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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**REGULATION (EC) No 2493/2000 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 7 November 2000
on measures to promote the full integration of the environmental dimension in the development
process of developing countries**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 175 and 179 thereof,

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

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

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽³⁾, in the light of the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee on 27 July 2000.

Whereas:

- (1) Depletion of natural resources and environmental degradation have direct effects on economic development and especially on the livelihoods of local communities, including indigenous peoples, and thus counteract the alleviation of poverty through sustainable development.
- (2) Current patterns of production and consumption have undeniable transboundary and global consequences, in particular where the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, soil condition and biological diversity are concerned.
- (3) The Community and its Member States are signatories to the Rio Declaration and the Agenda 21 action programme and are committed to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (Ungass) Resolution 'Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21'.

- (4) The Community and its Member States are parties to Multilateral Environment Agreements, notably the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention to Combat Desertification. They are thus committed to take into account the common but differentiated responsibilities of developed parties and developing parties on these subjects.

- (5) The internal and external aspects of the European Community's environment policy need to be coherent in order to effectively respond to the challenges identified in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and its follow-up processes.

- (6) The Community and its Member States are committed to the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development/Development Assistance Committee's (OECD/DAC) 'Shaping the 21st Century Strategy' which calls for the support for the implementation of national strategies for sustainable development in all countries by 2005, so as to ensure that current trends in the loss of environmental resources are effectively reversed at both global and national levels by 2015.

- (7) The European Parliament and the Council have adopted Decision No 2179/98/EC of 24 September 1998 on the review of the European Community Programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development 'Towards Sustainability' ⁽⁴⁾, which calls for a strengthened role for the Community in international cooperation in environment and sustainable development. The basic strategy of the Programme is to achieve full integration of environmental policy in other policies, including development policy.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 47, 20.2.1999, p. 10 and OJ C 274 E, 26.9.2000, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 258, 10.9.1999, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 5 May 1999 (OJ C 279, 1.10.1999, p. 173), Council Common Position of 16 December 1999 (OJ C 64, 6.3.2000, p. 47) and Decision of the European Parliament of 15 March 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Decision of the European Parliament of 20 September 2000 and Council Decision of 7 September 2000.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 275, 10.10.1998, p. 1.

- (8) The European Council held in Cardiff in June 1998 welcomed the Commission Communication 'Partnership for Integration' setting out a strategy for integrating environment considerations into European Union policies and endorsed the principle that major policy proposals should be accompanied by the appraisal of their environmental impact.
- (9) The Council and the Member States adopted on 15 July 1996 a Resolution on Environmental Assessment in Development Cooperation.
- (10) In its Resolution of 30 November 1998, the Council acknowledges the key role that indigenous peoples play in the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.
- (11) Sustainable development relies on the integration of the environmental dimension into the development process.
- (12) Since resources are limited, the creation of suitable policies, strategies and tools and the implementation of experimental schemes are essential elements for such integration in economic and development cooperation.
- (13) The financial instruments available to the Community for supporting sustainable development in developing countries should be supplemented.
- (14) Coordination of operations financed under Community instruments should be improved.
- (15) Council Regulation (EC) No 722/97 of 22 April 1997 on environmental measures in developing countries in the context of sustainable development ⁽¹⁾ set out the framework for Community assistance aimed at enabling developing countries to integrate the environmental dimension in their development process. Regulation (EC) No 722/97 was applicable until 31 December 1999. The experience acquired during the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 722/97 should be reflected in this Regulation.
- (16) Provision should be made for funding the activities referred to in this Regulation.
- (17) This Regulation lays down, for the entire duration of the programme it establishes, a financial framework constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 33 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 May 1999, on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽²⁾, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

- (18) Detailed rules for implementation should be laid down, in particular the form of action, the cooperation partners and the decision-making procedure.
- (19) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999, laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽³⁾.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Community shall support developing countries in their efforts to integrate the environmental dimension into their development process.

To this end, the Community shall provide financial assistance and appropriate expertise aimed at drawing up and promoting the implementation of policies, strategies, tools and technologies for the pursuit of sustainable development.

2. Community support shall be provided directly to developing country stakeholders as well as indirectly through the strengthening of the environmental dimension of Community economic and development cooperation in order to ensure that full account is taken of environmental considerations in Community programmes.

3. The assistance and expertise provided under this Regulation shall complement and reinforce that provided through other instruments of development cooperation.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Regulation:

'sustainable development' means the improvement of the standard of living and welfare of the relevant populations within the limits of the capacity of the ecosystems by maintaining natural assets and their biological diversity for the benefit of present and future generations.

Article 3

1. The activities to be carried out under this Regulation shall address in particular:

- global environmental issues, in particular those covered by multilateral environmental agreements, such as climate change, desertification and biological diversity,
- transboundary environmental issues, in particular air, soil and water pollution,
- environmental impacts related to the integration of developing countries into the world economy,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 108, 25.4.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

