

Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (repealed)

PART I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Article 1

Scope

1 This Regulation establishes a common organisation of the markets for the products of the following sectors, as provided further in Annex I:

- a cereals, Part I of Annex I;
- b rice, Part II of Annex I;
- c sugar, Part III of Annex I;
- d dried fodder, Part IV of Annex I;
- e seeds, Part V of Annex I;
- f hops, Part VI of Annex I;
- g olive oil and table olives, Part VII of Annex I;
- h flax and hemp, Part VIII of Annex I;
- i fruit and vegetables, Part IX of Annex I;
- j processed fruit and vegetables, Part X of Annex I;
- k bananas, Part XI of Annex I;
- l wine, Part XII of Annex I;
- m live plants and products of floriculture, Part XIII of Annex I (hereinafter referred to as the live plants sector);
- n raw tobacco, Part XIV of Annex I;
- o beef and veal, Part XV of Annex I;
- p milk and milk products, Part XVI of Annex I;
- q pigmeat, Part XVII of Annex I;
- r sheepmeat and goatmeat, Part XVIII of Annex I;
- s eggs, Part XIX of Annex I;
- t poultrymeat, Part XX of Annex I;
- u other products, Part XXI of Annex I.

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3 This Regulation establishes specific measures for the following sectors as listed and, as the case may be, as further defined in Annex II:

- a ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, Part I of Annex II (hereinafter referred to as the agricultural ethyl alcohol sector);
- b apiculture products, Part II of Annex II (hereinafter referred to as the apiculture sector);
- c silkworms, Part III of Annex II.

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[^{F24} In respect of potatoes, fresh or chilled of CN code 0701, Chapter II of Part IV shall apply.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 2

Definitions

1 For the purposes of application of this Regulation, the definitions concerning certain sectors as set out in Annex III shall apply.

2 For the purposes of this Regulation:

- a 'farmer' shall mean a farmer as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- b 'paying agency' shall mean the body or the bodies assigned by a Member State in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005;
- c 'intervention price' shall mean the price at which products shall be bought into public intervention.

Article 3

Marketing years

The following marketing years shall be established:

- (a) 1 January to 31 December of a given year for the banana sector;
- (b) 1 April to 31 March of the following year for:
 - (i) the dried fodder sector;
 - (ii) the silkworm sector;
- (c) 1 July to 30 June of the following year for:
 - (i) the cereals sector;
 - (ii) the seeds sector;
 - (iii) the olive oil and table olives sector;
 - (iv) the flax and hemp sector;
 - (v) the milk and milk products sector;
- (ca) [^{F31} 1 August to 31 July of the following year for the wine sector;]
- (d) 1 September to 31 August of the following year for the rice sector;

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(e) 1 October to 30 September of the following year for the sugar sector.

[^{F2}For products of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors, the marketing years shall, if necessary, be fixed by the Commission.]

Textual Amendments

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- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 4

Commission powers

Save as otherwise provided for by this Regulation, where powers are conferred upon the Commission, it shall act in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(2).

Article 5

Implementing rules

The Commission may adopt the detailed rules for the application of Article 2.

The Commission may amend the definitions concerning rice set out in Part I of Annex III and the definition of ‘ACP/Indian sugar’ set out in point 12 of Part II of that Annex.

The Commission may also fix the conversion rates for rice at various stages of processing, the processing costs and the value of by-products.

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PART II

INTERNAL MARKET

TITLE I

MARKET INTERVENTION

CHAPTER I

Public intervention and private storage

Section I

General provisions

Article 6

Scope

1 This Chapter lays down the rules concerning, where applicable, buying-in under public intervention and the granting of aids for private storage with regard to the following sectors:

- a cereals;
- b rice;
- c sugar;
- d olive oil and table olives;
- e beef and veal;
- f milk and milk products;
- g pigmeat;
- h sheepmeat and goatmeat.

2 For the purposes of this Chapter:

- a 'cereals' shall mean cereals harvested in the Community;
- b 'milk' shall mean cow's milk produced in the Community;
- [^{F4}c 'skimmed milk' shall mean skimmed milk obtained directly and exclusively from cow's milk produced in the Community;]
- d 'cream' shall mean cream obtained directly and exclusively from milk.

Textual Amendments

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Article 7

Community origin

Without prejudice to Article 6(2) only products originating in the Community shall be eligible for buying-in under public intervention or for the granting of aid for the private storage thereof.

Article 8

Reference prices

1 For products subject to the intervention measures referred to in Article 6(1) the following reference prices shall be fixed:

- [^{F5}a as regards the cereals sector, EUR 101,31 per tonne;]
- b as regards paddy rice, EUR 150/tonne for standard quality as defined in point A of Annex IV;
- c as regards sugar:
 - (i) for white sugar:
 - EUR 541,5/tonne for the marketing year 2008/2009,
 - EUR 404,4/tonne as from the marketing year 2009/2010;
 - (ii) for raw sugar:
 - EUR 448,8/tonne for the marketing year 2008/2009,
 - EUR 335,2/tonne as from the marketing year 2009/2010.

The reference prices laid down in points (i) and (ii) shall apply to unpacked sugar, ex factory of standard quality as defined in point B of Annex IV;

- d as regards the beef and veal sector, EUR 2 224/tonne for carcasses of male bovine animals of grade R3 as laid down in the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals provided for in Article 42(1)(a);
- e as regards the milk and milk products sector:
 - (i) EUR 246,39 per 100 kg for butter;
 - (ii) [^{F6}EUR 169,80 per 100 kg for skimmed milk powder;]
- f as regards the pigmeat sector, EUR 1 509,39/tonne for pig carcasses of standard quality defined in terms of weight and lean meat content in accordance with the Community scale for the classification of pig carcasses, provided for in Article 42(1)(b) as follows:
 - (i) carcasses weighing from 60 to less than 120 kg: grade E as laid down in point B II of Annex V;
 - (ii) carcasses weighing from 120 to 180 kg: grade R as laid down in point B II of Annex V.

2 The reference prices for cereals and rice set out in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 respectively, shall relate to the wholesale stage for goods delivered to the warehouse, before unloading. Those reference prices shall be valid for all Community intervention centres designated in accordance with Article 41.

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3 The Council, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 37(2) of the Treaty, may change the reference prices fixed in paragraph 1 of this Article in the light of developments in production and the markets.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
- F6** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 9

Price reporting in the sugar market

The Commission shall set up an information system on prices in the sugar market, including a system for the publication of price levels for the sugar market.

The system shall be based on information submitted by undertakings producing white sugar or by other operators involved in the sugar trade. This information shall be treated with confidentiality.

The Commission shall ensure that the information published does not permit the identification of prices of individual undertakings or operators.

Section II

Public intervention

Subsection I

General provisions

Article 10

Products eligible for public intervention

1 Public intervention shall be applicable in respect of the following products subject to the conditions laid down in this Section and further requirements and conditions to be determined by the Commission in accordance with Article 43:

- a common wheat, durum wheat, barley, maize and sorghum;
- b paddy rice;
- c white or raw sugar provided that the sugar concerned has been produced under quota and manufactured from beet or cane harvested in the Community;

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- d fresh or chilled meat of the beef and veal sector falling within CN codes 0201 10 00 and 0201 20 20 to 0201 20 50;
- e butter produced directly and exclusively from pasteurised cream in an approved undertaking of the Community of a minimum butterfat content, by weight, of 82 % and a maximum water content, by weight, of 16 %;
- [^{F6}f skimmed milk powder of top quality made from milk in an approved undertaking in the Community by the spray process, with a minimum protein-content of 34,0 % by weight of the fat free dry matter.]

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Textual Amendments

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[^{F5}Subsection II

Opening of buying-in

Article 11

Public intervention periods

Public intervention shall be available:

- (a) for cereals, from 1 November to 31 May;
- (b) for paddy rice, from 1 April to 31 July;
- (c) for sugar, throughout the marketing years 2008/2009 and 2009/2010;
- (d) for beef and veal, throughout any marketing year;
- (e) for butter and skimmed milk powder, from 1 March to 31 August.

Article 12

Opening of public intervention

- 1 During the periods referred to in Article 11, public intervention:
 - a shall be open for common wheat;
 - b shall be open for durum wheat, barley, maize, sorghum, paddy rice, sugar, butter and skimmed milk powder up to the intervention limits referred to in Article 13(1);

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- c shall be opened for beef and veal by the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), if the average market price for beef and veal over a representative period in a Member State or in a region of a Member State recorded on the basis of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses provided for in Article 42(1) is below EUR 1 560/tonne.
- 2 Public intervention for beef and veal, referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1, shall be closed by the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), where, over a representative period, the conditions provided for in that point are no longer fulfilled.

Article 13

Intervention limits

- 1 Buying into public intervention shall be carried out within the following limits:
- for durum wheat, barley, maize, sorghum and paddy rice, 0 tonnes for the periods referred to in Article 11(a) and (b) respectively;
 - for sugar, 600 000 tonnes, expressed in white sugar, for each marketing year;
 - for butter, 30 000 tonnes for each period referred to in Article 11(e);
 - for skimmed milk powder 109 000 tonnes for each period referred to Article 11(e).
- 2 Sugar stored in accordance with point (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article during a marketing year shall not be subject to any of the other storage measures provided for in Articles 32, 52 and 63.
- 3 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, for the products referred to in points (a), (c) and (d) of that paragraph, the Commission may decide to continue public intervention beyond the amounts referred to in that paragraph if the market situation and, in particular, the development of market prices, so requires.]

[^{F5}Subsection III

Intervention prices

Article 18

Intervention prices

- 1 The intervention price:
- for common wheat shall be equal to the reference price for a maximum quantity offered of 3 million tonnes per intervention period as fixed in Article 11(a);
 - for butter shall be equal to 90 % of the reference price for amounts offered within the limit in Article 13(1)(c);
 - for skimmed milk powder shall be equal to the reference price for amounts offered within the limit in Article 13(1)(d).
- 2 The intervention prices and the quantities for intervention for the following products shall be determined by the Commission by means of tendering procedures:
- common wheat for amounts in excess of the maximum quantity offered of 3 million tonnes per intervention period as fixed in Article 11(a);

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- b durum wheat, barley, maize, sorghum and paddy rice, in application of Article 13(3);
- c beef and veal;
- d butter for amounts offered in excess of the limit in Article 13(1)(c), in application of Article 13(3), and
- e skimmed milk powder for amounts offered in excess of the limit in Article 13(1)(d), in application of Article 13(3).

In special circumstances, tendering procedures may be restricted to, or the intervention prices and the quantities for intervention may be fixed per, Member State or region of a Member State on the basis of recorded average market prices.

3 The maximum buying-in price determined in accordance with tendering procedures under paragraph 2 shall not be higher:

- a for cereals and paddy rice, than the respective reference prices;
- b for beef and veal, than the average market price recorded in a Member State or a region of a Member State increased by an amount to be determined by the Commission on the basis of objective criteria;
- c for butter, than 90 % of the reference price;
- d for skimmed milk powder, than the reference price.

4 The intervention prices referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be:

- a for cereals, without prejudice to price increases or reductions for quality reasons, and
- b for paddy rice, increased or decreased accordingly if the quality of the products offered to the paying agency differs from the standard quality, defined in point A of Annex IV. Moreover, increases and reductions of the intervention price may be fixed by the Commission in order to ensure that production is orientated towards certain varieties.

5 The intervention price for sugar shall be 80 % of the reference price fixed for the marketing year following the marketing year during which the offer is lodged. However, if the quality of the sugar offered to the paying agency differs from the standard quality defined in point B of Annex IV for which the reference price is fixed, the intervention price shall be increased or reduced accordingly.]

Subsection IV

Disposal from intervention

Article 25

General principles

Disposal of products bought into public intervention shall take place in such a way as to avoid any disturbance of the market, to ensure equal access to the goods and equal treatment of purchasers and in compliance with the commitments resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

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Article 26

Sugar disposal

As regards sugar bought-in under public intervention, paying agencies may sell it only at a price which is higher than the reference price fixed for the marketing year in which the sale takes place.

However, the Commission may decide that paying agencies:

- (a) may sell the sugar at a price equal to or lower than the reference price referred to in the first paragraph if the sugar is intended:
 - (i) for use as animal feed, or
 - (ii) [^{F6}for export, either without further processing or after processing into products listed in Annex I to the Treaty or into goods listed in Part III of Annex XX to this Regulation, or]
 - (iii) [^{F2}for industrial use referred to in Article 62.]
- (b) are to make unprocessed sugar held by them available, for human consumption on the internal market of the Community, to charitable organisations — recognised by the Member State concerned or by the Commission in cases where a Member State has not recognised any such organisation — at a price which is lower than the current reference price or free of charge for distribution as part of individual emergency aid operations.

Textual Amendments

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- F6** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

[^{F8} Article 27

Scheme for the distribution of food to the most deprived persons in the Union

1 A scheme is established for 2012 and 2013 whereby food products may be distributed to the most deprived persons in the Union through organisations, which shall not be commercial undertakings, designated by Member States. For the purpose of this food distribution scheme, products in intervention stocks shall be made available or, where there are no intervention stocks suitable for the food distribution scheme, food products shall be purchased on the market.

For the purposes of the food distribution scheme provided for in the first subparagraph 'most deprived persons' means physical persons, including families or groups composed of such persons, who are recorded or recognised on the basis of eligibility criteria adopted by the national competent authorities to be socially and financially

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dependent, or who are judged to be so on the basis of the criteria used by the designated organisations and approved by those national competent authorities.

2 Member States wishing to participate in the food distribution scheme provided for in paragraph 1 shall submit, to the Commission, food distribution programmes containing the following:

- a details of the main characteristics and objectives of such programmes;
- b the organisations designated;
- c the requests for quantities of food products to be distributed each year and other relevant information.

Member States shall choose the food products on the basis of objective criteria including nutritional values and suitability for distribution. For that purpose, Member States may give preference to food products of Union origin.

3 The Commission shall adopt annual plans based on the requests and other relevant information referred to in point (c) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 and submitted by Member States as part of their food distribution programmes.

Each annual plan shall set out annual financial allocations by the Union per Member State.

When food products included in the annual plan are not available in intervention stocks in the Member State where such products are required, the Commission shall make provision in the annual plan for the transfer of those products to that Member State from Member States where they are available in intervention stocks.

The Commission may revise an annual plan in the light of any relevant developments affecting its execution.

4 The food products shall be released to designated organisations free of charge.

The distribution of the food products to the most deprived persons shall be:

- a free of charge; or
- b at a price which is in no case greater than that justified by the costs incurred by the designated organisations in their distribution and that are not eligible costs under points (a) and (b) of the second subparagraph of paragraph 7.

5 Member States participating in the food distribution scheme provided for in paragraph 1 shall:

- a submit to the Commission an annual report on implementation of the food distribution programmes;
- b keep the Commission informed in a timely manner on developments affecting the implementation of the food distribution programmes.

6 The Union shall finance the eligible costs under the scheme. This financing shall not exceed EUR 500 million per budget year.

7 The eligible costs under the scheme shall be:

- a the cost of food products released from intervention stocks;
- b the cost of food products purchased on the market; and
- c the costs of transporting food products in intervention stocks between Member States.

Within the financial resources available to implement the annual plans in each Member State, the national competent authorities may consider to be eligible the following costs:

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- a costs of transport of food products to the storage depots of the designated organisations;
- b the following costs incurred by the designated organisations, to the extent that they are directly linked with the implementation of the annual plans:
 - (i) administrative costs;
 - (ii) transport costs between the storage depots of the designated organisations and the points of final distribution; and
 - (iii) storage costs.

8 Member States shall carry out administrative and physical controls to ensure that the annual plans are implemented in compliance with the applicable rules and shall establish the penalties applicable in cases of irregularities.

9 The words ‘European Union aid’ accompanied by the emblem of the European Union shall be clearly marked on the packing of food distributed through the annual plans as well as at the distribution points.

10 The food distribution scheme provided for in paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to any national schemes, whereby food products are distributed to most deprived persons, that are in conformity with Union law.]

Textual Amendments

- F8** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 121/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2012 amending Council Regulations \(EC\) No 1290/2005 and \(EC\) No 1234/2007 as regards distribution of food products to the most deprived persons in the Union.](#)

Section III

Private storage

Subsection I

Mandatory aid

Article 28

Eligible products

Aid for private storage shall be granted for the following products subject to the conditions set out in this Section and to further requirements and conditions to be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 43:

- (a) [^{F6}in respect of:
 - (i) unsalted butter produced from cream or milk in an approved undertaking of the Community of a minimum butterfat content, by weight, of 82 %, a maximum milk solids-non-fat content, by weight, of 2 % and a maximum water content, by weight, of 16 %,

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- (ii) salted butter produced from cream or milk in an approved undertaking of the Community of a minimum butterfat content, by weight, of 80 %, a maximum milk solids-non-fat content, by weight, of 2 %, a maximum water content, by weight, of 16 % and a maximum salt content, by weight, of 2 %.]

(b) [^{F7}]

Textual Amendments

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[^{F6} Article 29

Conditions and aid-level for butter

The amount of aid for butter shall be fixed by the Commission in the light of storage costs and the likely trends in prices for fresh butter and butter from stocks.

Where, at the time of removal from storage, an adverse change unforeseeable at the time of entry into storage has occurred on the market, the aid may be increased.]

Textual Amendments

- F6** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

^{F7} Article 30

[^{F7} Conditions and aid-level for cheese]

Textual Amendments

- F7** Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

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Subsection II

Optional Aid

Article 31

Eligible products

1 Aid for private storage may be granted in respect of the following products subject to the conditions set out in this Section and to further requirements and conditions to be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 43:

- a white sugar;
- b olive oil;
- c fresh or chilled meat of adult bovine animals presented in the form of carcasses, half-carcasses, compensated quarters, forequarters or hindquarters, classified in accordance with the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals provided for in Article 42(1);
- [^{F4}d skimmed milk powder of top quality, obtained in an approved undertaking of the Community directly and exclusively from skimmed milk;]
- [^{F7}e longkeeping cheeses and cheeses which are manufactured from sheep and/or goat's milk and require at least six months maturing;]
- f pigmeat;
- g sheepmeat and goatmeat.

The Commission may amend the list of products laid down in point (c) of the first subparagraph if the market situation so requires

[^{F6}2 The Commission shall fix the aid for private storage provided for in paragraph 1 in advance or by means of tendering procedures.]

[^{F7}]

Textual Amendments

- F4** Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
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Article 32

Conditions of granting for white sugar

1 If the average Community price recorded for white sugar is below the reference price, during a representative period, and is likely to remain at that level, taking into account the market situation, the Commission may decide to grant aid for private storage of white sugar to undertakings which are allocated a sugar quota.

2 Sugar stored in accordance with paragraph 1 during a marketing year may not be subject to any other storage measures provided for in Articles 13, 52 or 63.

Article 33

Conditions of granting for olive oil

The Commission may decide to authorise bodies, offering sufficient guarantees and approved by the Member States, to conclude contracts for the storage of olive oil that they market in the event of a serious disturbance on the market in certain regions of the Community, *inter alia*, when the average price recorded on the market during a representative period is less than:

- (a) EUR 1 779/tonne for extra virgin olive oil, or
- (b) EUR 1 710/tonne for virgin olive oil, or
- (c) EUR 1 524/tonne for lampante olive oil having 2 degrees of free acidity, this amount being reduced by EUR 36,7/tonne for each additional degree of acidity.

Article 34

Conditions of granting for products of the beef and veal sector

When the average Community market price recorded on the basis of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals provided for in Article 42(1) is, and is likely to remain, at less than 103 % of the reference price, the Commission may decide to grant aid for private storage.

^{F4}Article 35

[^{F4}Conditions of granting for skimmed milk powder]

Textual Amendments

- F4** Deleted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

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^{F7}Article 36

[^{F7}Conditions of granting for cheese]

Textual Amendments

- F7** Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

Article 37

Conditions of granting for pigmeat

When the average Community market price for pig carcasses as established by reference to the prices recorded in each Member State on the representative markets of the Community and weighted by means of coefficients reflecting the relative size of the pig herd in each Member State is, and is likely to remain, at less than 103 % of the reference price, the Commission may decide to grant aid for private storage.

Article 38

Conditions of granting for sheepmeat and goatmeat

The Commission may decide to grant aid for private storage when there is a particularly difficult market situation for sheepmeat and goatmeat in one or more of the following quotation areas:

- (a) Great Britain;
- (b) Northern Ireland;
- (c) any Member State other than the United Kingdom, taken separately.

