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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**fixing the monthly increases in the intervention price for cereals
for the 1999/2000 marketing year**

99/0025 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 cereals¹, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 923/96², and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when the amounts and the number of the monthly increases are fixed and the first month in which they are to apply is determined, account should be taken of the storage costs and financing charges for storing cereals in the Community and of the need to ensure that the disposal of stocks of cereals is in line with market requirements;

Whereas, under the reform of the common agricultural policy, provision was made for the fixing of a single intervention price for all cereals; whereas this price has been fixed at a substantially reduced level; whereas this fact should be taken into account in the fixing of the size of the monthly increases;

Whereas the intervention price for maize and grain sorghum applicable in July, August and September is to be the price valid in May of the previous marketing year, in accordance with Article 3(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

² OJ L 126, 24.5.1996, p. 37.

Article 1

Without prejudice to the last subparagraph of Article 3(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, for the 1999/2000 marketing year, the monthly increases to be applied to the intervention price applicable for the first month of the marketing year, shall be as follows:

(EUR/t)

		Monthly increase in the intervention price
July	1999	-
August	1999	-
September	1999	-
October	1999	-
November	1999	1,0
December	1999	2,0
January	2000	3,0
February	2000	4,0
March	2000	5,0
April	2000	6,0
May	2000	7,0
June	2000	7,0

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the 1999/2000 marketing year.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92
establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops,
as regards the ceiling for irrigated land

99/0026 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92³, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1624/98⁴, provides for a system of penalties where the base area and the ceiling for irrigated land are exceeded; whereas derogations from the system have been made in previous marketing years;

Whereas, under Agenda 2000, the exceptional set-aside arrangements to be applied where there is an overrun of a base area and the ceiling are repealed, with effect from the 2000/2001 marketing year, by Regulation (EC) No 5⁵; whereas, consequently, if there is an overrun of a base area for the 1999/2000 marketing year, the proportional reduction in the compensatory payments made for that year only will apply;

Whereas, in the interests of consistency with the approach taken in preceding marketing years and with Agenda 2000, provision should be made that, where there is an overrun of the ceiling in 1999/2000, the compensatory payments will be reduced in the same way as in the case of an overrun of a base area,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

³ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 12.

⁴ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 3.

⁵ OJ L

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, notwithstanding the sixth subparagraph of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, where the ceiling for irrigated land is exceeded, the compensatory payments for the 'irrigated' rate shall in all cases be reduced proportionally to the rate of the overshoot recorded.

Article 2

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

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**fixing the monthly price increases for paddy rice
for the 1999/2000 marketing year**

99/0027 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice⁶, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98⁷ and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when the amounts of the monthly increases are fixed, account should be taken on the one hand of the storage costs and the financing charges for storing rice in the Community and on the other hand of the need to ensure that the disposal of stocks of rice is in line with market requirements,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, the monthly increases provided for in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 shall be EUR 2/t for the intervention price.

⁶ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
⁷ OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.

Article 2

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

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**fixing certain sugar prices and the standard quality of beet
for the 1999/2000 marketing year**

99/0028 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector⁸, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1148/98⁹, and in particular Articles 2(3), 3(4) and 4(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when sugar prices are fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to guarantee a fair standard of living for the farming community and to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas, in order to attain these objectives, the target price for sugar must be fixed at a level which, taking into account, in particular, the resultant level of the intervention price, ensures a fair remuneration for beet and sugar cane producers while at the same time respecting consumers interest, and which is likely to maintain the balance between the prices of the principal agricultural products;

Whereas, as a result of the characteristics of the sugar market, the risks involved in this trade are relatively slight; whereas, consequently, when the intervention price for sugar is fixed, the difference between the target price and the intervention price may be fixed at a relatively low level;

⁸ OJ L 177, 1.7.1981, p. 4.

⁹ OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 38.