- the inclusion in development cooperation projects of environmental considerations enabling the sustainable dimension of these projects to be distinguished, identified and assessed,
 - environmental impacts of macroeconomic and sectoral policies in developing countries,
 - sustainable patterns of production and consumption,
 - sustainable management and use of natural and environmental resources in all productive sectors such as agriculture, fisheries and industry,
 - environmental problems caused by the non-sustainable use of resources due to poverty,
 - sustainable production and use of energy and in particular encouragement of the use of renewable energy sources, increased energy efficiency, energy saving and the replacement of especially damaging energy sources by others which are less so,
 - sustainable production and use of chemical products, in particular hazardous and toxic substances,
 - conservation of biological diversity — especially by protecting ecosystems and habitats and the conservation of species diversity — the sustainable use of its components, the involvement of holders of traditional knowledge on the use of biological diversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources,
 - the management of fresh water resources,
 - coastal zone, estuary and wetland management,
 - desertification,
 - urban environment problems relating, *inter alia*, to transport, waste, waste water, air pollution and noise, and the quality of drinking water,
 - environmental problems related to industrial activities.
2. Activities eligible for financing include, amongst others:
- support for the drawing up of national, regional and local policies, plans and strategies, programmes and projects for sustainable development,
 - schemes to build up the institutional and operational capacities of actors in the development process, i.e. government, non-governmental organisations, private sector, civil society, indigenous peoples, at national, regional and local level,
 - pilot projects in the field including those involving environmentally-sound technologies adapted to local constraints and needs,
 - the promotion of trade in products that have been produced in a sustainable manner,
 - the creation of instruments for sustainable development, *inter alia*, trade-related instruments such as labelling and certification schemes and green trade initiatives,
 - the formulation of guidelines, operating manuals and instruments aimed at promoting sustainable development and environmental integration in particular in the form of public databases and databanks on the internet (open to the public),
 - information campaigns on hazardous substances, and toxic waste and pesticides in particular,
 - support for the development and application of environment assessment tools in the preparation and implementation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects,
 - raising awareness of local populations and key actors in the development process and development cooperation with regard to the implications of sustainable development, in particular through information campaigns and training,
 - inventory, accounting and statistical work, in order to improve the quality of environmental data and environmental indicators.
3. In the selection, preparation, implementation and evaluation of activities, particular attention shall be paid to:
- the contribution to the overall objective of eradicating poverty,
 - local initiatives involving innovative measures aimed at sustainable development,
 - active involvement, support and ownership of local populations, including indigenous communities,
 - gender-specific roles, knowledge, perspectives and contributions of women/girls and men/boys in the sustainable management and use of natural resources,
 - the potential for integration into the wider context of Community development cooperation policies and programmes,
 - the internalisation of environmental costs, including through economic instruments,
 - the contribution to strengthening regional cooperation in the area of sustainable development.
- Lesson-learning and dissemination of the results of the activities carried out will be essential elements of implementing this Regulation, including support of the implementation of international environmental agreements.

Article 4

Cooperation partners which may receive assistance under this Regulation shall include international organisations, States, regions and regional bodies, decentralised departments, public agencies, private operators and industries, cooperatives, local communities, non-governmental organisations and associations representing local people, in particular indigenous peoples.

Article 5

1. Community financing may cover studies, technical assistance, education, training or other services, minor supplies and works, small grant funds as well as appraisals, audits and evaluation and monitoring missions. It may cover, within the limit established annually by the budgetary authority, technical and administrative assistance costs, to the benefit of the Commission and the beneficiary, related to operations other than the permanent tasks of the public administration, linked to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, auditing and control of programmes or projects.

Community financing may cover both investment, linked to a specific activity, with the exception of the purchase of real estate, and recurrent expenditure (including administrative, maintenance and operating expenditure).

With the exception of training, education and research programmes, recurrent expenditure may normally be covered only during the start-up phase and on a gradually decreasing basis.

2. A contribution from the cooperation partners defined in Article 4 shall be sought for each cooperation activity. Their contribution shall be requested according to their means and the nature of the activity concerned.

3. Opportunities may be sought for cofinancing with other donors, especially with Member States and the international organisations concerned. In this respect, coordination with the measures taken by other donors shall be sought.

4. The necessary measures shall be taken to emphasise the Community character of the assistance provided under this Regulation.

5. In order to attain the objectives of consistency and complementarity laid down in the Treaty and with the aim of guaranteeing optimum efficiency for all these activities, the Commission shall, in liaison with Member States, take all coordination measures necessary, including in particular:

- (a) the systematic exchange and analysis of information on activities financed or being considered for financing by the Community and the Member States;
- (b) the spot coordination of these activities by means of regular meetings and exchange of information between representatives of the Commission and of the Member States in the beneficiary countries,

6. In order to obtain the greatest possible impact of the activities at global, national and local levels, the Commission, in liaison with the Member States, shall take any initiative necessary for ensuring proper coordination and close collaboration with the cooperation partners, the local partners (non governmental organisations, grassroots communities and associations), donors and other international organisations involved, in particular those forming part of the United Nations system.

Article 6

Financial assistance under this Regulation shall take the form of grants.

Article 7

The financial framework for implementing this Regulation during the period from 2000 to 2006 shall be EUR 93 million.

The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.

Article 8

1. The Commission shall be responsible for appraising, taking decisions to finance and administering activities covered by this Regulation according to the budgetary and other procedures in force, and in particular those laid down in the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

2. Every second year, the Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 9(2) strategic guidelines and priorities for implementing the activities to be carried out in the following years. It shall inform the European Parliament thereof.

3. Decisions relating to grants of EUR 2,5 million or more for individual activities financed under this Regulation shall be adopted by the Commission under the procedure laid down in Article 9(2).