Section IV

Common provisions

Article 39

Rules concerning storage

1 Paying agencies may not store, outside the territory of the Member State within whose jurisdiction they fall, products they have bought in unless they have obtained prior authorisation from the Commission.

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The territories of Belgium and Luxembourg shall be considered as a single Member State for the purposes of this Article.

2 Authorisation shall be granted if storage is essential and taking into account the following factors:

- a storage possibilities and storage requirements in the Member State within whose jurisdiction the paying agency falls and in other Member States;
- b any additional costs resulting from storage in the Member State within whose jurisdiction the paying agency falls and from transportation.

3 Authorisation for storage in a third country shall be granted only if, on the basis of the criteria set out in paragraph 2, storage in another Member State would create significant difficulties.

4 The information referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2 shall be drawn up after consulting all the Member States.

5 Any customs duties and any other amounts to be granted or levied under the common agricultural policy shall not apply to products:

- a transported following an authorisation granted under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, or
- b transferred from one paying agency to another.

6 Any paying agency acting in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall remain responsible for products stored outside the territory of the Member State within whose jurisdiction it falls.

7 If products held by a paying agency outside the territory of the Member State within whose jurisdiction it falls are not brought back into that Member State, they shall be disposed of at the prices and subject to the conditions laid down or to be laid down for the place of storage.

Article 40

Rules for tendering procedures

Tender procedures shall ensure equality of access of all persons concerned.

In the selection of tenders preference shall be given to those which are most favourable to the Community. In any case, the award of a contract shall not necessarily ensue.

Article 41

Intervention centres

1 The Commission shall designate the intervention centres in the cereals and rice sectors and determine the conditions applying thereto.

In respect of products of the cereals sector, the Commission may designate intervention centres for each cereal.

2 When drawing up the list of intervention centres the Commission shall in particular take account of the following factors:

- a situation of the centres in surplus areas in respect of the products concerned;
- b availability of sufficient premises and technical equipment;
- c favourable situation as regards means of transport.

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Article 42

Carcass classification

1 Community scales for the classification of carcasses shall apply in accordance with the rules laid down in Annex V in the following sectors:

- a beef and veal as regards carcasses of adult bovine animals;
- b pigmeat as regards carcasses of pigs other than those which have been used for breeding.

In the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector Member States may apply a Community scale for the classification of carcasses as regards sheep carcasses in accordance with the rules laid down in point C of Annex V.

2 On-the-spot inspections in relation to the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals and sheep shall be carried out on behalf of the Community by a Community inspection committee composed of experts from the Commission and experts appointed by the Member States. This Committee shall report back to the Commission and the Member States on the inspections carried out.

The Community shall bear the costs resulting from the inspections carried out.

Article 43

Implementing rules

Without prejudice to any specific powers conferred upon the Commission by the provisions of this Chapter, the Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for its implementation, which may relate in particular to:

- (a) [^{F5}the requirements and conditions to be met by products to be bought into public intervention as referred to in Article 10 or for which aid for private storage is granted as referred to in Articles 28 and 31, in particular with respect to quality, quality groups, quality grades, categories, quantities, packaging including labelling, maximum ages, preservation, the stage of the products to which the intervention price relates, and the duration of private storage;]
- (aa) [^{F9}the respect of the maximum quantities and quantitative limits set out in Article 13(1) and point (a) of Article 18(1); in this context, the implementing rules may authorise the Commission to close buying-in at a fixed price, adopt allocation coefficients and, for common wheat, switch to the tendering procedure referred to in Article 18(2), without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1);]
- (b) amendments to Part B of Annex IV;
- (c) where applicable, the scale of applicable price increases and reductions;
- (d) the procedures and conditions for taking over into public intervention by paying agencies and the granting of aid for private storage, in particular:
 - (i) with regard to the conclusion and the content of contracts;
 - (ii) the duration of the period of private storage and the conditions according to which such periods, once specified in the contracts, may be curtailed or extended;

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- (iii) the conditions according to which it may be decided that products covered by private storage contracts may be remarketed or disposed of;
- (iv) the Member State where a request for private storage may be submitted;
- (e) the adoption of the list of representative markets referred to in Articles 17 and 37;
- (f) the rules as regards the conditions for disposal of products bought-in under public intervention, in particular as regards selling prices, the conditions for release from storage, where appropriate, the subsequent use or destination of products thus released, checks to be carried out and, as the case may be, a system of securities to be applied;
- (g) the setting-up of the annual plan referred to in Article 27(1);
- (h) the condition of mobilisation on the Community market referred to in Article 27(2);
- (i) the rules concerning the authorisations referred to in Article 39 including, as far as strictly necessary, derogations from the rules on trade;
- (j) the rules relating to the procedures to be followed in the case of the making use of tendering procedures;
- (k) the rules concerning the designation of intervention centres referred to in Article 41;
- (l) the conditions to be met by the stores where products may be stored;
- (m) the Community scales for the classification of carcasses provided for in Article 42(1), in particular as regards:
 - (i) definitions;
 - (ii) carcass presentations for the purpose of price reporting in respect of the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals;
 - (iii) in respect of the measures to be taken by slaughterhouses as provided for in point III of point A of Annex V:
 - any derogations referred to in Article 5 of Directive 88/409/EEC for slaughterhouses wishing to restrict their production to the local market,
 - any derogations which may be granted to Member States which so request for slaughterhouses in which few bovine animals are slaughtered;
 - (iv) authorising the Member States not to apply the grading scale for the classification of pig carcasses and to use assessment criteria in addition to weight and estimated lean-meat content;
 - (v) rules concerning the reporting of prices of certain products by the Member States.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

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CHAPTER II

Special intervention measures

Section I

Exceptional market support measures

Article 44

Animal diseases

1 The Commission may adopt exceptional support measures for the affected market in order to take account of restrictions on intra-Community and third-country trade which may result from the application of measures for combating the spread of diseases in animals.

The measures provided for in the first subparagraph shall apply to the following sectors:

- a beef and veal;
- b milk and milk products;
- c pigmeat;
- d sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- e eggs;
- f poultrymeat.

2 The measures provided for in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall be taken at the request of the Member State(s) concerned.

They may be taken only if the Member State(s) concerned has (have) taken health and veterinary measures quickly to stamp out the disease, and only to the extent and for the duration strictly necessary to support the market concerned.

Article 45

Loss in consumer confidence

With regard to the poultrymeat and eggs sectors, the Commission may adopt exceptional market support measures in order to take account of serious market disturbances directly attributed to a loss in consumer confidence due to public health, or animal health risks.

Those measures shall be taken at the request of the Member State(s) concerned.

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Article 46

Financing

1 For exceptional measures referred to in Articles 44 and 45, the Community shall provide part-financing equivalent to 50 % of the expenditure borne by Member States.

However, with regard to the beef and veal, milk and milk products, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors, the Community shall provide part-financing equivalent to 60 % of such expenditure when combating foot-and-mouth disease.

2 Member States shall ensure that, where producers contribute to the expenditure borne by Member States, this does not result in distortion of competition between producers in different Member States.

F73

Textual Amendments

- F7** Deleted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations \(EC\) No 247/2006, \(EC\) No 320/2006, \(EC\) No 1405/2006, \(EC\) No 1234/2007, \(EC\) No 3/2008 and \(EC\) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations \(EEC\) No 1883/78, \(EEC\) No 1254/89, \(EEC\) No 2247/89, \(EEC\) No 2055/93, \(EC\) No 1868/94, \(EC\) No 2596/97, \(EC\) No 1182/2005 and \(EC\) No 315/2007.](#)

Section II

Measures in the cereals and rice sectors

Article 47

Special market measures in the cereals sector

1 Where the market situation so dictates, the Commission may take special intervention measures in respect of the cereals sector. Such intervention measures may in particular be taken if, in one or more regions of the Community, market prices fall, or threaten to fall, in relation to the intervention price.

2 The nature and application of the special intervention measures and the conditions and procedures for the sale or for any other means of disposal of the products subject to those measures shall be adopted by the Commission.

Article 48

Special market measures in the rice sector

- 1 The Commission may take special measures to:
- a prevent large-scale application of public intervention, as provided for in Section II of Chapter I of this Part, in the rice sector in certain regions of the Community;

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- b make up for paddy rice shortages following natural disasters.
- 2 The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the implementation of this Article.

Section III

Measures in the sugar sector

Article 49

Minimum beet price

- 1 The minimum price for quota beet shall be:
- a EUR 27,83 per tonne for the marketing year 2008/2009;
 - b EUR 26,29 per tonne as from the marketing year 2009/2010.
- 2 The minimum price referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to sugar beet of the standard quality defined in Part B of Annex IV.

3 Sugar undertakings buying quota beet suitable for processing into sugar and intended for processing into quota sugar shall be required to pay at least the minimum price, adjusted by price increases or reductions to allow for deviations from the standard quality.

Increases and reductions referred to in the first subparagraph shall be applied in accordance with implementing rules to be laid down by the Commission.

4 For the quantities of sugar beet corresponding to the quantities of industrial sugar or surplus sugar that are subject to the surplus levy provided for in Article 64, the sugar undertaking concerned shall adjust the purchase price so that it is at least equal to the minimum price for quota beet.

Article 50

Interprofessional agreements

1 Agreements within the trade and delivery contracts shall conform to paragraph 3 and to purchase terms to be determined by the Commission, in particular as regards the conditions governing the purchase, delivery, taking over and payment of beet.

2 The terms for buying sugar beet and sugar cane shall be governed by agreements within the trade concluded between Community growers of these raw materials and Community sugar undertakings.

3 In delivery contracts, a distinction shall be made according to whether the quantities of sugar to be manufactured from sugar beet will be:

- a quota sugar;
- b out-of-quota sugar.

4 Each sugar undertaking shall provide the Member State in which it produces sugar with the following information:

- a the quantities of beet referred to in point (a) of paragraph 3, for which they have concluded pre-sowing delivery contracts and the sugar content on which those contracts are based;

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b the corresponding estimated yield.

Member States may require additional information.

[^{F6} Sugar undertakings which have not signed pre-sowing delivery contracts at the minimum price for quota beet for a quantity of beet equivalent to the sugar for which they hold a quota, adjusted, as the case may be, by the coefficient for a preventive withdrawal fixed in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 52(2), shall be required to pay at least the minimum price for quota beet for all the sugar beet they process into sugar.

6 Subject to the approval of the Member State concerned, agreements within the trade may derogate from paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.]

7 If no agreements within the trade exist, the Member State concerned shall take the necessary steps compatible with this Regulation to protect the interests of the parties concerned.

Textual Amendments

F6 Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 51

Production charge

1 A production charge shall be levied on the sugar quota, the isoglucose quota and the inulin syrup quota held by undertakings producing sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup as referred to in Article 56(2).

2 The production charge shall be set at EUR 12,0 per tonne of the quota sugar and quota inulin syrup. For isoglucose, the production charge shall be set at 50 % of the charge applicable to sugar.

3 The totality of the production charge paid in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be charged by the Member State to the undertakings on its territory according to the quota held during the marketing year concerned.

Payments shall be made by the undertakings by the end of February of the relevant marketing year at the latest.

4 Community sugar and inulin syrup undertakings may require sugar-beet or sugar-cane growers or chicory suppliers to bear up to 50 % of the production charge concerned.

[^{F6} Article 52

Withdrawal of sugar

1 In order to preserve the structural balance of the market at a price level which is close to the reference price, taking into account the commitments of the Community resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty, the Commission may decide to withdraw from the market, for a given marketing year, those quantities of sugar or isoglucose produced under quotas which exceed the threshold calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.

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2 The withdrawal threshold referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be calculated, for each undertaking holding a quota, by multiplying its quota by a coefficient, which shall be fixed by the Commission by 16 March of the previous marketing year, on the basis of expected market trends. For the marketing year 2008/2009, that coefficient shall be applied to the quota after renunciations in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 granted on 15 March 2008 at the latest.

On the basis of updated market trends, the Commission may decide by 31 October of the marketing year concerned either to adjust or, in the case where no such decision has been taken in accordance with the first subparagraph of this paragraph, to fix a coefficient.

3 Each undertaking provided with a quota shall store at its own expense until the beginning of the following marketing year the sugar produced under quota beyond the threshold calculated in accordance with paragraph 2. The sugar or isoglucose quantities withdrawn during a marketing year shall be treated as the first quantities produced under quota for the following marketing year.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of this paragraph, taking into account the expected sugar market trends, the Commission may decide to consider, for the current and/or the following marketing year, all or part of the withdrawn sugar or isoglucose as:

- a surplus sugar or surplus isoglucose available to become industrial sugar or industrial isoglucose; or
- b temporary quota production of which a part may be reserved for export respecting the commitments of the Community resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

4 If sugar supply in the Community is inadequate, the Commission may decide that a certain quantity of withdrawn sugar may be sold on the Community market before the end of the period of withdrawal.

5 In the case where withdrawn sugar is treated as the first sugar production of the following marketing year, the minimum price of that marketing year shall be paid to beet growers.

In the case where withdrawn sugar becomes industrial sugar or is exported according to points (a) and (b) of paragraph 3 of this Article, the requirements of Article 49 on the minimum price shall not apply.

In the case where withdrawn sugar is sold on the Community market before the end of the period of withdrawal according to paragraph 4, the minimum price of the ongoing marketing year shall be paid to beet growers.]

Textual Amendments

- F6** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

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F² Article 52a

Withdrawal of sugar in the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 marketing years

1 By way of derogation from Article 52(2) of this Regulation, for Member States for which the national sugar quota has been reduced as a result of renunciations of quota in accordance with Articles 3 and 4a(4) of Regulation (EC) No 320/2006, the coefficient shall be fixed by the Commission for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 marketing years by way of application of Annex VIIc to this Regulation.

2 An undertaking which, in accordance with Article 3(1)(a) or (b) of Regulation (EC) No 320/2006, renounces, with effect from the following marketing year, the total quota assigned to it shall, at its request, not be submitted to the application of the coefficients referred to in Article 52(2) of this Regulation. That request shall be submitted before the end of the marketing year to which the withdrawal applies.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 53

Implementing rules

The Commission may adopt the detailed rules for the implementation of this Section and, in particular:

- (a) the criteria to be applied by the sugar undertakings when allocating among beet sellers the quantities of beet to be covered by pre-sowing delivery contracts as referred to in Article 50(4);
- (b) the percentage of withdrawn quota sugar referred to in Article 52(1);
- (c) the conditions for the payment of the minimum price where the withdrawn sugar is being sold on the Community market under Article 52(4).

Section IV

Adjustment of supply

Article 54

Measures to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements

In order to encourage action by trade organisations and joint trade organisations to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements, with the exception of action relating to withdrawal from the market, the Commission may take the following

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measures in respect of the live plants, beef and veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors:

- (a) measures to improve quality;
- (b) measures to promote better organisation of production, processing and marketing;
- (c) measures to facilitate the recording of market price trends;
- (d) measures to permit the establishment of short and long-term forecasts on the basis of the means of production used.

CHAPTER III

Systems of production limitation

Section I

General provisions

[^{F5}[^{F10}Article 55]

Quota systems and production potential

- 1 A quota system shall apply to the following products:
 - a milk and other milk products within the meaning of points (a) and (b) of Article 65;
 - b sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup;
 - c potato starch which may benefit from Community aid.
- 2 As regards the quota systems referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of this Article, if a producer exceeds the relevant quota and, with regard to sugar, does not make use of the surplus quantities as provided for in Article 61, a surplus levy shall be payable on such quantities, subject to the conditions set out in Sections II and III.

[^{F3}2a In relation to the wine sector, rules concerning production potential as regards unlawful plantings, transitional planting rights as well as a grubbing-up scheme shall apply in accordance with the provisions set out in Section IVa.]]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

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Section II

Sugar

Subsection I

Quota allocation and management

Article 56

Quota allocation

1 The quotas for the production of sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup at national or regional level are fixed in Annex VI.

2 Member States shall allocate a quota to each undertaking producing sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup established in its territory and approved in accordance with Article 57.

For each undertaking, the allocated quota shall be equal to the quota under Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 which was allocated to the undertaking for the marketing year 2007/2008.

3 In case of allocation of a quota to a sugar undertaking having more than one production unit, the Member States shall adopt the measures they consider necessary in order to take due account of the interests of sugar beet and cane growers.

Article 57

Approved undertakings

1 On request, Member States shall grant an approval to an undertaking producing sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup or to an undertaking that processes these products into a product included in the list referred to in Article 62(2) provided that the undertaking:

- a proves its professional production capacities;
- b agrees to provide any information and to be subject to controls related to this Regulation;
- c is not subject to suspension or withdrawal of the approval.

2 The approved undertakings shall provide the Member State in whose territory the harvest of beet, cane or the refining takes place, with the following information:

- a the quantities of beet or cane for which a delivery contract has been concluded, as well as the corresponding estimated yields of beet or cane, and sugar per hectare;
- b data regarding provisional and actual sugar beet, sugar cane and raw sugar deliveries, and regarding sugar production and statements of sugar stocks;
- c quantities of white sugar sold and corresponding prices and conditions.

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Article 58

Additional and supplementary isoglucose quota

1 In the marketing year 2008/2009 an additional isoglucose quota of 100 000 tonnes shall be added to the quota of the preceding marketing year. This increase shall not concern Bulgaria and Romania.

In the marketing year 2008/2009 an additional isoglucose quota of 11 045 tonnes for Bulgaria and of 1 966 tonnes for Romania shall be added to the quota of the preceding marketing year.

Member States shall allocate the additional quotas to undertakings, proportionately to the isoglucose quotas that have been allocated in accordance with Article 56(2).

2 Italy, Lithuania and Sweden may allocate, upon request by any undertaking established on their respective territories, a supplementary isoglucose quota in the marketing years 2008/2009 and 2009/2010. The maximum supplementary quotas are fixed per Member State in Annex VII.

3 A one-off amount of EUR 730 shall be levied on the quotas that have been allocated to undertakings in accordance with paragraph 2. It shall be collected per tonne of supplementary quota allocated.

[⁶Article 59

Quota management

1 The Commission shall adjust the quotas set out in Annex VI by 30 April 2008 for the 2008/2009 marketing year and by 28 February 2009 and 2010 respectively for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 marketing years. The adjustments shall result from the application of paragraph 2 of this Article and Article 58 of this Regulation, and of Articles 3 and 4a(4) of Regulation (EC) No 320/2006.

2 Taking into account the results of the restructuring scheme provided for in Regulation (EC) No 320/2006, the Commission shall decide by 28 February 2010 the common percentage needed to reduce the existing quotas for sugar and isoglucose per Member State or region with a view to avoiding market imbalances in the marketing years from the 2010/2011 marketing year. The Member States shall adjust the quota of each undertaking accordingly.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of this paragraph, for Member States for which the national quota has been reduced as a result of renunciations of quota in accordance with Articles 3 and 4a(4) of Regulation (EC) No 320/2006, the Commission shall fix the percentage by way of application of Annex VIIa to this Regulation. Such Member States shall adjust, for each undertaking in their territory holding a quota, the percentage in accordance with Annex VIIb to this Regulation.

The first and second subparagraphs of this paragraph shall not apply to the outermost regions referred to in Article 299(2) of the Treaty.]

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[^{F6}Article 60]

National quota reallocation and reduction of quotas

[^{F61} A Member State may reduce the sugar or isoglucose quota allocated to an undertaking established on its territory by up to 10 % for the marketing year 2008/2009 and following, whilst respecting the freedom of undertakings to participate in the mechanisms established by Regulation (EC) No 320/2006. In doing so, the Member States shall apply objective and non discriminatory criteria.]

2 Member States may transfer quotas between undertakings in accordance with the rules laid down in Annex VIII and taking into consideration the interests of each of the parties concerned, particularly sugar beet and cane growers.

3 The quantities reduced pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be allocated by the Member State in question to one or more undertakings on its territory, whether or not holding a quota.

[^{F24} By way of derogation from paragraph 3 of this Article, where Article 4a of Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 is applied, Member States shall adjust the sugar quota allocated to the undertaking concerned by applying the reduction defined under paragraph 4 of that Article, within the limit of the percentage fixed in paragraph 1 of this Article.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
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Subsection II

Quota Overrun

Article 61

Scope

The sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup produced during a marketing year in excess of the quota referred to in Article 56 may be:

- (a) used for the processing of certain products as referred to in Article 62;

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- (b) carried forward to the quota production of the next marketing year, in accordance with Article 63;
- (c) used for the specific supply regime for the outermost regions, in accordance with Title II of Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006⁽¹⁾; or
- (d) exported within the quantitative limit fixed by the Commission respecting the commitments resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty.

Other quantities shall be subject to the surplus levy referred to in Article 64.