Whereas the basic price for beet must take account of the intervention price, revenue to undertakings as a result of the sale of molasses, which can be valued at EUR 7,61/100 kg, that amount being derived from the molasses price referred to in Article 14(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81, the latter being valued at EUR 8,21/100 kg, and of the costs of processing and delivering the beet to factories and be based on an estimated Community yield of 130 kilograms of white sugar per tonne of beet with a 16% sugar content,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The target price for white sugar shall be EUR 66,50/100 kg.
2. The intervention price for white sugar shall be EUR 63,19/100 kg for the non-deficit areas of the Community.

Article 2

The basic price for beet applicable in the Community shall be EUR 47,67/t delivered at the collection centre.

Article 3

Standard quality beet shall:

- (a) be of sound and fair merchantable quality;
- (b) have a sugar content of 16% at the reception point.

Article 4

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

It shall apply for the 1999/2000 marketing year.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

fixing the derived intervention prices for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet and the amount of compensation for storage costs for the 1999/2000 marketing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector¹⁰, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1148/98¹¹, and in particular Articles 3(5), 5(5) and 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No of fixing certain sugar prices and the standard quality of beet for the 1999/2000 marketing year¹², fixes the intervention price for white sugar at EUR 63,19/100 kg for non-deficit areas;

Whereas Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 provides that derived intervention prices for white sugar are to be fixed for each deficit area; whereas, when these prices are fixed, account should be taken of the regional variations which, given a normal harvest and free movement of sugar, might be expected to occur in the price of sugar under natural conditions of price formation on the market;

Whereas a short supply situation is to be foreseen in the areas of production in Ireland and the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal and Finland;

Whereas Article 3(5) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 provides that an intervention price for raw sugar is to be fixed; whereas that price should be determined using the intervention price for white sugar as a basis;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No fixes the basic price for beet at EUR 47,67/t; whereas Article 5(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 provides that the minimum price to be fixed for A beet is to be 98% of the basic price for beet and the minimum price to be fixed for B beet is in principle to be 68% of the said basic price notwithstanding Article 28(5) of that Regulation;

¹⁰ OJ L 177, 1.7.1981, p. 4.

¹¹ OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 38.

¹² See page of this Official Journal.

Whereas Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1358/77 of 20 June 1977 laying down general rules for offsetting storage costs for sugar and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 750/68¹³, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3042/78¹⁴, provides that the repayment in the context of the compensation for storage costs is to be fixed per month and per unit of weight, taking account of financing costs, insurance and specific storage costs; whereas, for financing costs, account should be taken of a 3,75% interest rate,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the deficit areas of the Community, the derived intervention price for white sugar shall be:

- (a) EUR 64,65/100 kg for all the areas in Ireland and the United Kingdom;
- (b) EUR 64,65/100 kg for all the areas in Portugal;
- (c) EUR 64,65/100 kg for all the areas in Finland;
- (d) EUR 64,88/100 kg for all the areas in Spain.

Article 2

The intervention price for raw sugar shall be EUR 52,37/100 kg.

Article 3

1. The minimum price for A beet applicable in the Community shall be EUR 46,72/t.
2. Except where Article 28(5) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 is applied, the minimum price for B beet applicable in the Community shall be EUR 32,42/t.

¹³ OJ L 156, 25.6.1977, p. 4.
¹⁴ OJ L 361, 23.12.1978, p. 8.

Article 4

The reimbursement referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 shall be EUR 0,33/100 kg white sugar per month.