4. The Commission shall inform the Committee referred to in Article 9(1) succinctly of any financing decisions it intends to take with regard to grants of less than EUR 2,5 million for activities covered by this Regulation. The information shall be made available not later than one week before the decision is taken.

5. The Commission shall be authorised to approve any extra commitments needed for covering any expected or real cost overruns or additional requirements in connection with the activities, provided that the overrun or additional requirement is less than or equal to 20 % of the initial commitment fixed by the financing decision.

6. All financing agreements or contracts concluded under this Regulation shall provide for the Commission and the Court of Auditors to conduct on-the-spot checks according to the usual procedures laid down by the Commission under the rules in force, in particular those of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

7. Where operations are the subject of financing agreements between the Community and the recipient country, such agreements shall stipulate that the payment of taxes, duties or any other charges is not to be covered by the Community.

8. Participation in invitations to tender and the award of contracts shall be open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the Member States and of the recipient country. It may be extended to other developing countries and, in exceptional cases, which are fully justified, to other third countries.

9. Supplies shall originate in the Member States, the recipient country or other developing countries. In exceptional cases, where circumstances warrant, supplies may originate in other countries.

10. Particular attention shall be paid to:

- the pursuit of cost-effectiveness and sustainable impact of activities,
- the clear definition and monitoring of objectives and indicators of achievement for all activities.

Article 9

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the appropriate geographically determined committee responsible for development, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee'.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 10

1. By 1 September after each budget year, the Commission shall submit an annual report to the European Parliament and the Council, summarising the activities financed in the course of that year and evaluating the implementation of this Regulation over that period.

The summary shall in particular provide information about the number and nature of activities financed, the cooperation partners and the countries concerned. The report shall also indicate the number of external evaluations carried out, regarding specific activities.

2. The Commission shall regularly evaluate activities financed by the Community with a view to establishing whether the objectives aimed at by those activities have been achieved and to providing guidelines for improving the effectiveness of future activities. The Commission shall submit to the Committee referred to in Article 9(1) a summary of the evaluations made. The evaluation reports shall be available to any Member State, to the European Parliament and to other interested parties.

3. The Commission shall inform the Member States, at the latest one month after its decision, of the activities that have been approved, stating their cost and nature, the country concerned and the cooperation partners.

4. A financing guide specifying the guidelines and criteria applicable to the selection of activities shall be published and communicated to the interested parties by the Commission services including Commission delegations in the countries concerned.

Article 11

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2006.

2. Four years after the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council an overall evaluation of the activities financed by the Community under this Regulation, in the context of overall Community development cooperation, together with proposals concerning the future of this Regulation, including its possible modification or termination.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the European Parliament

The President

N. FONTAINE

For the Council

The President

L. FABIUS

**REGULATION (EC) No 2494/2000 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 7 November 2000
on measures to promote the conservation and sustainable management of tropical forests and
other forests in developing countries**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 175 and 179 thereof,

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

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

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽³⁾, in the light of the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee on 27 July 2000.

Whereas:

- (1) Forests have a variety of functions and values for mankind and can contribute to the achievement of Community development and environment objectives such as the campaign against poverty, sustainable economic and social development and the protection of the environment.
- (2) In numerous resolutions, the European Parliament has expressed its concern over the destruction of forests and the consequences for forest-dependent people, in particular indigenous peoples.
- (3) In reply to the request by the European Parliament in its Resolution on the European Union's forestry strategy ⁽⁴⁾ the Commission has adopted, a Communication 'Forests and Development: the EC approach' setting out a strategy for Community action on the promotion of the conservation and sustainable management of forests in developing countries.
- (4) The objectives of this strategy are to be pursued in the context of the broader Community aim of promoting the conservation and sustainable use of forests, in whatever geographical area or climate zone they may be situated.
- (5) The Community and its Member States are signatories to the Rio Declaration and the Agenda 21 action programme and are committed to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (Ungass) resolution 'Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21'.

(6) The Community and its Member States are members of the World Trade Organisation and parties to Multilateral Environment Agreements, notably the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention to Combat Desertification; They are thus committed to take into account the common but differentiated responsibilities of developed parties and developing parties on these subjects.

(7) In its 1997 Special Session, the United Nations General Assembly has endorsed the proposals for action formulated in the framework of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF). The Community and its Member States are fully committed to the implementation of these proposals.

(8) Council Regulation (EC) No 3062/95 of 20 December 1995 on operations to promote tropical forests ⁽⁵⁾ set out the framework for Community assistance in this area. Regulation (EC) No 3062/95 was applicable until 31 December 1999. The experience acquired during the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 3062/95 should be reflected in this Regulation.

(9) In its Resolution of 30 November 1998, the Council acknowledges the role that indigenous peoples play in managing the environment, in particular with regard to the conservation and sustainable use of forests in developing countries.

(10) The financial instruments available to the Community for supporting the conservation and sustainable development of forests should be supplemented.

(11) Provision should be made for funding the activities referred to in this Regulation. Considerable financial resources are necessary for a significant contribution to the protection of tropical and other forests in developing countries, where deforestation has led, or threatens to lead, to environmental disasters such as flooding or air pollution.