Article 62

Industrial sugar

1 Industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose or industrial inulin syrup shall be reserved for the production of one of the products referred to in paragraph 2 when:

- a it has been subject to a delivery contract concluded before the end of the marketing year between a producer and a user which have both been granted approval in accordance with Article 57; and
- b it has been delivered to the user by 30 November of the following marketing year at the latest.

2 The Commission shall draw up a list of products for the production of which industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose or industrial inulin syrup is used.

The list shall in particular include:

- a bioethanol, alcohol, rum, live yeast and quantities of syrups for spreading and those to be processed into *Rinse appelstroop*;
- b certain industrial products without sugar content but the processing of which uses sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup;
- c certain products of the chemical or pharmaceutical industry which contain sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup.

Article 63

Carry forward of surplus sugar

1 Each undertaking may decide to carry forward all or part of its production in excess of its sugar quota, its isoglucose quota or its inulin syrup quota to be treated as part of the next marketing year's production. Without prejudice to paragraph 3, that decision shall be irrevocable.

2 Undertakings which take the decision referred to in paragraph 1 shall:

- a inform the Member State concerned before a date to be determined by that Member State:
 - between 1 February and 30 June of the current marketing year for quantities of cane sugar being carried forward,
 - between 1 February and 15 April of the current marketing year for other quantities of sugar or inulin syrup being carried forward;
- b undertake to store such quantities at their own expense until the end of the current marketing year.

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3 If an undertaking's definitive production in the marketing year concerned was less than the estimate made when the decision in accordance with paragraph 1 was taken, the quantity carried forward may be adjusted retroactively by 31 October of the following marketing year at the latest.

4 The quantities carried forward shall be deemed to be the first quantities produced under the quota of the following marketing year.

5 Sugar stored in accordance with this Article during a marketing year may not be subject to any other storage measures provided for in Articles 13, 32 or 52.

Article 64

Surplus levy

- 1 A surplus levy shall be levied on quantities of:
- a surplus sugar, surplus isoglucose and surplus inulin syrup produced during any marketing year, except for quantities carried forward to the quota production of the following marketing year and stored in accordance with Article 63 or quantities referred to in points (c) and (d) of Article 61;
 - b industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose and industrial inulin syrup for which no proof has been supplied, by a date to be determined by the Commission, that it has been processed into one of the products referred to in Article 62(2);
 - [^{F6}c sugar and isoglucose withdrawn from the market in accordance with Articles 52 and 52a and for which the obligations provided for in Article 52(3) are not met.]

2 The surplus levy shall be fixed by the Commission at a sufficiently high level in order to avoid the accumulation of quantities referred to in paragraph 1.

3 The surplus levy referred to in paragraph 1 shall be charged by the Member State to the undertakings on its territory according to the quantities of production referred to in paragraph 1 that have been established for those undertakings for the marketing year concerned.

Textual Amendments

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Section III

Milk

Subsection I

General provisions

Article 65

Definitions

For the purposes of this Section:

- (a) 'milk' shall mean the produce of the milking of one or more cows;
- (b) 'other milk products' means any milk product other than milk, in particular skimmed milk, cream, butter, yoghurt and cheese; when relevant, these shall be converted into 'milk equivalents' by applying coefficients to be fixed by the Commission;
- (c) 'producer' means a farmer with a holding located within the geographical territory of a Member State, who produces and markets milk or who is preparing to do so in the very near future;
- (d) 'holding' means a holding as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- (e) 'purchaser' means undertakings or groups which buy milk from producers:
 - to subject it to collecting, packing, storing, chilling or processing, including under contract,
 - to sell it to one or more undertakings treating or processing milk or other milk products.

However, any group of purchasers in the same geographical area which carries out the administrative and accounting operations necessary for the payment of the surplus levy on behalf of its members shall be regarded as a purchaser. For the purposes of the first sentence of this subparagraph, Greece shall be considered a single geographical area and it may deem an official body to be a group of purchasers;

- (f) 'delivery' means any delivery of milk, not including any other milk products, by a producer to a purchaser, whether the transport is carried out by the producer, a purchaser, an undertaking processing or treating such products or a third party;
- (g) 'direct sale' means any sale or transfer of milk by a producer directly to consumers, as well as any sale or transfer of other milk products by a producer. The Commission may, while respecting the definition of 'delivery' given in point (f), adjust the definition of 'direct sale' in order to ensure, in particular, that no quantity of marketed milk or other milk products is excluded from the quota arrangements;
- (h) 'marketing' means deliveries of milk or direct sales of milk or other milk products;
- (i) 'individual quota' means a producer's quota at 1 April of any twelve-month period;
- (j) 'national quota' means the quota referred to in Article 66, fixed for each Member State;

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- (k) ‘available quota’ means the quota available to producers on 31 March of the twelve-month period for which the surplus levy is calculated, taking account of all transfers, sales, conversions and temporary re-allocations provided for in this Regulation which have taken place during that twelve-month period.

Subsection II

Quota allocation and management

Article 66

National quotas

1 The national quotas for the production of milk and other milk products marketed during seven consecutive periods of twelve months commencing on 1 April 2008 (hereinafter referred to as ‘twelve-month periods’) are fixed in point 1 of Annex IX.

2 The quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall be divided between producers in accordance with Article 67, distinguishing between deliveries and direct sales. Any overrun of the national quotas shall be determined nationally in each Member State, in accordance with this Section and making a distinction between deliveries and direct sales.

3 The national quotas set out in point 1 of Annex IX shall be fixed without prejudice to possible review in the light of the general market situation and particular conditions existing in certain Member States.

4 For Bulgaria and Romania a special restructuring reserve shall be established as set out in point 2 of Annex IX. This reserve shall be released as from 1 April 2009 to the extent that the on-farm consumption of milk and milk products in each of these countries has decreased since 2002.

The decision on releasing the reserve and its distribution to the deliveries and direct sales quota shall be taken by the Commission on the basis of a report to be submitted by Bulgaria and Romania to the Commission by 31 December 2008. This report shall detail the results and trends of the actual restructuring process in each country's dairy sector, and in particular the shift from production for on-farm consumption to production for the market.

5 For Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia the national quotas shall include all milk or milk equivalent delivered to a purchaser or sold directly, irrespective of whether it is produced or marketed under a transitional measure applicable in those countries.

Article 67

Individual quotas

1 The producers' individual quota or quotas at 1 April 2008 shall be equal to their individual reference quantity or quantities at 31 March 2008 without prejudice to transfers, sales and conversions of quota that take effect on 1 April 2008.

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2 Producers may have either one or two individual quotas, one for deliveries and the other for direct sales. A producer's quantities may be converted from one quota to the other only by the competent authority of the Member State, at the duly justified request of the producer.

3 Where a producer has two quotas, his contribution to any surplus levy due shall be calculated separately for each.

4 The part of the Finnish national quota allocated to the deliveries referred to in Article 66 may be increased by the Commission to compensate Finnish SLOM producers up to 200 000 tonnes. This reserve, to be allocated in accordance with Community legislation, must be used exclusively on behalf of producers whose right to take up production again has been affected as a result of accession.

5 Individual quotas shall be modified, where appropriate, for each of the twelve-month periods concerned, so that, for each Member State, the sum of the individual quotas for the deliveries and that for the direct sales does not exceed the corresponding part of the national quota adapted in accordance with Article 69, taking account of any reductions made for allocation to the national reserve as provided for in Article 71.

Article 68

Allocation of quotas from the national reserve

Member States shall adopt rules allowing for allocation to producers of all or part of the quotas from the national reserve provided for in Article 71 on the basis of objective criteria to be notified to the Commission.

Article 69

Management of quotas

1 The Commission shall adapt, for each Member State and for each period, before the end of that period, the division between 'deliveries' and 'direct sales' of national quotas, in the light of the conversions requested by producers, between individual quotas for deliveries and for direct sales.

2 Member States shall each year forward to the Commission, by dates and according to rules to be fixed by the Commission in accordance with Article 192(2), the information necessary to:

- a make the adaptation referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article;
- b calculate the surplus levy to be paid by them.

Article 70

Fat content

1 Each producer shall be assigned a reference fat content, to be applied to the individual quota for deliveries allocated to that producer.

2 For the quotas allocated to producers on 31 March 2008 in accordance with Article 67(1), the reference fat content referred to in paragraph 1 shall be the same as the reference fat content applied to that quota at that date.

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3 The reference fat content shall be altered during the conversion referred to in Article 67(2) and where quotas are acquired, transferred or temporarily transferred in accordance with rules to be established by the Commission.

4 For new producers having an individual quota for deliveries allocated entirely from the national reserve, the fat content shall be fixed in accordance with rules to be established by the Commission.

5 The individual reference fat content referred to in paragraph 1 shall be adjusted, where appropriate, upon the entry into force of this Regulation and thereafter, at the beginning of each twelve-month period as necessary, so that, for each Member State, the weighted average of the individual representative fat contents does not exceed by more than 0,1 gram per kg the reference fat content set in Annex X.

For Romania the reference fat content set in Annex X shall be reviewed on the basis of the figures for the full year 2004 and, if necessary, adjusted by the Commission.

Article 71

National reserve

1 Each Member State shall set up a national reserve as part of the national quotas fixed in Annex IX, in particular with a view to making the allocations provided for in Article 68. The national reserve shall be replenished, as appropriate, by withdrawing some quantities as provided for in , retaining part of transfers as provided for in Article 76, or by making an across-the-board reduction in all individual quotas. The quotas in question shall retain their original purpose, i.e. deliveries or direct sales.

2 Any additional quota allocated to a Member State shall automatically be placed in the national reserve and divided into deliveries and direct sales according to foreseeable needs.

3 The quotas placed in the national reserve shall not have a reference fat content.

Article 72

Cases of inactivity

1 When a natural or legal person holding individual quotas no longer meets the conditions referred to in point (c) of Article 65 during a twelve-month period, the corresponding quantities shall revert to the national reserve no later than 1 April of the following calendar year, unless that person becomes once again a producer within the meaning of point (c) of Article 65 before that date.

Where that person becomes once again a producer not later than the end of the second twelve-month period following withdrawal, all or part of the individual quota which had been withdrawn shall revert to that person no later than 1 April following the date of application.

2 Where producers do not market a quantity equal to at least [^{F5}85 %] of their individual quota during at least one twelve-month period, Member States may decide whether and on what conditions all or part of the unused quota shall revert to the national reserve.

Member States may determine on what conditions a quota shall be re-allocated to the producer concerned should he resume marketing.

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3 Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply in cases of *force majeure* and in duly justified cases temporarily affecting the production capacity of the producers concerned and recognised by the competent authority.

Textual Amendments

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Article 73

Temporary transfers

1 By the end of each twelve-month period, Member States shall authorise, for the period concerned, any temporary transfers of part of individual quotas which the producers who are entitled thereto do not intend to use.

Member States may regulate transfer operations according to the categories of producers or milk production structures concerned, may limit them to the level of the purchaser or within regions, authorise complete transfers in the cases referred to in (3) and determine to what extent the transferor can repeat transfer operations.

2 Any Member State may decide not to implement paragraph 1 on the basis of one or both of the following criteria:

- a the need to facilitate structural changes and adjustments;
- b overriding administrative needs.

Article 74

Transfers of quotas together with land

1 Individual quotas shall be transferred with the holding to the producers taking it over when it is sold, leased, transferred by actual or anticipated inheritance or any other means involving comparable legal effects for the producers, in accordance with detailed rules to be determined by the Member States, taking account of the areas used for dairy production or other objective criteria and, where applicable, of any agreement between the parties. The part of the quota which, where applicable, has not been transferred with the holding shall be added to the national reserve.

2 Where quotas have been or are transferred in accordance with paragraph 1 by means of rural leases or by other means involving comparable legal effects, Member States may decide, on the basis of objective criteria and with the aim of ensuring that quotas are attributed solely to producers, that the quota shall not be transferred with the holding.

3 Where land is transferred to the public authorities and/or for use in the public interest, or where the transfer is carried out for non-agricultural purposes, Member States shall ensure that the necessary measures are taken to protect the legitimate interests of the parties, and in particular, that producers giving up such land are in a position to continue milk production if they so wish.

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4 Where there is no agreement between the parties, in the case of tenancies due to expire without any possibility of renewal on similar terms, or in situations involving comparable legal effects, the individual quotas in question shall be transferred in whole or in part to the producer taking them over, in accordance with provisions adopted by the Member States, taking account of the legitimate interests of the parties.

Article 75

Special transfer measures

1 With a view to successfully restructuring milk production or improving the environment, Member States may, in accordance with detailed rules which they shall lay down, taking account of the legitimate interests of the parties concerned:

- a grant compensation in one or more annual instalments to producers who undertake to abandon permanently all or part of their milk production and place the individual quotas thus released in the national reserve;
- b determine on the basis of objective criteria the conditions on which producers may obtain, in return for payment, at the beginning of a twelve-month period, the re-allocation by the competent authority or a body designated by that authority of individual quotas released definitively at the end of the preceding twelve-month period by other producers in return for compensation in one or more annual instalments equal to the abovementioned payment;
- c centralise and supervise transfers of quotas without land;
- d provide, in the case of land transferred with a view to improving the environment, for the individual quota concerned to be allocated to a producer giving up the land but wishing to continue milk production;
- e determine, on the basis of objective criteria, the regions or collection areas within which the permanent transfer of quotas without transfer of the corresponding land is authorised, with the aim of improving the structure of milk production;
- f authorise, upon application by a producer to the competent authority or a body designated by that authority, the definitive transfer of quotas without transfer of the corresponding land, or vice versa, with the aim of improving the structure of milk production at the level of the holding or to allow for extensification of production.

2 Paragraph 1 may be implemented at national level, at the appropriate territorial level or in specified collection areas.

Article 76

Retention of quotas

1 In the case of transfers as referred to in Articles 74 and 75 Member States may, on the basis of objective criteria, retain part of the individual quotas for their national reserve.

2 Where quotas have been or are transferred in accordance with Articles 74 and 75 with or without the corresponding land by means of rural leases or by other means involving comparable legal effects, Member States may decide, on the basis of objective criteria and with the aim of ensuring that quotas are attributed solely to producers, whether and under which conditions all or part of the transferred quota shall revert to the national reserve.

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Article 77

Aid for the acquisition of quotas

No financial assistance linked directly to the acquisition of quotas may be granted by any public authority for the sale, transfer or allocation of quotas under this Section.

Subsection III

Quota overrun

Article 78

Surplus levy

1 A surplus levy shall be payable on milk and other milk products marketed in excess of the national quota as established in accordance with Subsection II.

The levy shall be set, per 100 kilograms of milk, at EUR 27,83.

[^{F9}However, for the twelve-month periods starting on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010, the surplus levy for milk delivered in excess of 106 % of the national quota for deliveries applicable for the twelve-month period starting on 1 April 2008 shall be set at 150 % of the levy referred to in the second subparagraph.]

[^{F11a} By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of paragraph 1, for the 12-month periods starting on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010 and as regards deliveries the surplus levy shall be payable on milk marketed in excess of the national quota as established in accordance with Subsection II and reduced by individual quotas for deliveries released into the national reserve in accordance with Article 75(1)(a) as from 30 November 2009 and kept therein until 31 March of the 12-month period concerned.]

2 Member States shall be liable to the Community for the surplus levy resulting from overruns of the national quota, determined nationally and separately for deliveries and direct sales, and between 16 October and 30 November following the twelve-month period concerned, shall pay 99 % of the amount due to the EAGF.

[^{F112a} The difference between the amount of the surplus levy resulting from the application of paragraph 1a and that resulting from the application of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall be used by the Member State for financing restructuring measures in the dairy sector.]

3 If the surplus levy provided for in paragraph 1 has not been paid before the due date and after consultation of the Committee of the Agricultural Funds, the Commission shall deduct a sum equivalent to the unpaid surplus levy from the monthly payments within the meaning of Articles 14 and 15(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005. Before taking its decision, the Commission shall warn the Member State concerned, which shall make its position known within one week. Article 14 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2040/2000⁽²⁾ shall not apply.

4 The Commission shall determine the arrangements for the implementation of this Article.

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- F11** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 1140/2009 of 20 November 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 79

Contribution of producers to the surplus levy due

The surplus levy shall be entirely allocated, in accordance with Articles 80 and 83, among the producers who have contributed to each of the overruns of the national quotas referred to in Article 66(2).

Without prejudice to Articles 80(3) and 83(1), producers shall be liable vis-à-vis the Member State for payment of their contribution to the surplus levy due, calculated in accordance with Articles 69, 70 and 80, for the mere fact of having overrun their available quotas.

[^{F11}For the 12-month periods starting on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010 and as regards the deliveries, the surplus levy shall be entirely allocated, in accordance with Articles 80 and 83, among the producers who have contributed to the overrun of the national quota as established by application of Article 78(1a).]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 1140/2009 of 20 November 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 80

Surplus levy on deliveries

1 In order to draw up the definitive surplus levy statement, the quantities delivered by each producer shall be increased or reduced to reflect any difference between the real fat content and the reference fat content, using coefficients and on terms to be laid down by the Commission.

[^{F9}At national level, the surplus levy shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the deliveries, adjusted in accordance with the first subparagraph.]

^{F72}

3 Each producer's contribution to payment of the surplus levy shall be established by decision of the Member State, after any unused part of the national quota allocated to deliveries

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has or has not been re-allocated, in proportion to the individual quotas of each producer or according to objective criteria to be set by the Member States:

- a either at national level on the basis of the amount by which each producer's quota has been exceeded;
- b or firstly at the level of the purchaser and thereafter at national level where appropriate.

[^{F9}Where the third subparagraph of Article 78(1) applies, Member States, in establishing each producer's contribution to the amount of levy payable due to the application of the higher rate referred to in that subparagraph, shall ensure that this amount is contributed proportionately by the producers responsible according to objective criteria to be set by the Member State.]

Textual Amendments

- F7** Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
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Article 81

Role of purchasers

1 Purchasers shall be responsible for collecting from producers contributions due from the latter by virtue of the surplus levy and shall pay to the competent body of the Member State, before a date and following a procedure to be laid down by the Commission, the amount of these contributions deducted from the price of the milk paid to the producers responsible for the overrun or, failing this, collected by any other appropriate means.

2 Where a purchaser fully or partially replaces one or more other purchasers, the individual quotas available to the producers shall be taken into account for the remainder of the twelve-month period in progress, after deduction of quantities already delivered and account being taken of their fat content. This paragraph shall also apply where a producer transfers from one purchaser to another.

3 Where, during the reference period, quantities delivered by a producer exceed that producer's available quota, the relevant Member State may decide that the purchaser shall deduct part of the price of the milk in any delivery by the producer concerned in excess of the quota, by way of an advance on the producer's contribution, in accordance with detailed rules laid down by the Member State. The Member State may make specific arrangements to enable purchasers to deduct this advance where producers deliver to several purchasers.

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Article 82

Approval

Purchaser status shall be subject to prior approval by the Member State in accordance with criteria to be laid by the Commission.

The conditions to be fulfilled and information to be provided by producers in the case of direct sales shall be established by the Commission.

Article 83

Surplus levy on direct sales

1 In the case of direct sales, each producer's contribution to payment of the surplus levy shall be established by decision of the Member State, after any unused part of the national quota allocated to direct sales has or has not been re-allocated, at the appropriate territorial level or at national level.

2 Member States shall establish the basis of calculation of the producer's contribution to the surplus levy due on the total quantity of milk sold, transferred or used to manufacture the milk products sold or transferred by applying criteria fixed by the Commission.

3 No correction linked to fat content shall be taken into account for the purpose of drawing up the definitive surplus levy statement.

4 The Commission shall determine how and when the surplus levy must be paid to the Member State's competent body.

Article 84

Amounts paid in excess or unpaid

1 Where, in the case of deliveries or direct sales, the surplus levy is found to be payable and the contribution collected from producers is greater than that levy, the Member State may:

- a use partially or totally the excess to finance the measures in point (a) of Article 75(1), and/or
- b redistribute it partially or totally to producers who:
 - fall within priority categories established by the Member State on the basis of objective criteria and within the period to be laid down by the Commission, or
 - are affected by an exceptional situation resulting from a national rule unconnected with the quota system for milk and other milk products set up by this Chapter.

2 Where it is established that no surplus levy is payable, any advances collected by purchasers or the Member State shall be reimbursed no later than the end of the following twelve-month period.

3 Where a purchaser does not meet the obligation to collect the producers' contribution to the surplus levy in accordance with Article 81, the Member State may collect unpaid amounts directly from the producer, without prejudice to any penalties it may impose upon the defaulting purchaser.

