported without further processing applicable from 19 June 2008

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1701 11 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	25,16 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	23,59 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	25,16 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	23,59 ⁽¹⁾
1701 91 00 9000	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,2735
1701 99 10 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	27,35
1701 99 10 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	25,65
1701 99 10 9950	S00	EUR/100 kg	25,65
1701 99 90 9100	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,2735

NB: The destinations are defined as follows:

S00 — All destinations with the exception of:

- (a) third countries: Andorra, Liechtenstein, the Holy See (Vatican City State), Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia (*), Montenegro, Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
- (b) territories of the EU Member States not forming part of the customs territory of the Community: the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Heligoland, Ceuta, Melilla, the Communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia, and the areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control;
- (c) European territories for whose external relations a Member State is responsible and not forming part of the customs territory of the Community: Gibraltar.

(*) Including Kosovo, under the aegis of the United Nations, pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

⁽¹⁾ This amount is applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %. Where the yield for exported raw sugar differs from 92 % the refund amount applicable shall be multiplied, for each exporting operation concerned, by a conversion factor obtained by dividing by 92 the yield of the raw sugar exported, calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 of Point III of the Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.

II

(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is not obligatory)

DECISIONS

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 June 2008

appointing a United Kingdom member to the Committee of the Regions

(2008/459/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 of the Government of the United Kingdom,

Whereas:

(1) On 24 January 2006 the Council adopted Decision 2006/116/EC ⁽¹⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2006 to 25 January 2010.

(2) One member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Conor MURPHY,

Article 1

Mr Roger KNOX, Member of East Lothian Council, is hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions as a member for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 6 June 2008.

For the Council

The President

A. VIZJAK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 6 June 2008
appointing an Irish member to the Committee of the Regions
(2008/460/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,

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Irish Government,

Mr John LAHART, Member of South Dublin County Council, is hereby appointed member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010.

Whereas:

Article 2

- (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⁾.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 6 June 2008.

- (2) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the expiry of Ms Maria CORRIGAN's mandate,

For the Council

The President

A. VIZJAK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 16 June 2008
appointing a Spanish alternate member of the Committee of the Regions
(2008/461/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) An alternate member's seat has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Pedro MOYA MILANÉS,

Article 1

Mr Enrique OJEDA VILA, Secretario General de Acción Exterior, Andalucía, is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2010.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2008.

For the Council
The President
D. RUPEL

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 25.2.2006, p. 75.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 June 2008

releasing Bulgaria, Slovakia and the United Kingdom from certain obligations to apply Council Directive 66/401/EEC in respect of *Galega orientalis* Lam.

(notified under document number C(2008) 2664)

(Only the Bulgarian, Slovakian and English texts are authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/462/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 23a thereof,

Having regard to the requests submitted by Bulgaria, Slovakia and the United Kingdom,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Directive 66/401/EEC the Commission may, subject to certain conditions, release a Member State from obligations for the marketing of fodder plant seed set out in that Directive.
- (2) Bulgaria, Slovakia and the United Kingdom have applied for release from their obligations in respect of *Galega orientalis* Lam.
- (3) The seed of that species is not normally reproduced or marketed in Bulgaria, Slovakia and the United Kingdom. In addition, the growing of *Galega orientalis* Lam. is of minimum economic importance in the abovementioned countries.

(4) As long as those conditions remain, the relevant Member States should be released from the obligation to apply the provision of Directive 66/401/EEC to the material in question.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Bulgaria, Slovakia and the United Kingdom are released from the obligation to apply Directive 66/401/EEC, with the exception of Article 14(1), to the species *Galega orientalis* Lam.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Slovakia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 16 June 2008.

For the Commission

Androulla VASSILIOU

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2298/66. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2007/72/EC (OJ L 329, 14.12.2007, p. 37).

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 June 2008

amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China*(notified under document number C(2008) 2483)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2008/463/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 2002/994/EC of 20 December 2002 concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China ⁽²⁾ applies to all products of animal origin imported from China and intended for human consumption or for animal feed.

(2) Under Article 3 of that Decision the Member States are to authorise imports of products listed in Part II of the Annex to that Decision which are accompanied by a declaration of the Chinese competent authority stating that each consignment has been subjected before dispatch to a chemical test in order to ensure that the products concerned do not present a danger to human health. That test must be carried out, in particular, with a view to detecting the presence of chloramphenicol and nitrofurans and its metabolites.

(3) However, in aquaculture fishery products imported from China residues of malachite green and crystal violet have now also been detected. Article 3 of Decision 2002/994/EC should therefore be amended to include the testing of aquaculture fishery products for those substances.