(12) This Regulation lays down, for the entire duration of the programme it establishes, a financial framework constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 33 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽⁶⁾, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 87, 29.3.1999, p. 97 and OJ C 248 E, 29.8.2000, p. 97.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 258, 10.9.1999, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 5 May 1999 (OJ C 279, 1.10.1999, p. 184), Council Common Position of 16 December 1999 (OJ C 64, 6.3.2000, p. 55) and Decision of the European Parliament of 14 March 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Decision of the European Parliament of 20 September 2000 and Council Decision of 7 September 2000.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 55, 24.2.1997, p. 22.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 327, 30.12.1995, p. 9.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

- (13) Detailed rules for implementation should be laid down, in particular the form of action, the cooperation partners and the decision-making procedure.
- (14) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Community shall provide financial assistance and appropriate expertise to promote the conservation and sustainable management of tropical forests and other forests in developing countries, so as to meet the economic, social and environmental demands placed on forests at local, national and global levels.

The assistance and expertise provided under this Regulation shall complement and reinforce that provided through other instruments of development cooperation.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Regulation:

1. 'Tropical forests and other forests', hereinafter referred to as 'forests', means natural and semi-natural forest ecosystems, whether primary or secondary, whether closed or open forests, in dry, semi-arid and humid areas.
2. 'Conservation' means all activities to preserve and rehabilitate forests, in particular activities designed to protect or restore the biological diversity and ecological functions of the forest ecosystem, while securing as far as possible their current and future value for mankind and in particular for forest-dependent people.
3. 'Sustainable forest management' means the management and use of forests and wooded lands in a way, and at a rate, that maintains their biological diversity, productivity, regeneration capacity, vitality and their potential to fulfil, now and in the future, relevant ecological, economic and social functions, at local, national, and global levels, without causing any damage to other ecosystems.
4. 'Sustainable development' means the improvement of the standard of living and welfare of the relevant populations within the limits of the capacity of the ecosystems by maintaining natural assets and their biological diversity for the benefit of present and future generations.

5. 'Forest-dependent people' means the indigenous peoples who inhabit the forest or claim it as their traditional home and any people who live in or near the forest and have traditionally been directly and to a large extent dependent on the forest.

Article 3

Activities to be carried out under this Regulation shall aim at:

- raising the status of forests in national policies and integrating forest policies based on sustainable forest management in development planning;
- promoting the production and use of wood and non-wood forest products from sustainably managed resources;
- contributing to the adequate valuation of forest resources and services;
- ensuring active participation of forest-dependent people and local communities in the development of national forest policies and in development planning;
- improving coordination and the flow of information between Commission and Member State projects so as to put in place coherent actions in that area.

Article 4

1. The activities to be carried out under this Regulation shall address in particular:

- (a) development of appropriate national and international forest policy frameworks based on realistic valuation of forests, which include land use planning, equitable trade in sustainably produced forest products, legal and fiscal measures, institution building, support to the private sector and support to self-development of forest-dependent people to shape their own social, economic and cultural development. These shall take into account other sectoral policies which have an impact on forests and the interests and customary rights of forest-dependent people;
- (b) conservation and restoration of forests which are considered to be of importance due to their high ecological value, in particular their value for the preservation of biodiversity, or due to their local and global impacts, such as the protection of hydrographic basins, the prevention of soil erosion, or of climate change;
- (c) sustainable forest management and utilisation to provide economic, social and environmental benefits and including, *inter alia*, forest certification — taking account of the different management conditions for small and large forest areas — and environmentally sound harvesting of both wood and non-wood forest products and natural and assisted forest regeneration;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

(d) economic viability of sustainable forest management through more efficient utilisation of forest products and technical improvements of downstream activities related to the forest sector such as small and medium scale processing and marketing of wood and nonwood forest products, the sustainable use of wood as an energy source and the promotion of alternatives to agricultural practices based on forest clearing;

(e) knowledge and information generation and management concerning forest services and products, in order to provide a sound scientific basis for the activities listed under (a) to (d).

2. Activities eligible for financing shall include pilot projects in the field, innovative programmes, studies and research, the results of which will, in addition to their specific objectives, contribute to the development, adjustment and better implementation of forestry policies of the Community and of partner countries.

3. Particular attention shall be given to:

— encouraging environmentally and socially responsible private entrepreneurship in the forest products processing and marketing chain, in the context of agreed policies for private sector development and taking into account existing social systems and community-based economic activities;

— encouraging the direct participation of cooperation partners in the developing countries, and at the same time ensuring an appropriate scale of interventions and adaptation of administrative procedures to local management capacity;

— providing prior information and ensuring the participation of forest-dependent people and local communities in activities carried out under this Regulation, taking into account their development priorities and economic, social and cultural rights, *inter alia*, through capacity building, in order to ensure their full participation in all decision-making processes;

— the sustainability of any proposed activity, social, economic as well as environmental;

— proper coordination and information flows between the Commission and the Member States in order to ensure coherence of activities in the regions concerned;

— gender-specific roles, knowledge, perspectives and contributions of women/girls and men/boys in the management and use of forests.

4. Priorities shall be determined in accordance with:

— the needs of each country as reflected in regional and national development and environment policies relating to forests, considering national forest plans and local needs, and

— Community cooperation objectives as established by the Commission in jointly agreed country strategy papers.

5. Activities carried out under this Regulation shall be preceded by environmental and socio-cultural impact assessments, including an assessment of the congruence of the envisaged operations with the development priorities of the forest-dependent people and local communities concerned, as well as analysis of financial and economic feasibility. These activities shall also be preceded by a transparent exchange of information with forest-dependent people and local communities and be conditional on their support.