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4 Where a producer or a purchaser fails to comply with the time limit for payment, interest on arrears to be fixed by the Commission shall be paid to the Member State.

[^{F9}Section IIIa

Potato starch quotas

Article 84a

Potato starch quotas

1 The potato starch producing Member States shall be allocated quotas for the marketing year during which the quota scheme applies in accordance with Article 204(5) and Annex Xa.

2 Each producer Member State referred to in Annex Xa shall allocate its quota among potato starch manufacturers for use in the marketing years concerned on the basis of the subquotas allocated to each manufacturer in 2007/2008.

3 An undertaking producing potato starch shall not conclude cultivation contracts with potato producers for a quantity of potatoes which would produce a quantity of starch in excess of its quota as referred to in paragraph 2.

4 Any potato starch produced in excess of the quota as referred to in paragraph 2 shall be exported, as such, from the Community before 1 January following the end of the marketing year in question. No export refund shall be paid in respect of it.

5 Notwithstanding paragraph 4, an undertaking producing potato starch may, in any marketing year, in addition to its quota for that year, utilise no more than 5 % of its quota relating to the following marketing year. In such case, the quota for the following marketing year shall be reduced accordingly.

6 The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the production of potato starch by undertakings which are not subject to paragraph 2 of this Article and which purchase potatoes for which producers do not benefit from the payment provided for in Article 77 of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the Common Agricultural Policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers⁽³⁾.]

[^{F10}Section IV

Procedural rules concerning sugar, milk and potato starch quotas

Article 85

Implementing rules

[^{F10}The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of Sections I to IIIa which may relate, in particular, to:]

- (a) supplementary information to be submitted by approved undertakings referred to in Article 57 as well as the criteria for administrative penalties, suspensions and withdrawal of approval of the undertakings;

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- (b) the establishment and the communications of the amounts referred to in Article 58 and the surplus levy referred to in Article 64;
- (c) derogations from the dates laid down in Article 63^[F5];
- (d) ^[F9]in respect of Section IIIa, mergers, changes of ownership and the commencement or cessation of trading of potato starch manufacturers.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
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[F3]Section IVa

Production potential in the wine sector

Subsection I

Unlawful plantings

Article 85a

Unlawful plantings planted after 31 August 1998

1 Producers shall grub up at their own cost areas planted with vines without a corresponding planting right, where applicable, after 31 August 1998.

2 Pending grubbing-up in accordance with paragraph 1, grapes and products made from grapes from areas referred to in that paragraph may be put into circulation only for the purposes of distillation at the exclusive expense of the producer. The products resulting from distillation may not be used in the preparation of alcohol having an actual alcoholic strength by 80 % volume or less.

3 Without prejudice, where applicable, to earlier penalties imposed by Member States, Member States shall impose penalties on producers who have not complied with this grubbing-up obligation graduated according to the severity, extent and duration of the non-compliance.

4 The end of the transitional ban on new plantings on 31 December 2015, as provided for in Article 85g(1), shall not affect the obligations provided for in this Article.

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Article 85b

Obligatory regularisation of unlawful plantings planted before 1 September 1998

1 Producers shall, against the payment of a fee and not later than 31 December 2009, regularise areas planted with vines without a corresponding planting right, where applicable, before 1 September 1998.

Without prejudice to any proceedings under clearance of accounts, the first subparagraph shall not apply to areas regularised on the basis of Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

2 The fee referred to in paragraph 1 shall be determined by Member States. It shall be equivalent to at least twice the average value of the corresponding planting right in the region concerned.

3 Pending regularisation under paragraph 1, grapes or products made from grapes from areas referred to in that paragraph may be put into circulation only for the purpose of distillation at the exclusive expense of the producer. The products may not be used in the preparation of alcohol having an actual alcoholic strength of 80 % volume or less.

4 Unlawful areas referred to in paragraph 1 which are not regularised in accordance with that paragraph by 31 December 2009 shall be grubbed up by the producers concerned at their own expense.

Member States shall impose penalties, graduated according to the severity, extent and duration of the non-compliance, on producers who do not comply with this grubbing-up obligation.

Pending the grubbing-up referred to in the first subparagraph, paragraph 3 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

5 The end of the transitional ban on new plantings on 31 December 2015, as provided for in Article 85g(1), shall not affect the obligations provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4.

Article 85c

Verification of non-circulation or distillation

1 In relation to Article 85a(2) and Article 85b(3) and (4), Member States shall require proof of non-circulation of the products concerned or, where the products concerned are distilled, the submission of distillation contracts.

2 Member States shall verify non-circulation and distillation referred to in paragraph 1. They shall impose penalties in case of non-compliance.

3 Member States shall notify the Commission of the areas subject to distillation and the corresponding volumes of alcohol.

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Article 85d

Accompanying measures

Areas referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 85b(1), as long as they are not regularised and areas referred to in Article 85a(1) shall not benefit from any national or Community support measures.

Article 85e

Implementing measures

Detailed rules for the implementation of this Subsection shall be adopted by the Commission.

Those rules may include:

- (a) details on the communication requirements of Member States, including possible reductions of the budget allocations referred to in Annex Xb in case of non-compliance;
- (b) details on the penalties to be imposed by Member States in case of non-compliance with the obligations laid down in Articles 85a, 85b and 85c.

Subsection II

Transitional planting right regime

Article 85f

Duration

This Subsection shall apply until 31 December 2015.

Article 85g

Transitional prohibition on planting vines

1 Without prejudice to Article 120a(1) to (6) and in particular paragraph 4 thereof, the planting of vines of wine grape varieties classifiable according to Article 120a(2) shall be prohibited.

2 Grafting-on of wine grape varieties classifiable according to Article 120a(2) to varieties other than wine grape varieties referred to in that Article shall also be prohibited.

3 Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, plantings and grafting-on as referred to in those paragraphs shall be allowed if covered by:

- a a new planting right, as provided for in Article 85h;
- b a replanting right, as provided for in Article 85i;
- c a planting right granted from a reserve, as provided for in Articles 85j and 85k.

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4 The planting rights referred to in paragraph 3 shall be granted in hectares.

5 Member States may decide to maintain the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 in their territory or parts of their territory until 31 December 2018 at the latest. In such cases the rules governing the transitional planting right regime as laid down in this Subsection, including this Article, shall apply accordingly in the given Member State.

Article 85h

New planting rights

- 1 Member States may grant new planting rights to producers in respect of areas:
 - a intended for new plantings carried out under measures for land consolidation or measures concerning compulsory purchases in the public interest adopted under national law;
 - b intended for experimental purposes;
 - c intended for graft nurseries; or
 - d whose wine or vine products are intended solely for the consumption by the wine-grower's household.
- 2 New planting rights granted shall be:
 - a exercised by the producer to whom they are granted;
 - b used before the end of the second wine year after the one in which they were granted;
 - c used for the purposes for which they were granted.

Article 85i

Replanting rights

1 Member States shall grant replanting rights to producers who have grubbed up an area planted with vines.

However, grubbed-up areas for which a grubbing-up premium is granted in accordance with Subsection III shall not generate replanting rights.

2 Member States may grant replanting rights to producers who undertake to grub up an area planted with vines. In such cases, the grubbing-up of the pledged area shall be carried out at the latest at the end of the third year after which new vines for which the replanting rights had been granted have been planted.

3 Replanting rights granted shall correspond to the equivalent of the grubbed-up area in terms of pure crop.

4 Replanting rights shall be exercised on the holding in respect of which they were granted. Member States may further stipulate that such replanting rights may be exercised only on the area where the grubbing-up was carried out.

5 By way of derogation from paragraph 4, Member States may decide that replanting rights may be transferred, in whole or in part, to another holding in the same Member State in the following cases:

- a part of the holding concerned is transferred to that other holding;
- b areas on that other holding are intended for:

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- (i) the production of wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication; or
- (ii) the cultivation of graft nurseries.

Member States shall ensure that the application of the derogation provided for in the first subparagraph does not lead to an overall increase in production potential on their territory, in particular when transfers are made from non-irrigated to irrigated areas.

6 Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to rights similar to replanting rights acquired under prior Community or national legislation.

7 Replanting rights granted under Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 shall be used within the periods provided for therein.

Article 85j

National and regional reserve of planting rights

1 In order to improve management of the production potential, Member States shall create a national reserve or regional reserves of planting rights.

2 Member States which have established national or regional reserves of planting rights under Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 may maintain those reserves as long as they apply the transitional planting right regime in accordance with this Subsection.

3 The following planting rights shall be allocated to national or regional reserves if they are not used within the prescribed period:

- a new planting rights;
- b replanting rights;
- c planting rights granted from the reserve.

4 Producers may transfer replanting rights to national or regional reserves. The conditions of such transfer, where necessary in return for a payment from national funds, shall be determined by the Member States taking into account the legitimate interests of the parties.

5 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may decide not to implement a reserve system provided that they can prove that an effective alternative system for managing planting rights exists throughout their territory. The alternative system may, where necessary, derogate from the relevant provisions of this Subsection.

The first subparagraph shall also apply to Member States which cease the operation of national or regional reserves under Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

Article 85k

Granting planting rights from the reserve

1 Member States may grant rights from a reserve:

- a without payment, to producers who are under 40 years of age, who possess adequate occupational skills and competences, who are setting up for the first time and who are established as the head of the holding;

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- b against payment into national or, if appropriate, regional funds, to producers who intend to use the rights to plant vineyards the production of which has an assured outlet.

Member States shall define the criteria for setting the amounts of the payment referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph, which may vary depending on the final intended product of the vineyards concerned and on the residual transitional period during which the prohibition on new plantings, as provided for in Article 85g(1) and (2), applies.

2 Where planting rights granted from a reserve are used, Member States shall ensure that:

- a the location and the varieties and the cultivation techniques used guarantee that the subsequent production is adapted to market demand;
- b the yields concerned are typical of the average in the region, in particular where planting rights originating in non-irrigated areas are used in irrigated areas.

3 Planting rights granted from a reserve which are not used before the end of the second wine year after the one in which they were granted shall be forfeited and re-allocated to the reserve.

4 Planting rights in a reserve which are not disbursed before the end of the fifth wine year following their allocation to the reserve shall be extinguished.

5 If regional reserves exist in a Member State, the Member State may lay down rules permitting the transfer of planting rights between regional reserves. If both regional and national reserves exist in a Member State, the Member State may also allow for transfers between those reserves.

Transfers may be subject to a reduction coefficient.

Article 85l

De minimis

This Subsection shall not apply in Member States where the Community planting right regime did not apply by 31 December 2007.

Article 85m

Stricter national rules

Member States may adopt stricter national rules in respect of the award of new planting rights or replanting rights. They may require that the respective applications and the relevant information to be supplied therein be supplemented by additional information necessary for monitoring the development of production potential.

Article 85n

Implementing measures

Detailed rules for the implementation of this Subsection shall be adopted by the Commission.

Those rules may in particular include:

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- (a) provisions to avoid excessive administrative charges when applying the provisions of this Subsection;
- (b) the co-existence of vines pursuant to Article 85i(2);
- (c) the application of the reduction coefficient referred to in Article 85k(5).

Subsection III

Grubbing up scheme

Article 85o

Duration

The provisions of this Subsection shall apply until the end of the wine year 2010/2011.

Article 85p

Scope and definition

This Subsection lays down the conditions under which vine-growers shall receive a premium in exchange for grubbing up vines (hereinafter referred to as the grubbing-up premium).

Article 85q

Conditions of eligibility

The grubbing-up premium may be granted only if the area concerned complies with the following conditions:

- (a) it did not receive Community or national support for restructuring and conversion-type measures within the 10 wine years preceding the grubbing-up request;
- (b) it did not receive Community support under any other common market organisation within the five wine years preceding the grubbing-up request;
- (c) it is tended;
- (d) it is not smaller than 0,1 hectares. However, if a Member State so decides, that minimum size may be 0,3 hectares in certain administrative regions of that Member State in which the average of the area planted with vines of a wine holding exceeds one hectare;
- (e) it has not been planted in violation of any applicable Community or national legislation; and
- (f) it is planted with a wine grape variety classifiable according to Article 120a(2).

Notwithstanding point (e) of the first paragraph, areas regularised in accordance with Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and Article 85b(1) of this Regulation shall be eligible for the grubbing-up premium.

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Article 85r

Amount of the grubbing-up premium

- 1 Scales for the grubbing-up premiums to be granted shall be fixed by the Commission.
- 2 The specific amount of the grubbing-up premium shall be established by Member States within the scales referred to in paragraph 1 and on the basis of the historical yields of the holding concerned.

Article 85s

Procedure and budget

- 1 Interested producers shall submit applications for the grubbing-up premium to the respective authorities in Member States not later than 15 September of each year. Member States may fix an earlier date than 15 September provided that it is later than 30 June and that they take into due account, where applicable, their application of the exemptions provided for in Article 85u.
- 2 Member States shall carry out administrative controls concerning the applications received, process eligible applications and notify to the Commission by 15 October each year the total area and amounts covered by those applications split by regions and by yield ranges.
- 3 The maximum annual budget for the grubbing-up scheme is set out in Annex Xd.
- 4 By 15 November each year, the Commission shall set a single percentage for acceptance of the amounts notified if the total amount notified to the Commission by Member States exceeds the available budget resources, regard being had, where applicable, to the application of Article 85u(2) and (3).
- 5 By 1 February each year, Member States shall accept the applications:
 - a for the areas applied for in their entirety if the Commission has not set a percentage as referred to in paragraph 4; or
 - b for the areas resulting from the application of the percentage referred to in paragraph 4 based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria and in accordance with the following priorities:
 - (i) Member States shall give priority to applicants whose application for the grubbing-up premium covers their entire vineyard;
 - (ii) Member States shall give second priority to applicants who are not less than 55 years old, or older, where Member States so provide.

Article 85t

Cross-compliance

Where farmers are found not to have complied on their holding, at any time during three years from payment of the grubbing-up premium, with the statutory management requirements and the good agricultural and environmental condition referred to in Articles 3 to 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the amount of the payment shall,

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where non-compliance is the result of an action or omission directly imputable to the farmer, be reduced or cancelled, partially or wholly depending on the severity, extent, permanence and repetition of the non-compliance, and the farmer shall, where applicable, be ordered to reimburse it in accordance with the conditions set out in those provisions.

Article 85u

Exemptions

1 A Member State may decide to reject any further applications referred to in Article 85s(1) once the accumulated grubbed-up area on its territory reaches 8 % of its area planted with vines as referred to in Annex Xe.

A Member State may decide to reject any further applications referred to in Article 85s(1) for a region once the accumulated grubbed-up area in that region reaches 10 % of the region's area planted with vines.

2 The Commission may decide to stop the application of the grubbing-up scheme in a Member State if, taking into account the pending applications, continued grubbing-up would lead to a cumulated grubbed-up area of more than 15 % of the Member State's total area planted with vines as referred to in Annex Xe.

3 The Commission may decide to stop the application of the grubbing-up scheme in a Member State for a given year if, taking into account the pending applications, continued grubbing-up would lead to a grubbed-up area of more than 6 % of the Member State's total area planted with vines as referred to in Annex Xe in that particular year of the scheme's operation.

4 Member States may declare vines in mountain and steep-slope areas ineligible for the grubbing-up scheme in accordance with conditions to be determined by the Commission.

5 Member States may declare areas ineligible for the grubbing-up scheme where application of the scheme would be incompatible with environmental concerns. Areas thus declared ineligible shall not exceed 3 % of the total area planted with vines as referred to in Annex Xe.

6 Greece may declare areas planted with vines on the Aegean islands and the Greek Ionian islands, with the exception of Crete and Eubia, ineligible under the grubbing-up scheme.

7 The grubbing-up scheme set out in this Subsection shall not apply in the Azores, Madeira and the Canary Islands.

8 Member States shall grant producers in the areas ineligible or declared ineligible under paragraphs 4 to 7 priority under other support measures laid down in this Regulation in respect of the wine sector, in particular, where applicable, the restructuring and conversion measure under the support programmes and rural development measures.

Article 85v

De minimis

This Subsection shall not apply in Member States where wine production does not exceed 50 000 hectolitres per wine year. This production shall be calculated on the basis of the average production during the previous five wine years.

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Article 85w

Complementary national aid

Member States may grant complementary national aid not exceeding 75 % of the applicable grubbing-up premium in addition to the grubbing-up premium granted.

Article 85x

Implementing measures

Detailed rules for the implementation of this Subsection shall be adopted by the Commission.

Those rules may in particular include:

- (a) details on the conditions of eligibility referred to in Article 85q, in particular as regards proof that areas were properly tended in 2006 and 2007;
- (b) the premium scales and amounts referred to in Article 85r;
- (c) the criteria for exemptions as referred to in Article 85u;
- (d) the reporting requirements of Member States concerning the implementation of the grubbing-up scheme, including penalties in case of delays in reporting and the information which Member States give to producers concerning the availability of the scheme;
- (e) the reporting requirements as regards complementary national aid;
- (f) deadlines for payments.]

CHAPTER IV

Aid schemes

Section I

Aid for processing

^{F7}*Subsection I*

[^{F7}***Dried fodder***

^{F7}*Article 86*

Eligible undertakings

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^{F7}Article 87

Advance payment

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Guaranteed quantity

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Implementing rules]

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[^{F12}Subsection II

Flax and hemp grown for fibre]

Article 91

Eligibility

1 [^{F5}Aid for processing the straw of long flax grown for fibre and the straw of short flax and hemp grown for fibre shall be granted for the 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 marketing years to authorised primary processors on the basis of the quantity of fibre actually obtained from straw for which a contract of sale has been concluded with a farmer.]

However, in cases where farmers retain ownership of the straw which they are having processed under contract by an authorised primary processor and prove that they have placed the fibres obtained on the market, the aid shall be granted to the farmers.

In cases where the authorised primary processor and the farmer are one and the same person, the contract of sale shall be replaced by a commitment by the party concerned to carry out the processing itself.

[^{F12}2 For the purposes of this Subsection, ‘authorised primary processor’ shall mean a natural or legal person or a group of natural or legal persons, irrespective of its legal status under national law, or that of its members, that has been authorised by the competent authority of the Member State in the territory of which are located its facilities for producing flax or hemp fibre.]

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Article 92

Aid rate

- [^{F12}1 The amount of processing aid provided for in Article 91 shall be fixed:
- a for long flax fibre:
 - at EUR 160 per tonne for the 2008/2009 marketing year,
 - [^{F5}at EUR 200 per tonne for the 2009/2010 marketing year; and
 - at EUR 160 per tonne for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 marketing years.]
 - [^{F5}b at EUR 90 per tonne for the 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 marketing years for short flax and hemp fibre containing not more than 7,5 % impurities and shives.]

However, the Member State may, with reference to traditional outlets, also decide to grant aid:

- a for short flax fibre containing a percentage of impurities and shives of between 7,5 % and 15 %;
- b for hemp fibre containing a percentage of impurities and shives of between 7,5 % and 25 %.

In the cases provided for in the second subparagraph, the Member State shall grant the aid in respect of a quantity which amounts to not more than the quantity produced, on the basis of 7,5 % of impurities and shives.]

2 The quantities of fibre eligible for aid shall be limited on the basis of the areas which were the subject of one of the contracts or commitments referred to in Article 91.

The limits referred to in the first subparagraph shall be fixed by the Member States so as to comply with the national guaranteed quantities referred to in Article 94.

Textual Amendments

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Article 93

Advance payment

At the request of authorised primary processors, an advance shall be paid on the aid referred to in Article 91 on the basis of the quantity of fibre obtained.

Article 94

Guaranteed quantity

[^{F51} A maximum guaranteed quantity of 80 878 tonnes for each of the 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 marketing years shall be established for long flax fibre in respect of which aid may be granted. That quantity shall be apportioned among certain Member States as national guaranteed quantities in accordance with point A.I. of Annex XI.]

[^{F51a} A maximum guaranteed quantity of 147 265 tonnes for each of the 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 marketing years shall be established for short flax fibre and hemp fibre in respect of which aid may be granted. That quantity shall be apportioned as national guaranteed quantities among certain Member States in accordance with point A.II. of Annex XI.]

2 In cases where the fibre obtained in one Member State originates from straw produced in another Member State, the quantities of fibre concerned shall be offset against the national guaranteed quantity of the Member State in which the straw was harvested. The aid shall be paid by the Member State against whose national guaranteed quantity such an offset is made.

[^{F133} Each Member State may transfer part of its national guaranteed quantity as referred to in paragraph 1 to its national guaranteed quantity as referred to in paragraph 1a and *vice versa*.