(4) It is appropriate to provide for a transitional period to authorise the import of consignments of aquaculture

fishery products that are not accompanied by the results of tests for residues of malachite green and crystal violet, provided that the Member States ensure that those consignments undergo appropriate tests on arrival in the Community.

(5) Decision 2002/994/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) 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

Article 3 of Decision 2002/994/EC is replaced by the following text:

'Article 3

Member States shall authorise imports of consignments of products listed in Part II of the Annex accompanied by a declaration of the Chinese competent authority stating that each consignment has been subjected before dispatch to a chemical test in order to ensure that the products concerned do not present a danger to animal or human health. That chemical test must be carried out in particular, to detect the presence of chloramphenicol and nitrofurans and its metabolites in all products listed in Part II of the Annex. In addition, aquaculture fishery products referred to in Part II of the Annex shall be tested for the presence of malachite green and crystal violet and their metabolites. The results of those chemical tests shall be included in that declaration.'

Article 2

1. Member States may allow the import of aquaculture fishery products from China that are not accompanied by the results of the chemical test for the presence of malachite green and crystal violet and their metabolites for a period of maximum six weeks from the entry into force of this Decision provided that the importing Member State ensures that each of those products undergoes test for the presence of malachite green and crystal violet and their metabolites.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9. Directive as last amended by Directive 2006/104/EC (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 352).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 154. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/573/EC (OJ L 193, 23.7.2005, p. 41).

2. All expenditure incurred in the application of testing foreseen in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be charged to the consignor, the consignee or the agent of either.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 2008.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 June 2008.

For the Commission
Androulla VASSILIOU
Member of the Commission

RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMISSION

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

of 30 May 2008

on risk reduction measures for the substances zinc, zinc chloride and zinc distearate*(notified under document number C(2008) 2329)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2008/464/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 of 23 March 1993 on the evaluation and control of the risks of existing substances ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 11(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 the following substances have been identified as priority substances for evaluation in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2268/95 of 27 September 1995 concerning the second list of priority substances as foreseen under Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 ⁽²⁾:

— zinc,

— zinc chloride,

— zinc distearate.

- (2) The Member State designated as rapporteur pursuant to this Commission Regulation has completed the risk evaluation activities with regard to man and the environ-

ment for those substances in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 of 28 June 1994 laying down the principles for the assessment of risks to man and the environment of existing substances in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 ⁽³⁾ and has suggested a strategy for limiting the risks.

- (3) The Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment (SCTEE) and the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER) have been consulted and have issued opinions with respect to the risk evaluations carried out by the rapporteur. The opinions have been published on the website of those Scientific Committees.

- (4) The results of the risk evaluation and further results of the strategies for limiting the risks are set out in the corresponding Commission Communication ⁽⁴⁾.

- (5) It is appropriate, on the basis of that evaluation, to recommend risk reduction measures for the substances covered by this Recommendation and the Communication.

- (6) The risk reduction measures provided for in this recommendation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up pursuant to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 793/93,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 5.4.1993, p. 1. Regulation as 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 231, 28.9.1995, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 161, 29.6.1994, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 154, 19.6.2008, p. 1.

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

SECTION 1

ZINC

(CAS No 7440-66-6; Eines No 231-175-3)

ZINC CHLORIDE

(CAS No 7646-85-7; Eines No 231-592-0)

ZINC DISTEARATE

(CAS No 557-05-1 and 91051-01-3; Eines No 209-151-9 and 293-049-4)

Risk reduction measures for the environment (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

1. For the river basins where emissions of zinc may cause a risk, the Member States concerned should establish environmental quality standards (hereafter EQS). The national pollution reduction measures to achieve those EQS in 2015 should be included in the river basin management plans in line with the provisions of Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾.
2. The Member States should provide information to the Commission on the contribution of zinc sources and pathways to the aquatic environment, on possible controls and also on the levels of zinc in the aquatic environment, in order to consider possible inclusion of zinc in the next review of Annex X to Directive 2000/60/EC.
3. The competent authorities in the Member States concerned should lay down conditions, emission limit values or

equivalent parameters or technical measures regarding zinc and zinc compounds in the permits issued under Directive 2008/1/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ in order for installations to operate according to the best available techniques (hereafter BAT) taking into account the technical characteristic of the installations concerned, their geographical location and the local environmental conditions.

4. Member States should carefully monitor the implementation of BAT regarding zinc and zinc compounds and report any important developments to the Commission in the framework of the exchange of information on BAT.
5. Local emissions to the environment should, where necessary, be controlled by national rules to ensure that no risk for the environment is expected.

SECTION 2

ADDRESSEES

6. This Recommendation is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 May 2008.

For the Commission

Stavros DIMAS

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 2008/32/EC (OJ L 81, 20.3.2008, p. 60).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2008, p. 8.