6. Activities carried out under this Regulation shall be coordinated with, and may provide support for, national and international programmes and activities on the conservation and sustainable management of forests, in particular the proposals for action formulated by the Intergovernmental Panel for Forests/Intergovernmental Forum for Forests (IPF/IFF) process.

7. When appropriate, activities shall be carried out within the framework of regional organisations and international programmes of cooperation and shall be supportive to the development of a global policy on the conservation and sustainable management of forests in which Community policy can be integrated.

Article 5

Cooperation partners which may receive assistance under this Regulation shall include international organisations, States, regions and regional bodies, decentralised departments, public agencies, private operators and industries, cooperatives, local communities, non-governmental organisations and associations representing local people, in particular forest-dependent people.

Article 6

1. Community financing may cover studies, technical assistance, education, training or other services, supplies and works, small grant funds as well as appraisals, audits and evaluation and monitoring missions. It may cover, within the limit established annually by the budgetary authority, technical and administrative assistance costs, to the benefit of the Commission and the beneficiary, related to operations other than the permanent tasks of the public administration, linked to the identification, preparation, management, monitoring, auditing and control of programmes or projects.

Community financing may cover both investment, linked to a specific activity, with the exception of the purchase of real estate, and recurrent expenditure (including administrative, maintenance and operating expenditure).

With the exception of training, education and research programmes, recurrent expenditure may normally be covered only during the start-up phase and on a gradually decreasing basis.

2. A contribution from the cooperation partners defined in Article 5 shall be sought for each cooperation activity. Their contribution shall be requested according to their means and the nature of the activity concerned.

3. Opportunities may be sought for cofinancing with other donors, especially with Member States and the international organisations concerned. In this respect, coordination with the measures taken by other donors shall be sought.

4. The necessary measures shall be taken to emphasise the Community character of the assistance provided under this Regulation.

5. In order to attain the objectives of consistency and complementarity laid down in the Treaty and with the aim of guaranteeing optimum efficiency for all these activities, the Commission shall, in liaison with Member States, take all coordination measures necessary, including in particular:

- (a) the systematic exchange and analysis of information on activities financed or being considered for financing by the Community and the Member States;
- (b) on-the-spot coordination of these activities by means of regular meetings and of information between representatives of the Commission and of the Member States in the beneficiary countries.

6. In order to obtain the greatest possible impact of the activities at global, national and local levels, the Commission, in liaison with the Member States, shall take any initiative necessary for ensuring proper coordination and close collaboration, especially regarding the exchange of information, with the cooperation partners, donors and other international organisations involved, in particular those forming part of the United Nations system.

Article 7

Financial assistance under this Regulation shall take the form of grants.

Article 8

The financial framework for implementing this Regulation during the period from 2000 to 2006 shall be EUR 249 million.

The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.

Article 9

1. The Commission shall be responsible for appraising, taking decisions to finance and administering activities covered by this Regulation according to the budgetary and other procedures in force, and in particular those laid down in the

Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

2. Every second year, the Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10(2), strategic guidelines and priorities for implementing the activities to be carried out in the following years. It shall inform the European Parliament thereof.

3. Decisions relating to grants of EUR 3,5 million or more for individual activities financed under this Regulation shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10(2).

4. The Commission shall inform the Committee referred to in Article 10(1) succinctly of any financing decisions it intends to take with regard to grants of less than EUR 3,5 million for activities covered by this Regulation. The information shall be made available not later than one week before the decision is taken.

5. The Commission shall be authorised to approve any extra commitments needed for covering any expected or real cost overruns or additional requirements in connection with the activities, provided that the overrun or additional requirement is less than or equal to 20 % of the initial commitment fixed by the financing decision.

6. All financing agreements or contracts concluded under this Regulation shall provide for the Commission and the Court of Auditors to conduct on-the-spot checks in accordance with the usual procedures laid down by the Commission under the rules in force, in particular those of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

7. Where operations are the subject of financing agreements between the Community and the recipient country, such agreements shall stipulate that the payment of taxes, duties or any other charges is not to be covered by the Community.

8. Participation in invitations to tender and the award of contracts shall be open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the Member States and of the recipient country. It may be extended to other developing countries and, in exceptional cases which are fully justified, to other third countries.

9. Supplies shall originate in the Member States, the recipient country or other developing countries. In exceptional cases, where circumstances warrant, supplies may originate in other countries.

10. Particular attention shall be given to:

- the pursuit of cost-effectiveness and sustainable impact of activities,
- the clear definition and monitoring of objectives and indicators of achievement for all activities.

Article 10

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the appropriate geographically-determined committee responsible for development, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee'.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 11

1. By 1 September after each budget year, the Commission shall submit an annual report to the European Parliament and the Council, summarising the activities financed in the course of that year and evaluating the implementation of this Regulation over that period.

The summary shall in particular provide information about the number and nature of the activities financed, the cooperation partners and the countries concerned. The report shall also indicate the number of external evaluations carried out regarding specific activities.

2. The Commission shall regularly evaluate activities financed by the Community with a view to establishing whether the objectives aimed at by those activities have been achieved and to providing guidelines for improving the effectiveness of future activities. The evaluations will take into account the views of the beneficiaries, including forest-dependent people and local communities. The Commission shall submit to the Committee referred to in Article 10(1) a

summary of the evaluations made. The evaluation reports shall be available to any Member State, to the European Parliament and to other interested parties.