Transfers as referred to in the first subparagraph shall be carried out on the basis of an equivalence of one tonne of long flax fibre to 2,2 tonnes of short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

Processing aid shall be granted only in respect of the quantities referred to in paragraphs 1 and 1a, respectively, adjusted in accordance with the first two subparagraphs of this paragraph.]

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F13 Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2008 of 17 March 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

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^{F13} Article 94a

Additional aid

During the 2008/2009 marketing year, additional aid shall be granted to the authorised primary processor in respect of areas under flax in zones I and II as described in point A.III. of Annex XI and the straw production of which has been the subject of:

- (a) a sale/purchase contract or a commitment as referred to in Article 91(1); and
- (b) aid for processing into long fibre.

The amount of additional aid shall be EUR 120 per hectare in zone I and EUR 50 per hectare in zone II.]

Textual Amendments

- F13** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 247/2008 of 17 March 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 95

Implementing rules

The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the implementation of this Subsection which may, in particular, include rules concerning:

- (a) the conditions for authorisation of primary processors referred to in Article 91;
- (b) the conditions to be met by approved primary processors as regards the contracts of sale and commitments referred to in Article 91(1);
- (c) the requirements to be complied with by farmers in the case referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 91(1);
- (d) the criteria to be met by long flax fibre;
- (e) the conditions for the grant of aid and the advance payment, and in particular proof of the processing of straw;
- (f) the conditions to be met for fixing the limits referred to in Article 92(2).

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[^{F9}Subsection III

Potato starch

Article 95a

Potato starch premium

1 A premium of EUR 22,25 per tonne of starch produced shall be paid for the 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 marketing years to potato starch manufacturers for the quantity of potato starch up to the quota limit referred to in Article 84a(2), provided that they have paid to potato producers a minimum price for all the potatoes necessary to produce starch up to that quota limit.

2 The minimum price of potatoes intended for the manufacture of potato starch shall be set at EUR 178,31 per tonne for the marketing years concerned.

This price applies to the quantity of potatoes, delivered to the factory, which is needed to make one tonne of starch.

The minimum price shall be adjusted according to the starch content of the potatoes.

3 The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the implementation of this Subsection.]

Section II

Production refund

^{F7}Article 96

[^{F7}Production refund for starch]

Textual Amendments

- F7** Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

Article 97

Production refund in the sugar sector

1 A production refund may be granted on the products of the sugar-sector listed in points (b) to (e) of Part III of Annex I if surplus sugar or imported sugar, surplus isoglucose or surplus inulin syrup is not available at a price corresponding to the world price for the manufacturing of the products referred to in Article 62(2)(b) and (c).

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2 The production refund referred to in paragraph 1 shall be fixed taking into account in particular the costs arising from the use of imported sugar which the industry would have to bear in the event of supply on the world market and the price of the surplus sugar available on the Community market or the reference price if there is no surplus sugar.

Article 98

Conditions for granting

The Commission shall adopt the conditions for the granting of the production refunds referred to in this Section, as well as the amount of such refunds and, as regards the production refund for sugar provided for in Article 97, the eligible quantities.

Section III

Aids in the milk and milk products sector

[F5] Article 99

Aid for skimmed milk and skimmed milk powder for use as feedingstuffs

1 When surpluses of milk products build up or are likely to occur, creating or likely to create a serious imbalance in the market, the Commission may decide that aid shall be granted for Community-produced skimmed milk and skimmed-milk powder intended for use as feedingstuffs, according to conditions and product standards to be determined by the Commission. The aid may be fixed in advance or by means of tendering procedures.

For the purposes of this Article, buttermilk and buttermilk powder shall be regarded as skimmed milk and skimmed-milk powder.

2 Aid amounts shall be fixed by the Commission taking into account the reference price fixed in point (e)(ii) of Article 8(1) for skimmed-milk powder, and the development of the market situation as regards skimmed milk and skimmed-milk powder.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

Article 100

Aid for skimmed milk processed into casein and caseinates

1 When surpluses of milk products build up or are likely to occur, creating or likely to create a serious imbalance in the market, the Commission may decide that aid shall be granted for Community-produced skimmed milk processed into casein and caseinates, according to conditions and product standards of such milk and the casein or caseinates produced from it to

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be determined by the Commission. The aid may be fixed in advance or by means of tendering procedures.

2 Aid shall be fixed by the Commission taking into account the development of the market situation for skimmed-milk powder and the reference price for skimmed-milk powder, fixed in point (e)(ii) of Article 8(1).

The aid may vary, according to whether the skimmed milk is processed into casein or caseinates and according to the quality of those products.]

Textual Amendments

F5 Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

F7 Article 101

[F7 Aid for the purchase of cream, butter and concentrated butter at reduced prices]

Textual Amendments

F7 Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

Article 102

Aid for the supply of milk products to pupils

1 Under conditions to be determined by the Commission, Community aid shall be granted for supplying to pupils in educational establishments certain processed milk products to be determined by the Commission falling within CN codes 0401, 0403, 0404 90 and 0406 or CN code 2202 90.

[F52 Member States may, in addition to Community aid, grant national aid for supplying the products referred to in paragraph 1 to pupils in educational establishments. Member States may finance their national aid by means of a levy on the dairy sector or by any other contribution from the dairy sector.]

[F63 The Community aid shall be EUR 18,15/100 kg for all milk.

The amounts of aid for other eligible milk products shall be determined taking into account the milk components of the product concerned.]

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4 The aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted on a maximum quantity of 0,25 litre of milk equivalent per pupil and per day.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
- F6** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

[^{F9}Section IIIa

Aids in the hops sector

Article 102a

Aids to producer organisations

1 The Community shall finance a payment to producer organisations in the hops sector recognised under Article 122 to finance the aims referred to in that Article.

2 The Community financing per year for the payment to producer organisations shall be EUR 2 277 000 for Germany.

3 The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the implementation of this Section.]

Section IV

Aids in the olive oil and table olives sector

Article 103

Aids to operator organisations

[^{F51} The Community shall finance three-year work programmes to be drawn up by the operator organisations referred to in Article 125 in one or more of the following areas.]

[^{F9}1a The Community financing per year of the work programmes shall be:

- a EUR 11 098 000 for Greece,
- b EUR 576 000 for France, and
- c EUR 35 991 000 for Italy.]

2 The maximum Community funding for the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be equal to the part of the amounts withheld by the Member States. This funding shall concern the eligible cost with a maximum of:

- a 100 % for activities in the areas referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1;

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- b 100 % for fixed assets investments and 75 % for other activities in the area referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1;
- c 75 % for the work programmes carried out in at least three third countries or non-producing Member States by approved operator organisations from at least two producer Member States in the areas referred to in points (d) and (e) of paragraph 1, and 50 % for the other activities in these areas.

Complementary financing shall be ensured by the Member State up to 50 % of the costs not covered by the Community funding.

The Commission shall establish the detailed rules for the application of this Article and in particular the procedures for the approval of the work programmes by the Member States and the types of activities eligible under such programmes.

3 Without prejudice to any specific provisions which may be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 194, Member States shall verify that the conditions for granting Community funding are met. To that end, they shall carry out an audit of work programmes and a control plan involving a sample determined on the basis of a risk analysis and comprising at least 30 % per year of producer organisations and all the other operators' organisations in receipt of Community funding under this Article.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
- F9** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

[^{F2}Section IVa

Aids in the fruit and vegetables sector

Subsection I

Producer groups

Article 103a

Aid to producer groups

1 During the transitional period allowed pursuant to Article 125e, Member States may grant to producer groups in the fruit and vegetables sector which have been formed in view of being recognised as a producer organisation:

- a aid to encourage their formation and facilitate their administrative operation;

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- b aid, provided either directly or through credit institutions, to cover part of the investments required to attain recognition and set out in the recognition plan referred to in the third subparagraph of Article 125e(1).

2 The aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall be reimbursed by the Community in accordance with rules to be adopted by the Commission on the financing of such measures, including the thresholds and ceilings and the degree of Community financing.

3 The aid referred to in paragraph 1(a) shall be determined for each producer group on the basis of its marketed production and shall amount, for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth years, to:

- a 10 %, 10 %, 8 %, 6 % and 4 % respectively of the value of marketed production in the Member States which acceded to the European Union on 1 May 2004 or thereafter; and
- b 5 %, 5 %, 4 %, 3 % and 2 %, respectively of the value of marketed production in the outermost regions of the Community as referred to in Article 299(2) of the Treaty or in the smaller Aegean Islands as referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006 of 18 September 2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean Islands⁽⁴⁾.

Those percentage rates may be reduced in relation to the value of marketed production which exceeds a threshold. A ceiling may be applied to the aid payable in any given year to a producer group.

Subsection II

Operational funds and operational programmes

Article 103b

Operational funds

1 Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector may set up an operational fund. The fund shall be financed by:

- a financial contributions of members or of the producer organisation itself;
- b Community financial assistance which may be granted to producer organisations.

2 Operational funds shall be used only to finance operational programmes approved by Member States in accordance with Article 103g.

Article 103c

Operational programmes

1 Operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables sector shall have two or more of the objectives referred to in Article 122(c) or of the following objectives:

- a planning of production;
- b improvement of product quality;
- c boosting products' commercial value;
- d promotion of the products, whether in a fresh or processed form;
- e environmental measures and methods of production respecting the environment, including organic farming;

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f crisis prevention and management.

2 Crisis prevention and management shall be related to avoiding and dealing with crises on the fruit and vegetable markets and shall cover in this context:

- a market withdrawal;
- b green harvesting or non-harvesting of fruit and vegetables;
- c promotion and communication;
- d training measures;
- e harvest insurance;
- f support for the administrative costs of setting up mutual funds.

Crisis prevention and management measures, including any repayment of capital and interest as referred to in the third subparagraph, shall not comprise more than one-third of the expenditure under the operational programme.

In order to finance crisis prevention and management measures, producer organisations may take out loans on commercial terms. In this case, the repayment of the capital and interest on those loans may form part of the operational programme and so may be eligible for Community financial assistance under Article 103d. Any specific action under crisis prevention and management shall be financed either by such loans, or directly, but not both.

3 Member States shall provide that:

- a operational programmes include two or more environmental actions; or
- b at least 10 % of the expenditure under operational programmes covers environmental actions.

Environmental actions shall respect the requirements for agri-environment payments set out in the first subparagraph of Article 39(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)⁽⁵⁾.

Where at least 80 % of the producer members of a producer organisation are subject to one or more identical agri-environment commitments under that provision then each one of those commitments shall count as an environmental action as referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph.

Support for the environmental actions referred to in the first subparagraph shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the action.

4 Paragraph 3 shall only apply in Bulgaria and Romania from 1 January 2011.

5 Investments which increase environmental pressure shall only be permitted in situations where effective safeguards to protect the environment from these pressures are in place.

Article 103d

Community financial assistance

1 The Community financial assistance shall be equal to the amount of the financial contributions referred to in Article 103b(1)(a) as actually paid but limited to 50 % of the actual expenditure incurred.

2 The Community financial assistance shall be capped at 4,1 % of the value of the marketed production of each producer organisation.

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However, that percentage may be increased to 4,6 % of the value of the marketed production provided that the amount in excess of 4,1 % of the value of the marketed production is used solely for crisis prevention and management measures.

3 At the request of a producer organisation, the percentage provided for in paragraph 1 shall be 60 % for an operational programme or part of an operational programme where it meets at least one of the following conditions:

- a it is submitted by several Community producer organisations operating in different Member States on transnational schemes;
- b it is submitted by one or more producer organisations engaged in schemes operated on an interbranch basis;
- c it covers solely specific support for the production of organic products covered until 31 December 2008, by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs⁽⁶⁾ and, from 1 January 2009, by Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products⁽⁷⁾;
- d it is submitted by a producer organisation in one of the Member States which acceded to the European Union on 1 May 2004 or thereafter for measures running no later than the end of 2013;
- e it is the first to be submitted by a recognised producer organisation which has merged with another recognised producer organisation;
- f it is the first to be submitted by a recognised association of producer organisations;
- g it is submitted by producer organisations in Member States where producer organisations market less than 20 % of fruit and vegetables production;
- h it is submitted by a producer organisation in one of the outermost regions of the Community;
- i it covers solely specific support for actions to promote the consumption of fruit and vegetables targeted at children in educational establishments.

4 The percentage provided for in paragraph 1 shall be 100 % in the case of market withdrawals of fruit and vegetables which shall not exceed 5 % of the volume of marketed production of each producer organisation and which are disposed of by way of:

- a free distribution to charitable organisations and foundations, approved to that effect by the Member States, for use in their activities to assist persons whose right to public assistance is recognised in national law, in particular because they lack the necessary means of subsistence;
- b free distribution to penal institutions, schools and public education institutions and to children's holiday camps as well as to hospitals and old people's homes designated by the Member States, which shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the quantities thus distributed are additional to the quantities normally bought in by such establishments.

Article 103e

National financial assistance

1 In regions of the Member States where the degree of organisation of producers in the fruit and vegetables sector is particularly low, Member States may be authorised by the Commission, on a duly substantiated request, to pay producer organisations national financial assistance equal to a maximum of 80 % of the financial contributions referred to in Article 103b(1)(a). This assistance shall be additional to the operational fund. In regions of

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Member States where producer organisations market less than 15 % of the value of fruit and vegetable production and whose fruit and vegetable production represents at least 15 % of their total agricultural output, the assistance referred to in the first subparagraph may be reimbursed by the Community at the request of the Member State concerned.

F72

Textual Amendments

F7 Deleted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

Article 103f

National framework and national strategy for operational programmes

1 Member States shall establish a national framework for drawing up the general conditions relating to the actions referred to in Article 103c(3). This framework shall provide in particular that such actions shall meet the appropriate requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 including those in its Article 5 on complementarity, consistency and conformity.

Member States shall submit their proposed framework to the Commission which may require modifications within three months if it finds that the proposal does not enable the attainment of the objectives set out in Article 174 of the Treaty and in the sixth Community environment action programme⁽⁸⁾. Investments on individual holdings supported by operational programmes shall also respect those objectives.

2 Member States shall establish a national strategy for sustainable operational programmes in the fruit and vegetable market. Such a strategy shall provide for the following elements:

- a an analysis of the situation in terms of strengths and weaknesses and the potential for development;
- b justification of the priorities chosen;
- c the objectives of operational programmes and instruments, performance indicators;
- d assessment of operational programmes;
- e reporting obligations for producer organisations.

The national strategy shall also integrate the national framework referred to in paragraph 1.

3 Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to Member States which have no recognised producer organisations.

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Article 103g

Approval of operational programmes

1 Draft operational programmes shall be submitted to the competent national authorities, who shall approve or reject them or request their modification in line with the provisions of this subsection.

2 Producer organisations shall communicate to the Member State the estimated amount of the operational fund for each year and shall submit appropriate reasons therefore based on operational programme estimates, expenditure for the current year and possibly expenditure for previous years and, if necessary, on estimated production quantities for the next year.

3 The Member State shall notify the producer organisation or association of producer organisations of the estimated amount of Community financial assistance in line with the limits set out in Article 103d.

4 Community financial assistance payments shall be made on the basis of expenditure incurred for the schemes covered by the operational programme. Advances may be made in respect of the same schemes subject to the provision of a guarantee or security.

5 The producer organisation shall notify the Member State of the final amount of expenditure for the previous year, accompanied by the necessary supporting documents, so that it may receive the balance of the Community financial assistance.

6 Operational programmes and their financing by producers and producer organisations on the one hand and by Community funds on the other shall have a minimum duration of three and a maximum duration of five years.

[^{F14}Subsection IIa

School Fruit Scheme

Article 103ga

Aid for the supply of fruit and vegetable, processed fruit and vegetable and banana products to children

1 Under conditions to be determined by the Commission, from the 2009-2010 school year onwards, Community aid shall be granted for:

- a the supply to children in educational establishments, including nurseries, other pre-school establishments, primary and secondary schools, of products of the fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas sectors; and
- b certain related costs of logistics and distribution, equipment, communication, monitoring and evaluation.

2 Member States, at national or regional level, wishing to participate in the scheme shall draw up a prior strategy for its implementation containing, in particular, the budget of their scheme including: the Community and national contributions, the duration, the target group, the eligible products and the involvement of relevant stakeholders. They shall also provide for the accompanying measures necessary to make the scheme effective.

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3 When drawing up their strategies, Member States shall draw up a list of products of the fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas sectors that will be eligible under their respective schemes. This list, however, shall not include products excluded by a measure adopted by the Commission under Article 103h(f). They shall choose their products on the basis of objective criteria which may include seasonality, availability of produce or environmental concerns. In this connection, Member States may give preference to products of Community origin.

4 The Community aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall neither:

- a exceed EUR 90 million per school year; nor
- b exceed 50 % of the costs of supply and related costs referred to in paragraph 1, or 75 % of such costs in the regions eligible under the Convergence Objective in accordance with Article 5(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund⁽⁹⁾, and in the outermost regions referred to in Article 299(2) of the Treaty; nor
- c cover costs other than the costs of supply and related costs referred to in paragraph 1.

5 The Community aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to each Member State on the basis of objective criteria based on their proportion of six to ten year old children. However, Member States participating in the scheme shall each receive at least EUR 175 000 of Community aid. Member States participating in the scheme shall apply every year for Community aid on the basis of their strategy. Following the requests of the Member States, the Commission shall decide on definitive allocations, within the appropriations available in the budget.

6 Community aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be used to replace funding for any existing national school fruit schemes or other school distribution schemes that include fruit. However, if a Member State already has a scheme in place that would be eligible for Community aid under this Article and intends to extend it or make it more effective, including as regards the target group of the scheme, its duration or eligible products, Community aid may be granted provided that the limits of paragraph 4(b) are abided by as regards the proportion of Community aid to the total national contribution. In this case, the Member State shall indicate in its strategy how it intends to extend its scheme or make it more effective.

7 Member States may, in addition to Community aid, grant national aid for the supply of products and related costs referred to in paragraph 1. These costs may also be covered by contributions from the private sector. Member States may also grant national aid for financing the accompanying measures referred to in paragraph 2.

8 The Community School Fruit Scheme shall be without prejudice to any separate national school fruit schemes which are compatible with Community law.

9 The Community may also finance, under Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005, information, monitoring and evaluation measures relating to the School Fruit Scheme, including raising public awareness of it, and related networking measures.]

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[^{F14}Subsection III

Procedural provisions]

Article 103h

Implementing rules

The Commission shall establish the detailed rules for the application of this section, in particular:

- (a) rules on financing of the measures referred to in Article 103a, including the thresholds and ceilings for aid and the degree of Community co-financing of the aid;
- (b) the proportion of and rules on the reimbursement of the measures referred to in Article 103e(1);
- (c) rules on investments on individual holdings;
- (d) the dates for the communications and notifications referred to in Article 103g;
- (e) provision for partial payments of the Community financial assistance referred to in Article 103g[^{F15}];
- (f) [^{F14}provisions concerning the School Fruit Scheme referred to in Article 103ga, including: a list of products or ingredients that should be excluded from the School Fruit Scheme, the definitive allocation of aid between Member States, financial and budgetary management, and the related costs, the strategies of the Member States, accompanying measures and information, monitoring and evaluation and networking measures.]]

Textual Amendments

- F15** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 13/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulations \(EC\) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\) in order to set up a School Fruit Scheme.](#)

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f^{F3}Section IVb

Support programmes in the wine sector

Subsection I

Introductory provisions

Article 103i

Scope

This Section lays down the rules governing the attribution of Community funds to Member States and the use of those funds by Member States through national support programmes (hereinafter referred to as support programmes) to finance specific support measures to assist the wine sector.

Article 103j

Compatibility and consistency

1 Support programmes shall be compatible with Community law and consistent with the activities, policies and priorities of the Community.

2 Member States shall be responsible for the support programmes and ensure that they are internally consistent and drawn up and implemented in an objective manner, taking into account the economic situation of the producers concerned and the need to avoid unjustified unequal treatment between producers.

Member States shall be responsible for providing for and carrying out the necessary controls and penalties in case of non-compliance with the support programmes.

3 No support shall be granted:

- a for research projects and measures to support research projects;
- b for measures which are contained in Member States' rural development programmes under Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

Subsection II

Submission and content of support programmes

Article 103k

Submission of support programmes

1 Each producer Member State referred to in Annex Xb shall submit to the Commission a draft five-year support programme containing measures in accordance with this Section.

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Support programmes that became applicable in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 shall continue to apply under this Regulation.

The support measures in the support programmes shall be drawn up at the geographical level which the Member States deem most appropriate. Before being submitted to the Commission, the support programme shall be subject to consultation with the competent authorities and organisations at the appropriate territorial level.