Article 5

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

It shall apply for the 1999/2000 marketing year.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

fixing the aid for fibre flax and hemp and the amount withheld to finance measures to promote the use of flax fibre for the 1999/2000 marketing year

99/0029 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp¹⁵, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94¹⁶, and in particular Articles 2(3) and 4(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 provides that the amounts of aid for flax grown mainly for fibre and for hemp grown in the Community are to be fixed each year;

Whereas Article 4(2) of the said Regulation provides that the amount is to be so fixed per hectare of area sown and harvested so as to ensure an even balance between the volume of production required in the Community and the amount that can be marketed; whereas it is to be fixed taking into account the price for flax and hemp fibres and seed on the world market;

Whereas Article 2(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 provides that the portion of aid for financing Community measures to encourage the use of flax fibre is to be fixed at the time when the aid is fixed for the marketing year in question in accordance with the criteria referred to in the said paragraph; whereas it is to be fixed in the light of trends on the market in flax, the amount of the aid for flax and the cost of the measures to be introduced; whereas account should also be taken of the financing already provided for;

¹⁵ OJ L 146, 4.7.1970, p. 1.

¹⁶ OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.

Whereas application of the abovementioned criteria entails fixing the amount of aid and the portion of the aid to be used for financing measures to promote the use of flax fibre at the levels set out below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, the aid provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 shall be:

- (a) as regards flax: EUR 815,86/ha;
- (b) as regards hemp: EUR 662,88/ha.

Article 2

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, the amount of the aid for flax to be used to finance the measures to promote the use of flax fibre referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 shall be: EUR 0/ha.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 August 1999.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

fixing the aid in respect of silkworms for the 1999/2000 rearing year

99/0030 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 845/72 of 24 April 1972 laying down special measures to encourage silkworm rearing¹⁷, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2059/92¹⁸, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 845/72 provides that the aid for silkworms reared within the Community must be fixed each year in such a way as to help ensure a fair income for silkworm rearers, taking into account the state of the market in cocoons and raw silk, of foreseeable trends on that market and of import policy;

Whereas application of the abovementioned criteria entails fixing the aid at the level indicated below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 rearing year, the aid in respect of silkworms as referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 845/72 shall be fixed per box of silkworm eggs used at EUR 133,26.

¹⁷ OJ L 100, 27.4.1972, p. 1.

¹⁸ OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 19.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 April 1999.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

fixing the guide prices for wine for the 1999/2000 wine year

99/0031 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine¹⁹, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1627/98²⁰, and in particular Article 27(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when the guide prices for the various types of table wine are fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to guarantee a fair standard of living for the farming community and to ensure that supplies are available and reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas if these objectives are to be achieved, it is absolutely essential that the gap between production and demand should not be opened further; whereas to that end, the guide prices for the 1999/2000 wine year should be set at the same levels as the previous year;

Whereas the guide prices must be fixed for each type of table wine representative of Community production as defined in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 822/87,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹⁹ OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.

²⁰ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 8.

Article 1

For the 1999/2000 wine year, the guide prices for table wine shall be as follows:

Type of wine	Guide price
R I	EUR 3,828/% vol/hl
R II	EUR 3,828/% vol/hl
R III	EUR 62,15/hl
A I	EUR 3,828/% vol/hl
A II	EUR 82,81/hl
A III	EUR 94,57/hl

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 September 1999.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 on the common organisation
of the market in wine**

99/0032 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, to take account of the special conditions in which table wines are produced in Spain, temporary derogations should be laid down concerning blending of wines in that Member State;

Whereas, as a temporary derogation, the total acidity of table wines should be fixed at a lower level in certain winegrowing zones;

Whereas, pending Council decisions on reform of the sector and in order to avoid any legal hiatus, certain provisions referred to in Article 39 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87²¹, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1627/98²², should be extended for a further wine year;

Whereas Article 46(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 provides that campaigns to promote the consumption of grape juice may only be conducted until the 1998/99 wine year; whereas they should be continued for one wine year so that their effectiveness may be assessed;

²¹ OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.

²² OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 8.