3. The Commission shall inform the Member States, at the latest one month after its decision, of the activities that have been approved, stating their cost and nature, the country concerned and the cooperation partners.

4. A financing guide specifying the guidelines and criteria applicable to the selection of activities shall be published and communicated to the interested parties by the Commission services, including Commission delegations in the countries concerned.

Article 12

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2006.

2. Four years after the entry into force of this Regulation the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council an overall evaluation of the activities financed by the Community under this Regulation, in the context of overall Community development cooperation, together with proposals concerning the future of this Regulation, including its possible modification or termination.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the European Parliament
The President
N. FONTAINE

For the Council
The President
L. FABIOUS

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2495/2000
of 14 November 2000
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 14 November 2000 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	105,4
	204	81,1
	999	93,3
0707 00 05	052	114,9
	628	146,0
	999	130,4
0709 90 70	052	87,2
	999	87,2
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	60,2
	999	60,2
0805 30 10	052	61,4
	528	28,7
	600	60,8
	999	50,3
	052	111,7
0806 10 10	064	94,8
	400	282,0
	504	234,6
	508	410,1
	632	22,0
	999	192,5
	039	82,1
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	052	87,5
	388	40,8
	400	72,5
	404	87,0
	720	40,0
	999	68,3
	052	80,6
0808 20 50	064	55,9
	999	68,3

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2496/2000
of 14 November 2000
suspending the issuing of import licences for certain sugar-sector products qualifying as EC/OCT
originating products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 91/482/EEC of 25 July 1991 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 97/803/EC ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000 of 29 September 2000 providing for the continued application of safeguard measures for imports from the overseas countries and territories of sugar-sector products with EC/OCT cumulation of origin ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 2(2) thereof, in conjunction with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2553/97 of 17 December 1997 on rules for issuing import licences for certain products covered by CN codes 1701, 1702, 1703 and 1704 and qualifying as ACP/OCT originating products ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000 allows EC/OCT cumulation of origin for products covered by CN codes 1701, 1806 10 30 and 1806 10 90 for up to

4 848 tonnes of sugar during the period of validity of that Regulation. An import licence was issued for 4 848 tonnes of sugar in October 2000.

- (2) Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000, in conjunction with Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2553/97, provides that where licence applications cover quantities in excess of 4 848 tonnes of sugar, the Commission is to suspend the submission of further applications during the period of validity of that Regulation.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The submission of further applications during the period of validity of Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000 is hereby suspended.

Article 2

This regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 329, 29.11.1997, p. 50.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 246, 30.9.2000, p. 64.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 349, 19.12.1997, p. 26.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2497/2000
of 13 November 2000
prohibiting fishing for cod by vessels flying the flag of Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 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 limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1902/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down quotas for cod for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.
- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of cod in the waters of ICES zones VIIb-k, VIII, IX, X CECAF 34.1.1 (EC waters) by vessels flying

the flag of Spain or registered in Spain have exhausted the quota for 2000, obtained by transfer from France. Spain has prohibited fishing for this stock from 17 October 2000. This date should therefore be adopted in this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of cod in the waters of ICES zones VIIb-k, VIII, IX, X CECAF 34.1.1 (EC waters) by vessels flying the flag of Spain or registered in Spain are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota France transferred to Spain in 2000.

Fishing for cod in the waters of ICES zone VIIb-k, VIII, IX, X CECAF 34.1.1 (EC waters) by vessels flying the flag of Spain or registered in Spain is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 17 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 228, 8.9.2000, p. 50.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2498/2000
of 13 November 2000
prohibiting fishing for common sole by vessels flying the flag of France

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 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 limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1902/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down quotas for common sole for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.

- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of common sole in the waters of ICES zone II, North Sea, by vessels flying the flag of France or registered in France have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. France has prohibited fishing for this stock from 17 October 2000. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of common sole in the waters of ICES Zone II, North Sea by vessels flying the flag of France or registered in France are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to France for 2000.

Fishing for common sole in the waters of ICES Zone II, North Sea, by vessels flying the flag of France or registered in France is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 17 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 228, 8.9.2000, p. 50.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2499/2000
of 14 November 2000
on the authorisation of transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products
originating in Taiwan

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 47/1999 of 22 December 1998 on the arrangements for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1556/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Taiwan made a request on 30 September 2000.
- (2) The transfers requested by Taiwan fall within the limits of the flexibility provisions referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 47/1999.
- (3) It is appropriate to grant the request.
- (4) It is desirable that this Regulation enters into force the day after its publication in order to allow operators to benefit from it as soon as possible.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textile Committee provided for in Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 47/1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in Taiwan are authorised for the quota year 2000 as detailed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission

Pascal LAMY

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 12, 16.1.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 1.

ANNEX

- Category 2: advance use of 273 495 kilograms from the year 2 001 quantitative limits
 - Category 2A: advance use of 5 000 kilograms from the year 2001 quantitative limits
 - Category 3: advance use of 384 550 kilograms from the year 2001 quantitative limits and transfer of 34 000 kilograms from quantitative limits of category 2
 - Category 3A: advance use of 8 500 kilograms from the year 2001 quantitative limits and transfer of 34 000 kilograms from quantitative limits of category 2
 - Category 4: advance use of 112 680 pieces from the year 2001 quantitative limits
 - Category 5: advance use of 1 069 100 pieces from the year 2001 quantitative limits
 - Category 6: advance use of 114 540 pieces from the year 2001 quantitative limits
 - Category 35: advance use of 407 550 kilograms from the year 2001 quantitative limits
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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2500/2000
of 14 November 2000

fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to eggs and egg yolks exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 provides that the difference between prices in international trade for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund where these goods are exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex to that Regulation. Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 of 13 July 2000 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2390/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, specifies the products for which a rate of refund should be fixed, to be applied where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75.
- (2) In accordance Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000, the rate of the refund per 100 kilograms for each of the basic products in question must be fixed for a

period of the same duration as that for which refunds are fixed for the same products exported unprocessed.