Each Member State shall submit one single draft support programme which may accommodate regional particularities.

2 Support programmes shall become applicable three months after their submission to the Commission.

However, if the submitted support programme does not comply with the conditions laid down in this Section, the Commission shall inform the Member State thereof. In such a case, the Member State shall submit a revised support programme to the Commission. The revised support programme shall become applicable two months after its notification unless an incompatibility persists in which case this subparagraph shall apply.

3 Paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to changes in respect of support programmes submitted by Member States.

4 Article 1031 shall not apply where a Member State's only measure in a support programme consists of the transfer to the Single Payment Scheme referred to in Article 103o. In such case, Article 188a(5) shall apply only in relation to the year in which the transfer takes place and Article 188a(6) shall not apply.

Article 1031

Content of support programmes

Support programmes shall consist of the following elements:

- (a) a detailed description of the measures proposed as well as their quantified objectives;
- (b) the results of consultations held;
- (c) an appraisal showing the expected technical, economic, environmental and social impact;
- (d) a schedule for implementing the measures;
- (e) a general financing table showing the resources to be deployed and the envisaged indicative allocation of the resources between the measures in accordance with ceilings provided for in Annex Xb;
- (f) the criteria and quantitative indicators to be used for monitoring and evaluation as well as the steps taken to ensure that the support programmes are implemented appropriately and effectively; and
- (g) the designation of competent authorities and bodies responsible for implementing the support programme.

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Article 103m

Eligible measures

- 1 Support programmes shall contain one or more of the following measures:
 - a Single Payment Scheme support in accordance with Article 103o;
 - b promotion in accordance with Article 103p;
 - c restructuring and conversion of vineyards in accordance with Article 103q;
 - d green harvesting in accordance with Article 103r;
 - e mutual funds in accordance with Article 103s;
 - f harvest insurance in accordance with Article 103t;
 - g investments in accordance with Article 103u;
 - h by-product distillation in accordance with Article 103v;
 - i potable alcohol distillation in accordance with Article 103w;
 - j crisis distillation in accordance with Article 103x;
 - k use of concentrated grape must in accordance with Article 103y.
- 2 Support programmes shall not contain other measures than the ones listed in Articles 103o to 103y.

Article 103n

General rules concerning support programmes

- 1 The allocation of the available Community funds as well as the budgetary limits are provided for in Annex Xb.
- 2 Community support shall only relate to eligible expenditure incurred after the submission of the relevant support programme as referred to in Article 103k(1).
- 3 Member States shall not contribute to the costs of measures financed by the Community under the support programmes.
- 4 By way of derogation from paragraph 3, Member States may grant national aid in accordance with the relevant Community rules on State aid for the measures referred to in Articles 103p, 103t and 103u.

The maximum aid rate as laid down in the relevant Community rules on State aids shall apply to the global public financing, including both Community and national funds.

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Subsection III

Specific support measures

Article 103o

Single Payment Scheme and support to vine-growers

- 1 Member States may provide support to vine-growers by allocating to them payment entitlements within the meaning of Chapter 3 of Title III of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 in accordance with point O of Annex VII to that Regulation.
- 2 Member States intending to make use of the possibility referred to in paragraph 1 shall foresee such support in their support programmes, including, as regards subsequent transfers of funds to the Single Payment Scheme, by way of changes to those programmes in accordance with Article 103k(3).
- 3 Once effective, support as referred to in paragraph 1 shall:
 - a remain in the Single Payment Scheme and no longer be available, or be made available under Article 103k(3), for the measures listed in Articles 103p to 103y in subsequent years of the operation of the support programmes;
 - b commensurately reduce the amount of funds available for measures listed in Articles 103p to 103y in the support programmes.

Article 103p

Promotion on third-country markets

- 1 Support under this Article shall cover information or promotion measures concerning Community wines in third countries, thereby improving their competitiveness in those countries.
- 2 The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall relate to wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication or wines with an indication of the wine grape variety.
- 3 The measures referred to in paragraph 1 may consist only of:
 - a public relations, promotion or advertisement measures, in particular highlighting the advantages of the Community products, especially in terms of quality, food safety or environmental friendliness;
 - b participation at events, fairs or exhibitions of international importance;
 - c information campaigns, in particular on the Community systems covering designations of origin, geographical indications and organic production;
 - d studies of new markets, necessary for the expansion of market outlets;
 - e studies to evaluate the results of the information and promotion measures.
- 4 The Community contribution to promotion activities shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible expenditure.

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Article 103q

Restructuring and conversion of vineyards

1 The objective of measures relating to the restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall be to increase the competitiveness of wine producers.

2 The restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall be supported in accordance with this Article only if Member States submit the inventory of their production potential in accordance with Article 185a(3).

3 Support for the restructuring and conversion of vineyards may only cover one or more of the following activities:

- a varietal conversion, including by means of grafting-on;
- b relocation of vineyards;
- c improvements to vineyard management techniques.

The normal renewal of vineyards which have come to the end of their natural life shall not be supported.

4 Support for the restructuring and conversion of vineyards may only take the following forms:

- a compensation to producers for the loss of revenue due to the implementation of the measure;
- b contribution to the costs of restructuring and conversion.

5 Compensation to producers for the loss of revenue as referred to in paragraph 4(a) may cover up to 100 % of the relevant loss and take either of the following forms:

- a notwithstanding Subsection II of Section IVa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II setting out the transitional planting right regime, the permission for both old and new vines to coexist for a fixed period which shall not exceed three years, until the end of the transitional regime concerning planting rights;
- b financial compensation.

6 The Community contribution to the actual costs of the restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall not exceed 50 %. In regions classified as convergence regions in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund⁽¹⁰⁾, the Community contribution to the costs of restructuring and conversion shall not exceed 75 %.

Article 103r

Green harvesting

1 For the purposes of this Article, green harvesting means the total destruction or removal of grape bunches while still in their immature stage, thereby reducing the yield of the relevant area to zero.

2 Support for green harvesting shall contribute to restoring the balance of supply and demand in the market in wine in the Community in order to prevent market crises.

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3 Support for green harvesting may be granted as compensation in the form of a flat rate payment per hectare to be determined by the Member State concerned.

The payment shall not exceed 50 % of the sum of the direct costs of the destruction or removal of grape bunches and the loss of revenue related to such destruction or removal.

4 The Member States concerned shall establish a system based on objective criteria to ensure that the green harvesting measure does not lead to compensation of individual wine producers in excess of the ceiling referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 3.

Article 103s

Mutual funds

1 Support for the setting up of mutual funds shall provide assistance to producers seeking to insure themselves against market fluctuations.

2 Support for the setting up of mutual funds may be granted in the form of temporary and degressive aid to cover the administrative costs of the funds.

Article 103t

Harvest insurance

1 Support for harvest insurance shall contribute to safeguarding producers' incomes where these are affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events, diseases or pest infestations.

2 Support for harvest insurance may be granted in the form of a financial Community contribution which must not exceed:

- a 80 % of the cost of the insurance premiums paid for by producers for insurance against losses resulting from adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters;
- b 50 % of the cost of the insurance premiums paid for by producers for insurance against:
 - (i) losses referred to in point (a) and against other losses caused by adverse climatic events;
 - (ii) losses caused by animals, plant diseases or pest infestations.

3 Support for harvest insurance may only be granted if the insurance payments concerned do not compensate producers for more than 100 % of the income loss suffered, taking into account any compensation the producers may have obtained from other support schemes related to the insured risk.

4 Support for harvest insurance shall not distort competition in the insurance market.

Article 103u

Investments

1 Support may be granted for tangible or intangible investments in processing facilities, winery infrastructure and marketing of wine which improve the overall performance of the enterprise and concern one or more of the following:

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- a the production or marketing of products referred to in Annex XIb;
- b the development of new products, processes and technologies related to the products referred to in Annex XIb.

2 Support under paragraph 1 at its maximum rate shall be limited to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises⁽¹¹⁾. For the territories of the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands, the smaller Aegean islands within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006 and the French overseas departments, no size limits shall apply for the maximum rate. For enterprises that are not covered by Article 2(1) of Title I of the Annex to Recommendation 2003/361/EC with less than 750 employees or with a turnover of less than EUR 200 million, the maximum aid intensity shall be halved.

Support shall not be granted to enterprises in difficulty within the meaning of the Community guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty.

3 The eligible expenditure shall exclude the elements referred to in Article 71(3)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

4 The following maximum aid rates in relation to the eligible investment costs shall apply to the Community contribution:

- a 50 % in regions classified as convergence regions in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006;
- b 40 % in regions other than convergence regions;
- c 75 % in the outermost regions in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 247/2006;
- d 65 % in the smaller Aegean islands within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006.

5 Article 72 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to support referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 103v

By-product distillation

1 Support may be granted for the voluntary or obligatory distillation of by-products of wine making which has been carried out in accordance with the conditions laid down in point D of Annex XVb.

The amount of aid shall be fixed per % volume and per hectolitre of alcohol produced. No aid shall be paid for the volume of alcohol contained in the by-products to be distilled which exceeds 10 % in relation to the volume of alcohol contained in the wine produced.

2 The maximum applicable aid levels shall be based on collection and processing costs and fixed by the Commission.

3 The alcohol resulting from the supported distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used exclusively for industrial or energy purposes so as to avoid distortion of competition.

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Article 103w

Potable alcohol distillation

1 Support may be granted, in the form of a per-hectare aid, until 31 July 2012 to producers, for wine which is distilled into potable alcohol.

2 The relevant contracts concerning the distillation of wine as well as the relevant proofs of delivery for distillation shall be submitted before support is granted.

Article 103x

Crisis distillation

1 Support may be granted until 31 July 2012 for voluntary or obligatory distillation of surplus wine decided upon by Member States in justified cases of crisis so as to reduce or eliminate the surplus and at the same time ensure supply continuity from one harvest to the next.

2 The maximum applicable aid levels shall be fixed by the Commission.

3 The alcohol resulting from the supported distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used exclusively for industrial or energy purposes so as to avoid distortion of competition.

4 The share of the available budget used for the crisis distillation measure shall not exceed the following percentage shares as calculated against the globally available funds laid down in Annex Xb per Member State in the respective budget year:

- 20 % in 2009,
- 15 % in 2010,
- 10 % in 2011,
- 5 % in 2012.

5 Member States may increase the available funds for the crisis distillation measure beyond the annual ceilings given in paragraph 4 by way of contributing national funds in accordance with the following limits (expressed in terms of percentage of the respective annual ceiling given in paragraph 4):

- 5 % in the wine year 2010,
- 10 % in the wine year 2011,
- 15 % in the wine year 2012.

Member States shall, where applicable, notify the Commission of the addition of national funds referred to in the first subparagraph and the Commission shall approve the transaction before such funds are made available.

Article 103y

Use of concentrated grape must

1 Support may be granted until 31 July 2012 to wine producers who use concentrated grape must, including rectified concentrated grape must, to increase the natural alcoholic strength of products in accordance with the conditions laid down in Annex XVa.

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2 The amount of the aid shall be fixed per % volume potential alcoholic strength and per hectolitre of the must used for enrichment.

3 The maximum applicable aid levels for this measure in the different wine growing zones shall be fixed by the Commission.

Article 103z

Cross-compliance

Where farmers are found not to have complied on their holding, at any time during three years from payment under the support programmes for restructuring and conversion or at any time during one year from payment under the support programmes for green harvesting, with the statutory management requirements and the good agricultural and environmental condition referred to in Articles 3 to 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the amount of the payment shall, where non-compliance is the result of an action or omission directly imputable to the farmer, be reduced or cancelled, partially or wholly depending on the severity, extent, permanence and repetition of the non-compliance, and the farmer shall, where applicable, be ordered to reimburse it in accordance with the conditions set out in those provisions.

Subsection IV

Procedural provisions

Article 103za

Implementing measures

The measures necessary for the implementation of this Section shall be adopted by the Commission.

Those measures may include, in particular:

- (a) the format of presentation of the support programmes;
- (b) rules concerning changes to support programmes after they have become applicable;
- (c) detailed rules for the implementation of the measures provided for in Articles 103p to 103y;
- (d) the conditions under which assistance through Community funds is to be communicated and publicised.]

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Section V

Community Tobacco Fund

Article 104

Tobacco Fund

- 1 A Community Tobacco Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) shall be set up to finance measures in the following areas:
 - a improving public awareness of the harmful effects of all forms of tobacco consumption, in particular through information and education, support for the collection of data to establish tobacco consumption patterns and to conduct epidemiological studies on nicotinism in the Community, and a study on preventing nicotinism;
 - b specific measures to help tobacco growers to switch to other crops or other economic activities that create employment and studies of the possibilities for tobacco growers to do so.
- 2 The Fund shall be financed:
 - a for the 2002 harvest by a deduction of 2 % and for the 2003, 2004 and 2005 harvests, of 3 % of the premium provided for in Title I of Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 as applicable until and including the 2005 harvest for the financing of any kind of measures provided for in paragraph 1;
 - ^[F16]b for the calendar years 2006 to 2009, in accordance with Article 110m of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.]
- 3 Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted by the Commission.

Textual Amendments

- F16** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 470/2008 of 26 May 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1782/2003 as regards the transfer of tobacco aid to the Community Tobacco Fund for the years 2008 and 2009 and Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 with regard to financing of the Community Tobacco Fund.](#)

Section VI

Special provisions for the apiculture sector

Article 105

Scope

1 With a view to improving general conditions for the production and marketing of apiculture products, Member States may draw up a national programme for a period of three years (hereinafter referred to as the 'apiculture programme').

^[F52] Member States may pay specific national aids for the protection of apiaries disadvantaged by structural or natural conditions or under economic development programmes, except for those allocated for production or trade. These aids shall be notified to the Commission

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by Member States together with the communication of the apiculture programme in accordance with Article 109.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.

Article 106

Measures eligible for aid

The measures which may be included in the apiculture programme shall be the following:

- (a) technical assistance to beekeepers and groupings of beekeepers;
- (b) control of varroasis;
- (c) rationalisation of transhumance;
- (d) measures to support laboratories carrying out analyses of the physico-chemical properties of honey;
- (e) measures to support the restocking of hives in the Community;
- (f) cooperation with specialised bodies for the implementation of applied research programmes in the field of beekeeping and apiculture products.

Measures financed from the EAFRD in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005⁽¹²⁾ shall be excluded from the apiculture programme.

Article 107

Study of the production and marketing structure in the beekeeping sector

To be eligible for the part-financing provided for in Article 108(1), Member States shall carry out a study of the production and marketing structure in the beekeeping sector in their territory.

Article 108

Financing

1 The Community shall provide part-financing for the apiculture programmes equivalent to 50 % of the expenditure borne by Member States.

2 Expenditure relating to the measures taken under the apiculture programmes shall be made by the Member States by 15 October each year.

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Article 109

Consultation

The apiculture programme shall be drawn up in close collaboration with the representative organisations and beekeeping cooperatives. It shall be submitted to the Commission for approval.

Article 110

Implementing rules

The Commission shall establish the detailed rules for the application of this Section.

Section VII

Aids in the silkworm sector

Article III

Aid to be granted to silkworm rearers

- 1 Aid shall be granted for silkworms falling within CN-code ex 0106 90 00 and for silkworm eggs falling within CN-code ex 0511 99 85 reared within the Community.
- 2 The aid shall be granted to silkworm rearers for each box of silkworm eggs used, on condition that the boxes contain a minimum quantity of eggs, to be determined, and that the worms have been successfully reared.
- 3 The aid per box of silkworm eggs used shall be EUR 133,26.

Article 112

Implementing rules

Detailed rules for the application of this Section shall be adopted by the Commission which shall cover, in particular, the minimum quantity of eggs referred to in Article 111(2).

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TITLE II

RULES CONCERNING MARKETING AND PRODUCTION

[^{F10}CHAPTER I

Rules concerning marketing and production]

[^{F10}Section I

Marketing rules]

Article 113

Marketing standards

[^{F61} Provision may be made by the Commission for marketing standards for one or more of the products of the following sectors:

- a olive oil and table olives in respect of the products referred to in point (a) of Part VII of Annex I;
- b fruit and vegetables;
- c processed fruit and vegetables;
- d bananas;
- e live plants.]

2 The standards referred to in paragraph 1:

- a shall be established taking into account, in particular:
 - (i) the specificities of the products concerned;
 - (ii) the need to ensure the conditions for a smooth disposal of those products on the market;
 - (iii) [^{F6}the interest of consumers to receive adequate and transparent product information including, in particular for products of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors, the country of origin, the class and, where appropriate, the variety (or the commercial type) of the product;]
 - (iv) as concerns the olive oils referred to in point (a) of Part VII of Annex I, changes in the methods used for determining their physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics;
 - (v) [^{F2}as regards the fruit and vegetables and the processed fruit and vegetables sectors, the Standard recommendations adopted by the UN-Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE);]

[^{F6b} may in particular relate to quality, grading into classes, weight, sizing, packaging, wrapping, storage, transport, presentation, marketing, origin and labelling.]

3 Save as otherwise provided for by the Commission in accordance with the criteria referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2, the products for which marketing standards have been laid down may be marketed in the Community only in accordance with such standards.

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Without prejudice to any specific provisions which may be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 194, Member States shall check whether those products conform to those standards and shall apply penalties as appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F6** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

[^{F2}Article 113a

Additional requirements for the marketing of the products of the fruit and vegetables sector

1 The products of the fruit and vegetables sector which are intended to be sold fresh to the consumer, may only be marketed if they are sound, fair and of marketable quality and if the country of origin is indicated.

2 The marketing standards referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and in points (b) and (c) of Article 113(1) shall apply at all marketing stages including import and export unless otherwise provided for by the Commission.

3 The holder of products of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sector covered by marketing standards may not display such products or offer them for sale or deliver or market them in any manner within the Community other than in conformity with those standards and shall be responsible for ensuring such conformity.

4 Further to the second subparagraph of Article 113(3) and without prejudice to any specific provisions which may be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 194, in particular on the consistent application in the Member States of the conformity checks, Member States shall, in respect of the fruit and vegetables and the processed fruit and vegetables sectors, check selectively, based on a risk analysis, whether the products concerned conform to the respective marketing standards. These checks shall be focused on the stage prior to dispatch from the production areas when the products are being packed or loaded. For products from third countries, checks shall be done prior to release for free circulation.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

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Article 113b

Marketing of the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less

1 Without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Article 42(1)(a) and (2) and point A of Annex V, the conditions laid down in Annex XIa, in particular the sales descriptions to be used set out in point III thereof, shall apply to the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less slaughtered on or after 1 July 2008, whether produced in the Community or imported from third countries.

However, the meat from animals aged 12 months or less and slaughtered before 1 July 2008 may continue to be marketed without meeting the conditions laid down in Annex XIa.

2 The conditions referred to in paragraph 1 shall not apply to the meat of bovine animals for which a protected designation of origin or geographical indication has been registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs⁽¹³⁾, before 29 June 2007.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

^{F3} Article 113c

Marketing rules to improve and stabilise the operation of the common market in wines

1 In order to improve and stabilise the operation of the common market in wines, including the grapes, musts and wines from which they derive, producer Member States may lay down marketing rules to regulate supply, particularly by way of implementing decisions taken by the inter-branch organisations referred to in Articles 123(3) and 125o.

Such rules shall be proportionate to the objective pursued and shall not:

- a relate to any transaction after the first marketing of the produce concerned;
- b allow for price fixing, including where prices are set for guidance or recommendation;
- c render unavailable an excessive proportion of the vintage that would otherwise be available;
- d provide scope for refusing to issue the national and Community certificates required for the circulation and marketing of wines where such marketing is in accordance with those rules.

2 The rules referred to in paragraph 1 must be brought to the attention of operators by publication *in extenso* in an official publication of the Member State concerned.

3 The reporting obligation referred to in Article 125o(3) shall also apply in respect of the decisions or actions taken by the Member States in accordance with this Article.

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 113d

Specific provisions for the marketing of wine

1 A designation for a category of a grapevine product as provided for in Annex XIb may be used in the Community only for the marketing of a product which conforms to the corresponding conditions laid down in that Annex.

However, notwithstanding Article 118y(1)(a), Member States may allow the use of the term 'wine' if:

- a it is accompanied by the name of a fruit in the form of a composite name to market products obtained by the fermentation of fruit other than grapes; or
- b it is part of a composite name.

Any confusion with products corresponding to the wine categories in Annex XIb shall be avoided.

2 Categories of grapevine products listed in Annex XIb may be modified by the Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4).