Whereas Article 65(5) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 provides that, during the 1998/99 wine year, the Commission is to submit to the Council a report on maximum sulphur dioxide levels in wine and any proposals arising therefrom; whereas the significance for the sector of the sulphur dioxide problem calls for proposals taking account in particular of the work of the International Vine and Wine Office (IWO); whereas that time limit should therefore be deferred by one wine year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 is amended as follows:

1. In the third subparagraph of Article 16(5), "between 1 September 1998 and 31 August 1999" is replaced by "between 1 September 1999 and 31 August 2000".
2. In Article 39:
 - in the first and second subparagraphs of paragraph 10, "1998/99" is replaced by "1999/2000",
 - in paragraph 11, "1998/99" is replaced by "1999/2000".
3. In Article 46(4), "1998/99" is replaced by "1999/2000".
4. In Article 65(5), "1 April 1999" is replaced by "1 April 2000" and "1 September 1999" is replaced by "1 September 2000".
5. In Annex I, the third subparagraph of point 13 is replaced by the following:

"For the 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000 wine years, table wines produced in Greece, France, Italy, Portugal and in the Spanish parts of winegrowing zones C other than the regions of Asturias, Baleares, Cantabria, Galicia, and the provinces of Guipúzcoa and Vizcaya, and released for consumption respectively on the market in Greece, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain may have a total acidity content of not less than 3,5 grams per litre, expressed as tartaric acid".

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 September 1999.

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 2332/92 as regards sparkling wines produced
in the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88 on the preparation
and marketing of liqueur wines produced in the Community**

99/0033 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Articles 11 and 16 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2332/92²³ and Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88²⁴, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1629/98²⁵, fix the maximum sulphur dioxide content of sparkling wines and of liqueur wines; whereas those Articles provide for the presentation by 1 April 1999 of a report from the Commission to the Council on those contents, together, where appropriate, with proposals; whereas the measures proposed should be consistent with others that the Commission is required to draft; whereas the abovementioned deadline should be postponed to that end; whereas the same is true for the deadlines laid down in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

²³ OJ L 231, 13.8.1992, p. 1.

²⁴ OJ L 373, 31.12.1988, p. 59.

²⁵ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 11.

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2332/92 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 11(3), "1 April 1999" and "1 September 1999" are replaced respectively by "1 April 2000" and "1 September 2000".
2. In Article 16(3), "1 April 1999" and "1 September 1999" are replaced respectively by "1 April 2000" and "1 September 2000".

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 4(2), "1 April 1999" and "1 September 1999" are replaced respectively by "1 April 2000" and "1 September 2000".
2. In Article 6(2), "1 April 1999" and "1 September 1999" are replaced respectively by "1 April 2000" and "1 September 2000".

Article 3

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

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting,
for the 1988/89 to 1998/99 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums
in respect of wine-growing areas**

99/0034 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the encouragement of the permanent abandonment of wine-growing areas by the grant of premiums is provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88²⁶, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1630/98²⁷;

Whereas, pending adoption of the reform of the common organisation of the market in wine, the existing scheme for the grant of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas should be extended, whilst limiting the total area that may be covered by it,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

²⁶ OJ L 132, 28.5.1988, p. 3.

²⁷ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 12.

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 is amended as follows:

1. The title of the Regulation is replaced by the following:

“Council Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting, for the 1988/89 to 1999/2000 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas”.
2. In the second subparagraph of Article 1(1), the 1999/2000 wine year is added.
3. In the third paragraph of Article 17a, “15 May 1999” is replaced by “15 May 2000”.

Article 2

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

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 on the common organisation
of the market in seeds and fixing the aid granted in the seeds sector
for the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 marketing years**

99/0035 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71²⁸, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98²⁹, and in particular Article 3(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 lists the japonica and indica type varieties of the species *Oryza sativa* L. among the products on which production aid is payable for basic and certified seed; whereas the distinction between the two varieties is essentially genetic and calls in particular for food-science analyses; whereas such analyses are complicated and some varieties which have appeared on the market cannot easily be distinguished as being of the japonica or indica type on the basis of their genetic characteristics; whereas that Annex should accordingly be amended to distinguish between varieties of the species *Oryza sativa* L. on the basis of morphological criteria only;

Whereas the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 lists *Cannabis sativa* L. (monoecious) among the products on which production aid is payable for basic and certified seed; whereas certain varieties of dioecious *Cannabis sativa* L. are now comparable with the monoecious varieties as regards their tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content; whereas, in Article 3(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 619/71 of 22 March 1971 laying down general rules for granting aid for flax and hemp³⁰, as last

²⁸ OJ L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1.