- (3) Article 11 of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded under the Uruguay Round lays down that the export refund for a product contained in a good may not exceed the refund applicable to that product when exported without further processing.
- (4) It is necessary to ensure continuity of strict management taking account of expenditure forecasts and funds available in the budget.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The rates of the refunds applicable to the basic products appearing in Annex A to Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 and listed in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75, exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75, are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 99.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 177, 15.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 3.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 14 November 2000 fixing the rates of the refunds applicable to eggs and egg yolks exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Description	Destination (¹)	Rate of refund
0407 00	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked:		
	– Of poultry:		
0407 00 30	-- Other:		
	a) On exportation of ovalbumin of CN codes 3502 11 90 and 3502 19 90	02	9,00
		03	11,00
		04	4,50
	b) On exportation of other goods	01	4,50
0408	Birds' eggs, not in shell and egg yolks, fresh, dried, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, moulded, frozen or otherwise preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:		
	– Egg yolks:		
0408 11	-- Dried:		
ex 0408 11 80	---- Suitable for human consumption: not sweetened	01	55,00
0408 19	-- Other:		
	---- Suitable for human consumption:		
ex 0408 19 81	----- Liquid: not sweetened	01	25,00
ex 0408 19 89	----- Frozen: not sweetened	01	25,00
	– Other:		
0408 91	-- Dried:		
ex 0408 91 80	---- Suitable for human consumption: not sweetened	01	37,00
0408 99	-- Other:		
ex 0408 99 80	---- Suitable for human consumption: not sweetened	01	9,00

(¹) The destinations are as follows:

01 Third countries,

02 Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Hong Kong SAR and Russia,

03 South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines and Egypt,

04 All destinations except Switzerland and those of 02 and 03.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2501/2000
of 14 November 2000
fixing the export refunds on eggs

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) The present market situation in certain third countries and that regarding competition on particular third country markets make it necessary to fix a refund differentiated by destination for certain products in the egg sector.

(3) It follows from applying these rules and criteria to the present situation on the market in eggs that the refund should be fixed at an amount which would permit Community participation in world trade and would also take account of the nature of these exports and their importance at the present time.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of codes of products for which, when they are exported, the export refund referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 is granted, and the amount of that refund shall be as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 99.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 14 November 2000 fixing the export refunds on eggs

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
0407 00 11 9000	A02	EUR/100 pcs	2,60
0407 00 19 9000	A02	EUR/100 pcs	1,20
0407 00 30 9000	E01	EUR/100 kg	9,00
	E02	EUR/100 kg	4,50
	E03	EUR/100 kg	11,00
0408 11 80 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	55,00
0408 19 81 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	25,00
0408 19 89 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	25,00
0408 91 80 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	37,00
0408 99 80 9100	E04	EUR/100 kg	9,00

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

The other destinations are defined as follows:

E01 Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Hong Kong SAR and Russia

E02 all destinations except Switzerland and those of E01 and E03

E03 South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines and Egypt

E04 all destinations except Switzerland and Estonia

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2502/2000
of 14 November 2000
fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin, and amending
Regulation (EC) No 1484/95

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1516/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2916/95 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 5(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2783/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2916/95, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2245/2000 ⁽⁷⁾, fixes detailed rules for implementing the system of additional import duties and fixes representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin.

(2) It results from regular monitoring of the information providing the basis for the verification of the import prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin that the representative prices for imports of certain products should be amended taking into account variations of prices according to origin. Therefore, representative prices should be published.

(3) It is necessary to apply this amendment as soon as possible, given the situation on the market.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 30.7.1996, p. 99.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 77.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 305, 19.12.1995, p. 49.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 104.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 145, 29.6.1995, p. 47.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 257, 11.10.2000, p. 13.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 14 November 2000 fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1484/95

ANNEX I

CN code	Description	Representative price EUR/100 kg	Security referred to in Article 3(3) EUR/100 kg	Origin (¹)
0207 14 10	Boneless cuts of fowl of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , frozen	277,3	7	01
		283,5	5	02
0207 14 70	Other parts of chicken, frozen	265,0	6	01

(¹) Origin of imports:

01 Brazil

02 Thailand.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2503/2000
of 14 November 2000

concerning Regulation (EC) No 1218/96 relating to the partial exemption from the import duty for certain products in the cereals sector laid down in the Agreements between the European Community and the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1218/96 of 28 June 1996 relating to the partial exemption from the import duty for certain products in the cereals sector laid down in the Agreements between the European Community and the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 32/98⁽⁴⁾, specifies the quantities of buckwheat originating in the Republic of Poland which enjoy preferential access under the Interim Agreement concluded with that country.