3 Except for bottled wine in respect of which there is evidence that bottling was performed before 1 September 1971, wine produced from wine grape varieties listed in the classifications drawn up in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 120a(2) but not conforming to one of the categories laid down in Annex XIb, shall be used only for consumption by individual wine-producers' households, for the production of wine vinegar or for distillation.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 114

Marketing standards for milk and milk products

1 Foodstuffs intended for human consumption may be marketed as milk and milk products only if they comply with the definitions and designations laid down in Annex XII.

2 Without prejudice to exemptions provided for in Community law and to measures for the protection of public health, milk falling within CN code 0401 intended for human consumption may only be marketed within the Community in accordance with Annex XIII and, in particular, with the definitions set out in point I thereof.

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Article 115

Marketing standards for fats

Without prejudice to Article 114(1) or to any provisions adopted in the veterinary and foodstuffs sectors to ensure that products comply with hygiene and health standards and to protect animal and human health, the standards laid down in Annex XV shall apply to the following products having a fat content of at least 10 % but less than 90 % by weight, intended for human consumption:

- (a) milk fats falling within CN codes 0405 and ex 2106;
- (b) fats falling within CN code ex 1517;
- (c) fats composed of plant and/or animal products falling within CN codes ex 1517 and ex 2106.

The fat content excluding salt shall be at least two-thirds of the dry matter.

However, those standards shall only apply to products which remain solid at a temperature of 20 °C, and which are suitable for use as spreads.

Article 116

Marketing standards for products of the eggs and poultrymeat sectors

Products of the eggs and poultrymeat sectors shall be marketed in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex XIV.

Article 117

Certification for hops

1 Products of the hops sector, harvested or prepared within the Community, shall be subject to a certification procedure.

2 Certificates may be issued only for products having the minimum quality characteristics appropriate to a specific stage of marketing. In the case of hop powder, hop powder with higher lupulin content, extract of hops and mixed hop products, the certificate may only be issued if the alpha acid content of these products is not lower than that of the hops from which they have been prepared.

3 The certificates shall indicate at least:

- a the place(s) of production of the hops;
- b the year(s) of harvesting;
- c the variety or varieties.

4 Products of the hops sector may be marketed or exported only if a certificate as referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 has been issued.

In the case of imported products of the hops sector, the attestation provided for in Article 158(2) shall be deemed to be equivalent to the certificate.

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- 5 Measures derogating from paragraph 4 may be adopted by the Commission:
- a in order to satisfy the trade requirements of certain third countries; or
 - b for products intended for special uses.

The measures referred to in the first subparagraph shall:

- a not prejudice the normal marketing of products for which the certificate has been issued;
- b be accompanied by guarantees intended to avoid any confusion with those products.

Article 118

Marketing standards for olive oils and olive-pomace oils

1 The use of the descriptions and definitions of olive oils and olive-pomace oils set out in Annex XVI shall be compulsory as regards the marketing of the products concerned within the Community and, insofar as compatible with international compulsory rules, in trade with third countries.

2 Only oils referred to in points 1(a) and (b), 3 and 6 of Annex XVI may be marketed at the retail stage.

f³Section Ia

Designations of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms in the wine sector

Article 118a

Scope

1 Rules relating to designations of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms laid down in this Section shall apply to the products referred to in paragraphs 1, 3 to 6, 8, 9, 11, 15 and 16 of Annex XIb.

- 2 The rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be based on:
- a protecting of legitimate interests of:
 - (i) consumers; and
 - (ii) producers;
 - b ensuring the smooth operation of the common market in the products concerned; and
 - c promoting the production of quality products, whilst allowing national quality policy measures.

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Subsection I

Designations of origin and geographical indications

Article 118b

Definitions

- 1 For the purposes of this Subsection, the following definitions shall apply:
 - a ‘designation of origin’ means the name of a region, a specific place or, in exceptional cases, a country used to describe a product referred to in Article 118a(1) that complies with the following requirements:
 - (i) its quality and characteristics are essentially or exclusively due to a particular geographical environment with its inherent natural and human factors;
 - (ii) the grapes from which it is produced come exclusively from this geographical area;
 - (iii) its production takes place in this geographical area; and
 - (iv) it is obtained from vine varieties belonging to *Vitis vinifera*;
 - b ‘geographical indication’ means an indication referring to a region, a specific place or, in exceptional cases, a country, used to describe a product referred to in Article 118a(1) which complies with the following requirements:
 - (i) it possesses a specific quality, reputation or other characteristics attributable to that geographical origin;
 - (ii) at least 85 % of the grapes used for its production come exclusively from this geographical area;
 - (iii) its production takes place in this geographical area; and
 - (iv) it is obtained from vine varieties belonging to *Vitis vinifera* or a cross between the *Vitis vinifera* species and other species of the genus *Vitis*.
- 2 Certain traditionally used names shall constitute a designation of origin where they:
 - a designate a wine;
 - b refer to a geographical name;
 - c meet the requirements referred to in paragraph 1(a)(i) to (iv); and
 - d undergo the procedure conferring protection on designations of origin and geographical indications laid down in this Subsection.
- 3 Designations of origin and geographical indications, including those relating to geographical areas in third countries, shall be eligible for protection in the Community in accordance with the rules laid down in this Subsection.

Article 118c

Content of applications for protection

- 1 Applications for protection of names as designations of origin or geographical indications shall include a technical file containing:

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- a the name to be protected;
- b the name and address of the applicant;
- c a product specification as referred to in paragraph 2; and
- d a single document summarising the product specification referred to in paragraph 2.

2 The product specification shall enable interested parties to verify the relevant conditions of production of the designation of origin or geographical indication.

It shall consist at least of:

- a the name to be protected;
- b a description of the wine(s):
 - (i) for wines with a designation of origin, its principal analytical and organoleptic characteristics;
 - (ii) for wines with a geographical indication, its principal analytical characteristics as well as an evaluation or indication of its organoleptic characteristics;
- c where applicable, the specific oenological practices used to make the wine(s) as well as the relevant restrictions on making the wine(s);
- d the demarcation of the geographical area concerned;
- e the maximum yields per hectare;
- f an indication of the wine grape variety or varieties the wine(s) is obtained from;
- g the details bearing out the link referred to in Article 118b(1)(a)(i) or, as the case may be, in Article 118b(1)(b)(i);
- h applicable requirements laid down in Community or national legislation or, where foreseen by Member States, by an organisation which manages the protected designation of origin or the protected geographical indication, having regard to the fact that such requirements shall be objective, and non-discriminatory and compatible with Community law;
- i the name and address of the authorities or bodies verifying compliance with the provisions of the product specification and their specific tasks.

Article 118d

Application for protection relating to a geographical area in a third country

1 Where the application for protection concerns a geographical area in a third country, it shall contain in addition to the elements provided for in Article 118c, proof that the name in question is protected in its country of origin.

2 The application shall be sent to the Commission, either directly from the applicant or via the authorities of the third country concerned.

3 The application for protection shall be filed in one of the official languages of the Community or accompanied by a certified translation into one of those languages.

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Article 118e

Applicants

1 Any interested group of producers, or in exceptional cases a single producer, may apply for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication. Other interested parties may participate in the application.

2 Producers may lodge an application for protection only for wines which they produce.

3 In the case of a name designating a trans-border geographical area or a traditional name connected to a trans-border geographical area, a joint application may be lodged.

Article 118f

Preliminary national procedure

1 Applications for protection of a designation of origin or a geographical indication of wines in accordance with Article 118b originating in the Community shall be subject to a preliminary national procedure in accordance with this Article.

2 The application for protection shall be filed with the Member State in which territory the designation of origin or geographical indication originates.

3 The Member State shall examine the application for protection in order to verify whether it meets the conditions set out in this Subsection.

The Member State shall carry out a national procedure ensuring adequate publication of the application and providing for a period of at least two months from the date of publication within which any natural or legal person having a legitimate interest and resident or established on its territory may object to the proposed protection by lodging a duly substantiated statement with the Member State.

4 If the Member State considers that the designation of origin or geographical indication does not meet the relevant requirements or is incompatible with Community law in general, it shall reject the application.

- 5 If the Member State considers that the relevant requirements are met, it shall:
- a publish the single document and the product specification at least on the Internet; and
 - b forward to the Commission an application for protection containing the following information:
 - (i) the name and address of the applicant;
 - (ii) the single document referred to in Article 118c(1)(d);
 - (iii) a declaration by the Member State that it considers that the application lodged by the applicant meets the conditions required; and
 - (iv) the reference to publication, as referred to in point (a).

This information shall be forwarded in one of the official languages of the Community or accompanied by a certified translation into one of those languages.

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6 Member States shall introduce the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Article by 1 August 2009.

7 Where a Member State has no national legislation concerning the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications, it may, on a transitional basis only, grant protection to the name in accordance with the terms of this Subsection at national level with effect from the day the application is lodged with the Commission. Such transitional national protection shall cease on the date on which a decision on registration or refusal under this Subsection is taken.

Article 118g

Scrutiny by the Commission

1 The Commission shall make the date of submission of the application for protection of the designation of origin or geographical indication public.

2 The Commission shall examine whether the applications for protection referred to in Article 118f(5) meet the conditions laid down in this Subsection.

3 Where the Commission considers that the conditions laid down in this Subsection are met, it shall publish in the *Official Journal of the European Union* the single document referred to in Article 118c(1)(d) and the reference to the publication of the product specification referred to in Article 118f(5).

Where this is not the case, the Commission shall decide, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4), to reject the application.

Article 118h

Objection procedure

Within two months from the date of publication provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 118g(3), any Member State or third country, or any natural or legal person having a legitimate interest, resident or established in a Member State other than that applying for the protection or in a third country, may object to the proposed protection by lodging a duly substantiated statement relating to the conditions of eligibility as laid down in this Subsection with the Commission.

In the case of natural or legal persons resident or established in a third country, such statement shall be lodged, either directly or via the authorities of the third country concerned, within the time limit of two months referred to in the first paragraph.

Article 118i

Decision on protection

On the basis of the information available to the Commission, the Commission shall decide, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4), either to confer protection on the designation of origin or geographical indication which meets the conditions laid down in this Subsection and is compatible with Community law, or to reject the application where those conditions are not satisfied.

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Article 118j

Homonyms

1 A name, for which an application is lodged, and which is wholly or partially homonymous with that of a name already registered under this Regulation concerning the wine sector, shall be registered with due regard for local and traditional usage and for any risk of confusion.

A homonymous name which misleads the consumer into believing that products come from another territory shall not be registered even if the name is accurate as far as the actual territory, region or place of origin of the products in question is concerned.

The use of a registered homonymous name shall be subject to there being a sufficient distinction in practice between the homonym registered subsequently and the name already on the register, having regard to the need to treat the producers concerned in an equitable manner and the need not to mislead the consumer.

2 Paragraph 1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* if a name, for which an application is lodged, is wholly or partially homonymous with a geographical indication protected as such under the legislation of Member States.

Member States shall not register non-identical geographical indications for protection under their respective legislation on geographical indications if a designation of origin or geographical indication is protected in the Community by virtue of the Community law relevant to designations of origin and geographical indications.

3 Save as otherwise provided for in Commission implementing measures, where the name of a wine grape variety contains or consists of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, that name shall not be used for the purposes of labelling the products covered by this Regulation.

4 The protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for products covered in Article 118b shall be without prejudice to protected geographical indications applying in relation to spirit drinks within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks⁽¹⁴⁾ and vice versa.

Article 118k

Grounds for refusal of protection

1 Names that have become generic shall not be protected as a designation of origin or geographical indication.

For the purposes of this Subsection, a ‘name that has become generic’ means the name of a wine which, although it relates to the place or the region where this product was originally produced or marketed, has become the common name of a wine in the Community.

To establish whether or not a name has become generic, account shall be taken of all relevant factors, in particular:

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- a the existing situation in the Community, notably in areas of consumption;
- b the relevant Community or national legislation.

2 A name shall not be protected as a designation of origin or geographical indication where, in the light of a trademark's reputation and renown, protection is liable to mislead the consumer as to the true identity of the wine.

Article 118l

Relationship with trademarks

1 Where a designation of origin or a geographical indication is protected under this Regulation, the registration of a trademark corresponding to one of the situations referred to in Article 118m(2) and relating to a product falling under one of the categories listed in Annex XIb shall be refused if the application for registration of the trademark is submitted after the date of submission of the application for protection of the designation of origin or geographical indication to the Commission and the designation of origin or geographical indication is subsequently protected.

Trademarks registered in breach of the first subparagraph shall be invalidated.

2 Without prejudice to Article 118k(2), a trademark the use of which corresponds to one of the situations referred to in Article 118m(2), which has been applied for, registered or established by use, if that possibility is provided for by the legislation concerned, in the territory of the Community before the date on which the application for protection of the designation of origin or geographical indication is submitted to the Commission, may continue to be used and renewed notwithstanding the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, provided that no grounds for the trademark's invalidity or revocation exist as specified by the First Council Directive 89/104/EEC of 21 December 1988 to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks⁽¹⁵⁾ or by Council Regulation (EC) No 40/94 of 20 December 1993 on the Community trade⁽¹⁶⁾.

In such cases the use of the designation of origin or geographical indication shall be permitted alongside the relevant trademarks.

Article 118m

Protection

1 Protected designations of origins and protected geographical indications may be used by any operator marketing a wine which has been produced in conformity with the corresponding product specification.

2 Protected designations of origins and protected geographical indications and the wines using those protected names in conformity with the product specification shall be protected against:

- a any direct or indirect commercial use of a protected name:
 - (i) by comparable products not complying with the product specification of the protected name; or
 - (ii) in so far as such use exploits the reputation of a designation of origin or a geographical indication;

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- b any misuse, imitation or evocation, even if the true origin of the product or service is indicated or if the protected name is translated or accompanied by an expression such as ‘style’, ‘type’, ‘method’, ‘as produced in’, ‘imitation’, ‘flavour’, ‘like’ or similar;
- c any other false or misleading indication as to the provenance, origin, nature or essential qualities of the product, on the inner or outer packaging, advertising material or documents relating to the wine product concerned, and the packing of the product in a container liable to convey a false impression as to its origin;
- d any other practice liable to mislead the consumer as to the true origin of the product.

3 Protected designations of origin or protected geographical indications shall not become generic in the Community within the meaning of Article 118k(1).

4 Member States shall take the steps necessary to stop unlawful use of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications as referred to in paragraph 2.

Article 118n

Register

The Commission shall establish and maintain an electronic register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications for wine which shall be publicly accessible.

Article 118o

Designation of competent control authority

1 Member States shall designate the competent authority or authorities responsible for controls in respect of the obligations established by this Chapter in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules⁽¹⁷⁾.

2 Member States shall ensure that any operator complying with this Subsection is entitled to be covered by a system of controls.

3 Member States shall inform the Commission of the competent authority or authorities referred to in paragraph 1. The Commission shall make their names and addresses public and update them periodically.

Article 118p

Verification of compliance with specifications

1 In respect of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications relating to a geographical area within the Community, annual verification of compliance with the product specification, during the production and during or after conditioning of the wine, shall be ensured by:

- a the competent authority or authorities referred to in Article 118o(1); or
- b one or more control bodies within the meaning of point 5 of the second subparagraph of Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 operating as a product certification body in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 5 of that Regulation.

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The costs of such verification shall be borne by the operators subject to it.

2 In respect of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications relating to a geographical area in a third country, annual verification of compliance with the product specification, during the production and during or after conditioning of the wine, shall be ensured by:

- a one or more public authorities designated by the third country; or
- b one or more certification bodies.

3 The certification bodies referred to in paragraphs 1(b) and 2(b) shall comply with, and from 1 May 2010 be accredited in accordance with, the European standard EN 45011 or ISO/IEC Guide 65 (General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems).

4 Where the authority or authorities referred to in paragraphs 1(a) and 2(a) verify compliance with the product specification, they shall offer adequate guarantees of objectivity and impartiality, and have at their disposal the qualified staff and resources needed to carry out their tasks.

Article 118q

Amendments to product specifications

1 An applicant satisfying the conditions of Article 118e may apply for approval of an amendment to the product specification of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, in particular to take account of developments in scientific and technical knowledge or to redefine the geographical area referred to in point (d) of the second subparagraph of Article 118c(2). Applications shall describe and give reasons for the amendments requested.

2 Where the proposed amendment involves one or more amendments to the single document referred to in Article 118c(1)(d), Articles 118f to 118i shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the amendment application. However, if the proposed amendment is only minor, the Commission shall decide, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4), whether to approve the application without following the procedure laid down in Article 118g(2) and Article 118h and in the case of approval, the Commission shall proceed to the publication of the elements referred to in Article 118g(3).

3 Where the proposed amendment does not involve any change to the single document, the following rules shall apply:

- a where the geographical area is in a given Member State, that Member State shall express its position on the amendment and, if it is in favour, shall publish the amended product specification and inform the Commission of the amendments approved and the reasons for them;
- b where the geographical area is in a third country, the Commission shall determine whether to approve the proposed amendment.

Article 118r

Cancellation

The Commission may decide, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4), at its own initiative or at the duly substantiated request of a Member State, of a third country or of a natural or legal person having a legitimate interest, to cancel the

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protection of a designation of origin or a geographical indication if compliance with the corresponding product specification is no longer ensured.

Articles 118f to 118i shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 118s

Existing protected wine names

1 Wine names, which are protected in accordance with Articles 51 and 54 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and Article 28 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2002 of 29 April 2002 laying down certain rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 as regards the description, designation, presentation and protection of certain wine sector products⁽¹⁸⁾, shall automatically be protected under this Regulation. The Commission shall list them in the register provided for in Article 118n of this Regulation.

2 Member States shall, in respect of existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1, transmit to the Commission:

- a the technical files as provided for in Article 118c(1);
- b the national decisions of approval.

3 Wine names referred to in paragraph 1, for which the information referred to in paragraph 2 is not submitted by 31 December 2011, shall lose protection under this Regulation. The Commission shall take the corresponding formal step of removing such names from the register provided for in Article 118n.

4 Article 118r shall not apply in respect of existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1.

The Commission may decide, until 31 December 2014, at its own initiative and in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4), to cancel protection of existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1 if they do not meet the conditions laid down in Article 118b.

Article 118t

Fees

Member States may charge a fee to cover their costs, including those incurred in examining applications for protection, statements of objections, applications for amendments and requests for cancellations under this Subsection.

Subsection II

Traditional terms

Article 118u

Definitions

1 ‘Traditional term’ means a term traditionally used in Member States for products referred to in Article 118a(1) to designate:

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- a that the product has a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication under Community or national law;
 - b the production or ageing method or the quality, colour, type of place, or a particular event linked to the history of the product with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication.
- 2 Traditional terms shall be recognised, defined and protected by the Commission.

Article 118v

Protection

1 A protected traditional term may only be used for a product which has been produced in conformity with the definition referred to in Article 118u(1).

Traditional terms shall be protected against unlawful use.

Member States shall take the steps necessary to stop the unlawful use of protected traditional terms.

- 2 Traditional terms shall not become generic in the Community.

Section Ib

Labelling and presentation in the wine sector

Article 118w

Definition

For the purposes of this Section:

- (a) 'labelling' means any words, particulars, trademarks, brand name, pictorial matter or symbol placed on any packaging, document, notice, label, ring or collar accompanying or referring to a given product;
- (b) 'presentation' means any information conveyed to consumers by virtue of the packaging of the product concerned, including the form and type of bottles.

Article 118x

Applicability of horizontal rules

Save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation, Directive 89/104/EEC, Council Directive 89/396/EEC of 14 June 1989 on indications or marks identifying the lot to which a foodstuff belongs⁽¹⁹⁾, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling presentation and adversity of foodstuffs⁽²⁰⁾ and Directive 2007/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 September 2007 laying down rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products⁽²¹⁾ shall apply to the labelling and presentation of products falling within their scopes.

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Article 118y

Compulsory particulars

1 Labelling and presentation of the products referred to in paragraphs 1 to 11, 13, 15 and 16 of Annex XIb marketed in the Community or for export shall contain the following compulsory particulars:

- a the designation for the category of the grapevine product in accordance with Annex XIb;
- b for wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication:
 - (i) the term ‘protected designation of origin’ or ‘protected geographical indication’; and
 - (ii) the name of the protected designation of origin or the protected geographical indication;
- c the actual alcoholic strength by volume;
- d an indication of provenance;
- e an indication of the bottler or, in the case of sparkling wine, aerated sparkling wine, quality sparkling wine or quality aromatic sparkling wine, the name of the producer or vendor;
- f an indication of the importer in the case of imported wines; and
- g in the case of sparkling wine, aerated sparkling wine, quality sparkling wine or quality aromatic sparkling wine, an indication of the sugar content.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1(a) the reference to the category of the grapevine product may be omitted for wines whose labels include the name of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication.