²⁹ OJ L 20, 27.1.1998, p. 16.

³⁰ OJ L 72, 26.3.1971, p. 2.

amended by Regulation (EC) No 1420/98³¹, the Council stipulates that production aid is to be granted solely on hemp harvested after seed formation and grown from certified seed of varieties on a list to be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp³², as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94³³; whereas, for the purposes of granting aid for the production of hemp for the 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years, the Council has specified that only varieties found to have a THC content of not less than 0,3% and, for subsequent marketing years, of not less than 0,2% are to appear on that list; whereas the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 should accordingly be amended to refer to *Cannabis sativa* L. of varieties with a THC content not exceeding 0,3% for the 2000/01 marketing year and 0,2% thereafter and those varieties should be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71;

Whereas the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 refers to varieties of *Lolium perenne* L. of high persistence, late or medium late, new and other varieties and varieties of low persistence, medium late, medium early or early; whereas the prices for those varieties on the external markets no longer justify that distinction and the Annex should therefore be amended to refer to *Lolium perenne* L. without distinguishing between varieties;

Whereas, given the situation on and the outlook for the Community market, producers are not assured of a fair return from seeds listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 which will be marketed in the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 marketing years; whereas part of the costs of production should be offset by aid;

Whereas Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 provides that when the aid is fixed, account should be taken, on the one hand, of the need to ensure balance between production in the Community and the outlets for such production and, on the other hand, of the prices for such products on the external markets;

Whereas the application of these criteria results in the fixing of the aid applicable for the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 marketing years at the levels set out in Annex II,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph is added to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71:

"6. The varieties of *Cannabis sativa* L. on which the aid provided for in this Article is payable shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11."

³¹ OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 7.

³² OJ L 146, 4.7.1970, p. 1.

³³ OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.

Article 2

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 is replaced by Annex I hereto.

Article 3

For the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 marketing years, the aid granted in the seeds sector as provided for in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 shall be as set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2000.

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

Done at

For the Council

ANNEX I

“ANNEX

CN code	Description
	1. CERES
1001 90 10	Triticum spelta L.
1006 10 10	Oryza sativa L. ¹
	- long-grain varieties the grains of which are of a length exceeding 6,0 millimetres and of a length/width ratio of more than or equal to 3
	- other varieties the grains of which are of a length not exceeding 6,0 millimetres and of a length/width ratio of less than 3
	2. OLEAGINEAE
ex 1204 00 10	Linum usitatissimum L. (fibre flax)
ex 1204 00 10	Linum usitatissimum L. (linseed)
ex 1207 99 10	Cannabis sativa L. ² (varieties with a tetrahydrocannabinol content not exceeding 0,3% for the 2000/2001 marketing year and 0,2% for subsequent marketing years)
	3. GRAMINEAE
ex 1209 29 10	Agrostis canina L.
ex 1209 29 10	Agrostis gigantea Roth.
ex 1209 29 10	Agrostis stolonifera L.
ex 1209 29 10	Agrostis capillaris L.
ex 1209 29 80	Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) P. Beauv. ex J.S. and K.B. Presl.
ex 1209 29 10	Dactylis glomerata L.
ex 1209 23 80	Festuca arundinacea Schreb.
ex 1209 23 80	Festuca ovina L.
	1209 23 11 Festuca pratensis Huds.
	1209 23 15 Festuca rubra L.
ex 1209 29 80	Festulolium
	1209 25 10 Lolium multiflorum Lam.
	1209 25 90 Lolium perenne L.
ex 1209 29 80	Lolium x boucheanum Kunth
ex 1209 29 80	Phleum Bertolinii (DC)
	1209 26 00 Phleum pratense L.
ex 1209 29 80	Poa nemoralis L.
	1209 24 00 Poa pratensis L.
ex 1209 29 10	Poa palustris and Poa trivialis L.
	4. LEGUMINOSAE
ex 1209 29 80	Hedysarum coronarium L.
ex 1209 29 80	Medicago lupulina L.
ex 1209 21 00	Medicago sativa L. (ecotypes)
ex 1209 21 00	Medicago sativa L. (varieties)
ex 1209 29 80	Onobrichis viciifolia Scop.
ex 0713 10 10	Pisum sativum L. (partim) (field peas)
ex 1209 22 80	Trifolium alexandrinum L.
ex 1209 22 80	Trifolium hybridum L.
ex 1209 22 80	Trifolium incarnatum L.
	1209 22 10 Trifolium pratense L.
ex 1209 22 80	Trifolium repens L.
ex 1209 22 80	Trifolium repens L. var. giganteum
ex 1209 22 80	Trifolium resupinatum L.
ex 0713 50 10	Vicia faba L. (partim) (field beans)
ex 1209 29 10	Vicia sativa L.
ex 1209 29 10	Vicia villosa Roth.