- (2) The Commission must fix a single coefficient for reducing the quantities in the import licences applied for where these quantities exceed the quantities in the annual quota. Applications for import licences submitted on 13 November 2000 for buckwheat from the Republic of Poland relate to 4 109 tonnes and the maximum quantity which may be imported is 930 tonnes at a duty reduced by 80 %,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for licences for the 'Republic of Poland' quota provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1218/96 at an import duty reduced by 80 % for buckwheat falling within CN code 1008 00 10, submitted on 13 November 2000 and forwarded to the Commission, shall be accepted for the tonnages indicated therein multiplied by a coefficient of 0,226332.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 51.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 5, 9.1.1998, p. 4.

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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 7 November 2000

appointing a German member of the Economic and Social Committee

(2000/701/EC, Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 258 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 258 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 15 September 1998 appointing the members of the Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 1998 to 20 September 2002 ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas a member's seat on that Committee has fallen vacant following the resignation of Mr Michael Geuenich, of which the Council was informed on 23 June 2000;

Having regard to the nominations submitted by the German Government,

Having obtained the opinion of the Commission of the European Communities,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Ulrich Freese is hereby appointed a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr Michael Geuenich for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 20 September 2002.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council

The President

D. VOYNET

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 257, 19.9.1998, p. 37.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 7 November 2000
appointing a German member of the Economic and Social Committee

(2000/702/EC, Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 258 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 166 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision of 15 September 1998 appointing the members of the Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 1998 to 20 September 2002 ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas a member's seat on that Committee has fallen vacant following the resignation of Mr Helmut Giesecke, of which the Council was informed on 23 June 2000;

Having regard to the nominations submitted by the German Government,

Having obtained the opinion of the Commission of the European Communities,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Franz Schoser is hereby appointed a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr Helmut Giesecke for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 20 September 2002.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council

The President

D. VOYNET

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 257, 19.9.1998, p. 37.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 7 November 2000
appointing a Luxembourg member and two alternate members of the Committee of the Regions

(2000/703/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

Whereas one seat as member and two seats as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignation of Mr Willy Bourg, member and Mr Paul-Henri Meyers and Mr François Biltgen, alternate members, notified to the Council on 26 August 1999 and 7 June 2000 respectively;

Having regard to the proposal from the Luxembourg Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Mr Paul-Henri Meyers is hereby appointed full member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Willy Bourg; Mr John Liber and Mr Jean-Marie Halsdorf are hereby appointed alternate members in place of Mr Paul-Henri Meyers and Mr François Biltgen respectively for the remainder of their current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Council

The President

L. FABIUS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 November 2000

on financial aid from the Community for the operation of certain Community reference laboratories in the veterinary public health field (residues)

(notified under document number C(2000) 3163)

(Only the German, French, Italian and Dutch texts are authentic)

(2000/704/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 28(2) thereof,

1. The Community grants financial assistance to the Netherlands for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V, Chapter 2, to Directive 96/23/EC to be carried out by the Rijksinstituut voor de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne, Bilthoven, the Netherlands, for the detection of residues of certain substances.

Whereas:

2. The Community's financial assistance shall amount to a maximum of EUR 400 000 for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

(1) Community financial aid should be granted to the Community reference laboratories designated by the Community to assist them in carrying out the functions and duties laid down in Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products ⁽³⁾.

Article 2

(2) Community assistance must be conditional on the accomplishment of those functions and duties by the laboratory concerned.

1. The Community grants financial assistance to France for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V, Chapter 2, to Directive 96/23/EC to be carried out by the Laboratoire de L'Agence Française Sanitaire des aliments, (formerly the Laboratoire des médicaments vétérinaires), Fougères, France, for the detection of residues of certain substances.

(3) For budgetary reasons, Community assistance should be granted for a period of one year.

2. The Community's financial assistance shall amount to a maximum of EUR 400 000 for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

(4) For financial control purposes, Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy shall be applicable.

Article 3

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

1. The Community grants financial assistance to Germany for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V, Chapter 2 to Directive 96/23/EC to be carried out by the Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (formerly the Institut für Veterinärmedizin), Berlin, Germany, for the detection of residues of certain substances.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.

2. The Community's financial assistance shall amount to a maximum of EUR 400 000 for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

Article 4

1. The Community grants financial assistance to Italy for the functions and duties referred to in Annex V, Chapter 2, to Directive 96/23/EC to be carried out by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy, for the detection of residues of certain substances.

2. The Community's financial assistance shall amount to a maximum of EUR 400 000 for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

Article 5

The Community's financial assistance shall be paid as follows:

- (a) Advance payment of 70 % of the total amount may be paid at the request of the recipient Member State.
- (b) The remainder is paid following presentation of supporting documents and technical report by the recipient Member State which must be done at the latest three months after

the end of the period for which financial assistance has been granted.

Article 6

Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION
of 14 November 2000
amending for the third time Decision 2000/528/EC concerning certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in the United Kingdom

(notified under document number C(2000) 3334)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/705/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Outbreaks of classical swine fever have occurred in the United Kingdom.
- (2) In view of the trade in live pigs, these outbreaks are liable to endanger the herds of other Member States.
- (3) By Commission Decision 2000/528/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2000/651/EC ⁽⁴⁾, certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in the United Kingdom were adopted at Community level.

(4) Decision 2000/528/EC must be amended for the third time to prolong its implementation, taking into account the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

(5) This Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 7 of Decision 2000/528/EC the words '15 November' are replaced by the words '20 December'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 214, 25.8.2000, p. 42.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 272, 25.10.2000, p. 46.