¹ Grain measurements are taken on wholly milled rice by the following method:

- (i) take a sample representative of the batch;
- (ii) sieve the sample so as to retain only whole grains, including immature grains;
- (iii) carry out two measurements of 100 grains each and work out the average;
- (iv) express the result in millimetres, rounded off to one decimal place.

² The tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content of a variety is determined by analysing a sample maintained at constant weight. The weight of THC must be determined in relation to the weight of the sample. The sample is to consist of the upper third of a representative number of plants selected at random at the end of their flowering period and with stalks and seeds removed.”

ANNEX II

2000/01 AND 2001/02 MARKETING YEARS
Aid applicable in the Community

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code		Description	Aid	
			2000/01	2001/02
		1. CERES		
	1001 90 10	Triticum spelta L	14,37	14,37
	1006 10 10	Oryza sativa L.		
		- long-grain varieties the grains of which are of a length exceeding 6,0 millimetres and of a length/width ratio of more than or equal to 3	17,27	17,27
		- other varieties the grains of which are of a length not exceeding 6,0 millimetres and of a length/width ratio of less than 3	14,85	14,85
		2. OLEAGINEAE		
ex	1204 00 10	Linum usitatissimum L. (fibre flax)	28,38	28,38
ex	1204 00 10	Linum usitatissimum L. (linseed)	22,46	22,46
ex	1207 99 10	Cannabis sativa L. (varieties with a tetrahydrocannabinol content not exceeding 0,3% for the 2000/2001 marketing year and 0,2% for the 2001/2002 marketing year)	20,53	20,53
		3. GRAMINEAE		
ex	1209 29 10	Agrostis canina L.	75,95	75,95
ex	1209 29 10	Agrostis gigantea Roth.	75,95	75,95
ex	1209 29 10	Agrostis stolonifera L.	75,95	75,95
ex	1209 29 10	Agrostis capillaris L.	75,95	75,95
ex	1209 29 80	Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) P. Beauv. ex J.S. and K.B. Presl.	67,14	67,14
ex	1209 29 10	Dactylis glomerata L.	52,77	52,77
ex	1209 23 80	Festuca arundinacea Schreb.	58,93	58,93
ex	1209 23 80	Festuca ovina L.	43,59	43,59
	1209 23 11	Festuca pratensis Huds.	43,59	43,59
	1209 23 15	Festuca rubra L.	36,83	36,83
ex	1209 29 80	Festulolium	32,36	32,36
	1209 25 10	Lolium multiflorum Lam.	21,13	21,13
	1209 25 90	Lolium perenne L.	30,99	30,99
ex	1209 29 80	Lolium x boucheanum Kunth	21,13	21,13
ex	1209 29 80	Phleum Bertolinii (DC)	50,96	50,96
	1209 26 00	Phleum pratense L.	83,56	83,56
ex	1209 29 80	Poa nemoralis L.	38,88	38,88
	1209 24 00	Poa pratensis L.	38,52	38,52
ex	1209 29 10	Poa palustris and Poa trivialis L.	38,88	38,88
		4. LEGUMINOSAE		
ex	1209 29 80	Hedysarum coronarium L.	36,47	36,47
ex	1209 29 80	Medicago lupulina L.	31,88	31,88
ex	1209 21 00	Medicago sativa L. (ecotypes)	22,10	22,10
ex	1209 21 00	Medicago sativa L. (varieties)	36,59	36,59
ex	1209 29 80	Onobrichis viciifolia Scop.	20,04	20,04
ex	0713 10 10	Pisum sativum L. (partim) (field peas)	0	0
ex	1209 22 80	Trifolium alexandrinum L.	45,76	45,76
ex	1209 22 80	Trifolium hybridum L.	45,89	45,89
ex	1209 22 80	Trifolium incarnatum L.	45,76	45,76
	1209 22 10	Trifolium pratense L.	53,49	53,49
ex	1209 22 80	Trifolium repens L.	75,11	75,11
ex	1209 22 80	Trifolium repens L. var. giganteum	70,76	70,76
ex	1209 22 80	Trifolium resupinatum L.	45,76	45,76
ex	0713 50 10	Vicia faba L. (partim) (field beans)	0	0
ex	1209 29 10	Vicia sativa L.	30,67	30,67
ex	1209 29 10	Vicia villosa Roth.	24,03	24,03

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter
and skimmed-milk powder for the milk year 1999/2000**

99/0036 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products³⁴, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1587/96³⁵, and in particular Articles 3(4) and 5 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when fixing the common agricultural prices each year, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are in particular to guarantee a fair standard of living for the agricultural community and to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the target price for milk should bear a balanced relationship to the prices for other agricultural products and in particular to the prices for beef and veal, and be consistent with the desired general pattern of cattle farming; whereas it is also necessary, in fixing that price, to take account of the Community's efforts to establish a long term balance between supply and demand on the milk market, allowing for external trade in milk and milk products;

Whereas the intervention prices for butter and for skimmed-milk powder are intended to contribute to the achievement of the target price for milk; whereas it is necessary to determine price levels in the light of the overall supply and demand situation on the Community market in milk and the opportunities for disposal of butter and skimmed-milk powder on the Community and world markets,

³⁴ OJ L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 13.

³⁵ OJ L 206, 16.8.1996, p. 21.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the milk year 1999/2000, the target price for milk and the intervention prices for milk products shall be as follows:

(EUR/100 kg)

a) Target price for milk	30,98
b) Intervention prices:	
- butter	328,20
- skimmed-milk powder	205,52

Article 2

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

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

Done at

For the Council

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

fixing the intervention price for adult bovine animals
for the period 1 July to 31 December 1999

99/0037 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal³⁶, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1633/98³⁷, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when fixing the common agricultural prices each year, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are in particular to guarantee a fair standard of living for the agricultural community and to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices; whereas the draft reform of the beef and veal sector currently under discussion already proposes that the intervention price should be fixed for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000; whereas these factors result in the intervention price fixed for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 by Council Regulation (EC) No 1364/98 of 25 June 1997 fixing, for the 1998/99 marketing year, the intervention price for adult bovine animals³⁸, being retained for the period 1 July to 31 December 1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

³⁶ OJ L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24.

³⁷ OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 17.

³⁸ OJ L 185, 30.6.1998, p. 7.

Article 1

For the period 1 July to 31 December 1999 the intervention price for carcasses of male animals in category R3 of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1208/81³⁹, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1026/91⁴⁰, shall be EUR 347,5/100 kg deadweight.

Article 2

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

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

Done at

For the Council

³⁹ OJ L 123, 7.5.1981, p. 3.

⁴⁰ OJ L 106, 26.4.1991, p. 2.

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**fixing the basic price and the seasonal adjustments to the basic price
for sheepmeat for the 2000 marketing year**

99/0038 (CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 of 3 November 1998 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat⁴¹, and in particular Article 3(1) and (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the basic price must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2467/98;

Whereas, when the basic price for sheep carcasses is fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to guarantee a fair standard of living for the farming community and to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices; whereas these factors result in the price for the 2000 marketing year being fixed at the level laid down in this Regulation;

Whereas the weekly seasonally adjusted amounts applicable to the basic price should be fixed in the light of experience gained during the 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 marketing years concerning private storage,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

⁴¹ OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 1.

Article 1

For the 2000 marketing year, the basic price for sheepmeat is hereby fixed at EUR 504,07/100 kg carcass weight.

Article 2

The basic price referred to in Article 1 is hereby seasonally adjusted in accordance with the table set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from the beginning of the 2000 marketing year.

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

Done at

For the Council

ANNEX

2000 MARKETING YEAR

(EUR/100 kg carcase weight)

Week beginning	Week	Basic price
3 January 2000	1	515,06
10 January 2000	2	518,58
17 January 2000	3	522,67
24 January 2000	4	525,59
31 January 2000	5	528,51
7 February 2000	6	531,42
14 February 2000	7	534,35
21 February 2000	8	537,27
28 February 2000	9	539,61
6 March 2000	10	541,94
13 March 2000	11	543,11
20 March 2000	12	543,11
27 March 2000	13	541,94
3 April 2000	14	540,30
10 April 2000	15	538,09
17 April 2000	16	534,94
24 April 2000	17	532,60
1 May 2000	18	529,09
8 May 2000	19	525,59
15 May 2000	20	520,92
22 May 2000	21	515,08
29 May 2000	22	509,23
5 June 2000	23	502,24
12 June 2000	24	496,39
19 June 2000	25	491,72
26 June 2000	26	487,05

Week beginning	Week	Basic price
3 July 2000	27	483,55
10 July 2000	28	481,20
17 July 2000	29	480,01
24 July 2000	30	479,45
31 July 2000	31	478,83
7 August 2000	32	478,83
14 August 2000	33	478,83
21 August 2000	34	478,83
28 August 2000	35	478,83
4 September 2000	36	478,83
11 September 2000	37	478,83
18 September 2000	38	478,83
25 September 2000	39	478,86
2 October 2000	40	478,98
9 October 2000	41	479,10
16 October 2000	42	479,20
23 October 2000	43	479,30
30 October 2000	44	480,00
6 November 2000	45	480,95
13 November 2000	46	482,00
20 November 2000	47	483,20
27 November 2000	48	486,10
4 December 2000	49	490,75
11 December 2000	50	496,60
18 December 2000	51	503,85
25 December 2000	52	511,50

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of

**fixing the basic price and defining the standard quality for pig carcasses
for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000**

99/0039(CNS)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat⁴², as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94⁴³, and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when the basic price for pig carcasses is fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to guarantee a fair standard of living for the farming community and to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the basic price must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 for a standard quality defined by reference to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses⁴⁴, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93⁴⁵,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

⁴² OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1.

⁴³ OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.

⁴⁴ OJ L 301, 20.11.1984, p. 1.

⁴⁵ OJ L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 5.

Article 1

For the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 the basic price for pig carcasses of the standard quality shall be EUR 1509,39/t.

Article 2

The standard quality shall be defined in terms of carcase weight and lean meat content, determined as laid down in Article 2(2) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84, as follows:

- (a) carcasses weighing not less than 60 but less than 120 kilograms: grade "E";
- (b) carcasses weighing from 120 to 180 kilograms: grade "R".

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1999.

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

Done at

For the Council