3 By way of derogation from paragraph 1(b) the reference to the terms ‘protected designation of origin’ or ‘protected geographical indication’ may be omitted in the following cases:

- a where a traditional term as referred to in Article 118u(1)(a) is displayed on the label;
- b where, in exceptional circumstances to be determined by the Commission, the name of the protected designation of origin or protected geographical indication is displayed on the label.

Article 118z

Optional particulars

1 Labelling and presentation of the products referred to in Article 118y(1) may in particular contain the following optional particulars:

- a the vintage year;
- b the name of one or more wine grape varieties;
- c in the case of wines other than those referred to in Article 118y(1)(g), terms indicating the sugar content;
- d for wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, traditional terms as referred to in Article 118u(1)(b);
- e the Community symbol indicating the protected designation of origin or the protected geographical indication;

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- f terms referring to certain production methods;
 - g for wines bearing a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, the name of another geographical unit that is smaller or larger than the area underlying the designation of origin or geographical indication.
- 2 Without prejudice to Article 118j(3), as regards the use of particulars referred to in paragraph 1(a) and (b) for wines without a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication:
- a Member States shall introduce laws, regulations or administrative provisions to ensure certification, approval and control procedures so as to guarantee the veracity of the information concerned;
 - b Member States may, on the basis of non-discriminatory and objective criteria and with due regard to loyal competition, for wine produced from wine grape varieties on their territory, draw up lists of excluded wine grape varieties, in particular if:
 - (i) there is a risk of confusion for consumers as to the true origin of the wine due to the fact that the given wine grape variety forms an integral part of an existing protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication;
 - (ii) the relevant controls would not be cost effective due to the fact that the given wine grape variety represents a very small part of the Member State vineyard;
 - c mixtures of wines from different Member States shall not give rise to labelling of the wine grape variety or varieties unless the Member States concerned agree otherwise and ensure the feasibility of the relevant certification, approval and control procedures.

Article 118za

Languages

1 Compulsory and optional particulars referred to in Articles 118y and 118z shall, where expressed in words, appear in one or more of the official languages of the Community.

2 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the name of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication or a traditional term as referred to in Article 118u(1)(a) shall appear on the label in the language or languages for which the protection applies.

In the case of protected designations of origin or protected geographical indications or national specific designations using a non-Latin alphabet, the name may also appear in one or more official languages of the Community.

Article 118zb

Enforcement

The competent authorities of the Member States shall take measures to ensure that a product referred to in Article 118y(1) which is not labelled in conformity with this Section is not placed on, or is withdrawn from, the market.]

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Section II

Conditions for production

^{F5}Article 119

Use of casein and caseinate in the manufacture of cheese

Where aid is paid under Article 100, the Commission may make the use of casein and caseinates in the manufacture of cheese subject to prior authorisation which shall be granted only if such use is a necessary condition for the manufacture of the products.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations \(EC\) No 247/2006, \(EC\) No 320/2006, \(EC\) No 1405/2006, \(EC\) No 1234/2007, \(EC\) No 3/2008 and \(EC\) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations \(EEC\) No 1883/78, \(EEC\) No 1254/89, \(EEC\) No 2247/89, \(EEC\) No 2055/93, \(EC\) No 1868/94, \(EC\) No 2596/97, \(EC\) No 1182/2005 and \(EC\) No 315/2007.](#)

Article 120

Method of production of agricultural ethyl alcohol

The method of production and the characteristics of agricultural ethyl alcohol obtained from a specific agricultural product listed in Annex I to the Treaty may be laid down by the Commission.

^{F3}Section IIa

Production rules in the wine sector

Subsection I

Wine grape varieties

Article 120a

Classification of wine grape varieties

1 Products listed in Annex XIb and produced in the Community shall be made from wine grape varieties classifiable according to paragraph 2.

2 Subject to paragraph 3, Member States shall classify which wine grape varieties may be planted, replanted or grafted on their territories for the purpose of wine production.

Only wine grape varieties meeting the following conditions may be classified by Member States:

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- a the variety concerned belongs to the *Vitis vinifera* or comes from a cross between the species *Vitis vinifera* and other species of the genus *Vitis*;
- b the variety is not one of the following: Noah, Othello, Isabelle, Jacquez, Clinton and Herbemont.

Where a wine grape variety is deleted from the classification referred to in the first subparagraph, grubbing-up of this variety shall take place within 15 years of its deletion.

3 Member States whose wine production does not exceed 50 000 hectolitres per wine year, calculated on the basis of the average production during the latest five wine years, shall be exempted from the classification obligation referred to in paragraph 2.

However, also in the Member States referred to in the first subparagraph, only wine grape varieties complying with paragraph 2(a) and (b) may be planted, replanted or grafted for the purpose of wine production.

4 By way of derogation from the first and second subparagraphs of paragraph 2 and the second subparagraph of paragraph 3, the planting, replanting or grafting of the following wine grape varieties shall be allowed for scientific research and experimental purposes:

- a wine grape varieties which are not classified as far as Member States referred to in paragraph 2 are concerned;
- b wine grape varieties which do not comply with paragraph 2(a) and (b) as far as Member States referred to in paragraph 3 are concerned.

5 Areas planted with wine grape varieties for the purpose of wine production planted in breach of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 shall be grubbed up.

However, there shall be no obligation to grub up such areas where the relevant production is intended exclusively for consumption by the wine-producers' households.

6 Member States shall take the necessary measures to check compliance by producers with paragraphs 2 to 5.

Subsection II

Oenological practices and restrictions

Article 120b

Scope

This Subsection concerns the authorised oenological practices and the applicable restrictions applying to the production and commercialisation of products of the wine sector as well as the procedure for deciding on those practices and restrictions.

Article 120c

Oenological practices and restrictions

1 Only oenological practices authorised under Community law as laid down in Annex XVa or decided upon in accordance with Articles 120d and 120e shall be used in the production and conservation in the Community of products of the wine sector.

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The first subparagraph shall not apply to:

- a grape juice and concentrated grape juice;
- b grape must and concentrated grape must intended for the preparation of grape juice.

2 Authorised oenological practices shall only be used for the purposes of ensuring proper vinification, proper preservation or proper refinement of the product.

3 Products of the wine sector shall be produced in the Community in accordance with the relevant restrictions laid down in Annex XVb.

4 Products covered by this Regulation, which have undergone unauthorised Community oenological practices or, where applicable, unauthorised national oenological practices or which contravene the restrictions laid down in Annex XVb, shall not be marketed in the Community.

Article 120d

Stricter rules decided by Member States

Member States may limit or exclude the use of certain oenological practices and provide for more stringent restrictions for wines authorised under Community law produced in their territory with a view to reinforcing the preservation of the essential characteristics of wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication and of sparkling wines and liqueur wines.

Member States shall communicate those limitations, exclusions and restrictions to the Commission, which shall bring them to the attention of the other Member States.

Article 120e

Authorisation of oenological practices and restrictions

1 Except for the oenological practices concerning enrichment, acidification and de-acidification laid down in Annex XVa for the specific products covered therein as well as the restrictions listed in Annex XVb, the authorisation of oenological practices and restrictions as regards the production and conservation of products of the wine sector shall be decided by the Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4).

2 Member States may allow the experimental use of unauthorised oenological practices under conditions to be determined by the Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4).

Article 120f

Authorisation criteria

When authorising oenological practices in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4), the Commission shall:

- (a) base itself on the oenological practices recommended and published by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) as well as on the results of experimental use of as yet unauthorised oenological practices;
- (b) take into account the protection of human health;

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- (c) take into account the possible risk of consumers being misled due to their established expectations and perceptions, having regard to the availability and feasibility of informational means to exclude such risks;
- (d) allow the preservation of the natural and essential characteristics of the wine and not cause a substantial change in the composition of the product concerned;
- (e) ensure an acceptable minimum level of environmental care;
- (f) respect the general rules concerning oenological practices and restrictions laid down in Annexes XVa and XVb respectively.

Article 120g

Methods of analysis

The methods of analysis for determining the composition of the products of the wine sector and the rules whereby it may be established whether these products have undergone processes contrary to the authorised oenological practices shall be those recommended and published by the OIV.

Where there are no methods and rules recommended and published by the OIV, corresponding methods and rules shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4).

Pending the adoption of such rules, the methods and rules to be used shall be the ones allowed by the Member State concerned.]

Section III

Procedural rules

Article 121

Adoption of standards, implementing rules and derogations

The Commission shall establish the detailed rules for the application of this Chapter, which may in particular relate to:

- (a) [^{F6}marketing standards referred to in Articles 113 and 113a including rules on:
 - (i) derogations or exemptions from the application of the standards;
 - (ii) presentation of particulars required by the standards as well as on marketing and labelling;
 - (iii) the application of the standards to products imported into, or exported from, the Community;
 - (iv) in respect of Article 113a(1), to define what constitutes a product which is sound, fair and of marketable quality;]
- (b) as regards the definitions and designations that may be used in the marketing of milk and milk products in accordance with Article 114(1):

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- (i) drawing up and, where necessary, supplementing the list of the products referred to in the second subparagraph of point III(1) of Annex XII, on the basis of the lists sent to it by the Member States;
- (ii) making additions, where necessary, to the list of designations given in point (a) of the second subparagraph of point II(2) of Annex XII;
- (c) as regards the standards for spreadable fats referred to in Article 115:
 - (i) a list of the products referred to in point (a) of the third subparagraph of point I(2) of Annex XV, on the basis of the lists sent to the Commission by the Member States;
 - (ii) the methods of analysis needed to check the composition and manufacturing characteristics of the products referred to in Article 115;
 - (iii) detailed rules for the taking of samples;
 - (iv) detailed rules for obtaining statistical information on the markets in the products referred to in Article 115;
- (d) as regards the provisions concerning the marketing of eggs set out in Part A of Annex XIV:
 - (i) definitions;
 - (ii) the frequency of collection, delivery, preservation and handling of eggs;
 - (iii) quality criteria, in particular the appearance of the shell, the consistency of the white and the yolk and the height of the air space;
 - (iv) weight grading, including exceptions;
 - (v) marking of eggs and indications on packs, including exceptions and including the rules to be applied in relation to packing centres;
 - (vi) trade with third countries;
 - (vii) farming methods;
- (e) as regards the provisions concerning the marketing of poultrymeat set out in Part B of Annex XIV:
 - (i) definitions;
 - (ii) the list of poultry carcasses, parts of such carcasses and offals, including *foie gras*, to which Part B of Annex XIV shall apply;
 - (iii) the criteria for classification within the meaning of point III(1) of Part B of Annex XIV;
 - (iv) the rules concerning further indications to be shown on accompanying commercial documents, the labelling, presentation and advertising of poultrymeat intended for the final consumer and the name under which the product is sold within the meaning of point (1) of Article 3(1) of Directive 2000/13/EC;
 - (v) optional indications of the method of the chilling used and of the type of farming;

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- (vi) derogations that may be applied in case of deliveries to cutting or processing establishments;
- (vii) the rules to be applied as regards the percentages of water absorption during the preparation of fresh, frozen and quick-frozen carcasses and cuts thereof as well as the indications to be made in that respect;
- (f) as regards the provisions concerning the standards for the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks set out in Part C of Annex XIV:
 - (i) definitions;
 - (ii) the registration of establishments producing or marketing eggs for hatching or farmyard poultry chicks;
 - (iii) indications to be made on eggs for hatching, including those to be imported from or to be exported to third countries, and on the packings, as well as the rules to be applied in respect of chicks originating in third countries;
 - (iv) registers to be kept by hatcheries;
 - (v) the use, other than for human consumption, that may be made of incubated eggs withdrawn from the incubator;
 - (vi) communications from hatcheries and other establishments to the competent authorities of the Member States;
 - (vii) accompanying documents;
- (g) the minimum quality characteristics for products of the hops sector referred to in Article 117;
- (h) the methods of analysis to be used, where applicable;
- (i) as regards the use of casein and caseinates referred to in Article 119:
 - (i) the conditions according to which the Member States shall grant the authorisations and the maximum percentages to be incorporated, on the basis of objective criteria having regard to what is technologically necessary;
 - (ii) the obligations to be respected by the undertakings authorised in accordance with point (i)^[F6;]
- (j) ^[F2]as regards the conditions that shall be used in the marketing of the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less in accordance with Article 113b:
 - (i) the practical methods of indicating the category identification letter as defined in point II of Annex XIa, as regards the location and size of the characters used;
 - (ii) the import of meat from third countries as referred to in point VIII of Annex XIa, as regards the methods of verifying compliance with this Regulation^[F10;]
- (k) ^[F3]the rules concerning the designation of origin and geographical indications referred to in Subsection I of Section Ia, in particular derogations from the applicability of the rules and requirements laid down in that Subsection:

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- (i) in so far as pending applications for protection of designations of origin or geographical indications are concerned;
 - (ii) in so far as the production of certain wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication in a geographical area in proximity of the geographical area where the grapes originate is concerned;
 - (iii) in so far as traditional production practices of certain wines with a protected designation of origin are concerned;
- (l) the rules concerning traditional terms referred to in Subsection II of Section Ia in particular concerning:
- (i) the procedure conferring protection;
 - (ii) the specific level of protection;
- (m) the rules concerning labelling and presentation referred to in Section Ib, in particular:
- (i) details on the indication of provenance of the relevant product;
 - (ii) the terms of use of the optional particulars listed in Article 118z;
 - (iii) specific requirements relating to the indications concerning the vintage year and the wine grape variety displayed on labels as referred to in Article 118z(2);
 - (iv) further derogations in addition to those referred to in Article 118y(2) which provide that the reference to the category of the grapevine product may be omitted;
 - (v) rules concerning protection to be conferred in relation to the presentation of a given product.]

[^{F2}The Commission may amend Part B of the table set up in point III(2) of Annex XIa.]

[^{F3}The measures necessary for the implementation of the provisions concerning oenological practices and restrictions laid down in Subsection II of Section IIa and Annexes XVa and XVb, save as otherwise provided in those Annexes, shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(4).

The measures referred to in the third paragraph may include, in particular:

- (a) provisions to the effect that the Community oenological practices listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 are considered authorised oenological practices;
- (b) authorised oenological practices and restrictions, including enrichment, acidification and de-acidification concerning sparkling wines, quality sparkling wines and quality aromatic sparkling wines;
- (c) authorised oenological practices and restrictions concerning liqueur wines;
- (d) subject to point C of Annex XVb, provisions regulating the blending and coupage of musts and wines;
- (e) where Community rules on that matter do not exist, the purity and identification, specification of substances used in oenological practices;
- (f) administrative rules for carrying out the oenological practices authorised;

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- (g) the conditions governing the holding, circulation and use of products not complying with Article 120c and possible exemptions from the requirements of that Article, as well as the establishment of criteria for the purpose of avoiding hardship in individual cases;
- (h) the conditions under which Member States may authorise the holding, circulation and use of products not complying with Subsection II of Section IIa other than Article 120c, or with provisions implementing that Subsection.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F6** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

CHAPTER II

Producer organisations, interbranch organisations, operator organisations

Section I

General principles

Article 122

Producer organisations

Member States shall recognise producer organisations, which:

- (a) [^{F6}are constituted by producers of one of the following sectors:
 - (i) hops;
 - (ii) olive oil and table olives;
 - (iii) fruit and vegetables in respect of farmers growing one or more products of that sector and/or of such products solely intended for processing;
 - (iiia) [^{F17}milk and milk products;]
 - (iv) silkworm;]
- (b) are formed on the initiative of the producers;
- (c) [^{F6}pursue a specific aim which may in particular, or as regards the fruit and vegetables sector shall, include one or more of the following objectives:

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- (i) ensuring that production is planned and adjusted to demand, particularly in terms of quality and quantity;
- (ii) concentration of supply and the placing on the market of the products produced by its members;
- (iii) optimising production costs and stabilising producer prices.;

[^{F9}Member States may also recognise producer organisations constituted by producers in any sector referred to in Article 1, other than those sectors referred to in point (a) of the first paragraph, on the conditions set out in points (b) and (c) of that paragraph.]

[^{F3}Member States may, as regards the wine sector, recognise producer organisations under the same conditions as those set out in points (b) and (c) of the first paragraph and which apply rules of association which require their members, in particular, to:

- (a) apply the rules adopted by the producer organisation relating to production reporting, production, marketing and protection of the environment;
- (b) provide the information requested by the producer organisation for statistical purposes, in particular on growing areas and market evolution;
- (c) pay penalties for infringement of obligations under the rules of association.

The following specific aims within the meaning of point (c) of the first paragraph may be pursued, in particular, in the wine sector:

- (a) promoting and providing technical assistance for the use of environmentally sound cultivation practices and production techniques;
- (b) promoting initiatives for the management of by-products of wine making and the management of waste in particular to protect the quality of water, soil and landscape and preserving or encouraging biodiversity;
- (c) carrying out research into sustainable production methods and market developments;
- (d) contributing to the achievement of support programmes as referred to in Section IVb of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II.]

Textual Amendments

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- F17** Inserted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector](#).

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Article 123

Interbranch organisations

- [^{F21}1.] Member States shall recognise interbranch organisations which:
- a are made up of representatives of economic activities linked to the production of, trade in, and/or processing of products in the following sectors:
 - (i) the olive oil and table olives sector;
 - (ii) the tobacco sector;
 - b are formed on the initiative of all or some of the organisations or associations which constitute them;
 - c pursue a specific aim, which may, in particular relate to:
 - (i) concentrating and coordinating supply and marketing of the produce of the members;
 - (ii) adapting production and processing jointly to the requirements of the market and improving the product;
 - (iii) promoting the rationalisation and improvement of production and processing;
 - (iv) carrying out research into sustainable production methods and market developments.

[^{F4}Where interbranch organisations carry out their activities in the territories of several Member States, recognition shall be granted by the Commission without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1).]

[^{F22} Where interbranch organisations referred to in paragraph 1 carry out their activities in the territories of several Member States, recognition shall be granted by the Commission without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1).]

[^{F23} [^{F10}Further to paragraph 1, Member States shall, with regard to the fruit and vegetables sector, and may, with regard to the wine sector, also recognise inter-branch organisations which:

- a are made up of representatives of economic activities linked to the production of, trade in, or processing of the products of the sectors referred to in the introductory words;
 - b are formed on the initiative of all or some of the representatives referred to in point (a);]
 - c [^{F10}carry out one, and in the case of the fruit and vegetables sector, two or more, of the following activities in one or more regions of the Community, taking into account the interests of consumers, and, without prejudice to other sectors, in the wine sector taking into account public health and the interests of consumers:]
- (i) improving knowledge and the transparency of production and the market;
 - (ii) [^{F10}helping to coordinate better the way the products of the fruit and vegetables and the wine sectors are placed on the market, in particular by means of research and market studies;]
 - (iii) drawing up standard forms of contract compatible with Community rules;
 - (iv) [^{F10}exploiting to a fuller extent the potential of the fruit and vegetables produced, and the potential of production in the wine sector;]

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- (v) providing the information and carrying out the research necessary to adjust production towards products more suited to market requirements and consumer tastes and expectations, in particular with regard to product quality and protection of the environment;
- (vi) seeking ways of restricting the use of plant-health products and other inputs and ensuring product quality and soil and water conservation;
- (vii) [^{F10}developing methods and instruments for improving product quality at all stages of production and marketing and, as regards the wine sector, also vinification;
- (viii) exploiting the potential of organic farming and protecting and promoting such farming as well as designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications;]
- (ix) promoting integrated production or other environmentally sound production methods;
- (x) [^{F10}with regard to the fruit and vegetables sector, laying down rules, as regards the production and marketing rules referred to in points 2 and 3 of Annex XVIa, which are stricter than Community or national rules;]
- (xi) [^{F3}with regard to the wine sector:
 - providing information on particular characteristics of wine with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication,
 - encouraging moderate and responsible consumption of wine and informing on the harm linked to hazardous consumption patterns,
 - carrying out promotion actions for wine, especially in third countries.]]

[^{F174} Member States may also recognise interbranch organisations which:

- a have formally requested recognition and are made up of representatives of economic activities linked to the production of raw milk and linked to at least one of the following stages of the supply chain: processing of or trade in, including distribution of, products of the milk and milk products sector;
- b are formed on the initiative of all or some of the representatives referred to in point (a);
- c carry out, in one or more regions of the Union, taking into account the interests of the members of those interbranch organisations and of consumers, one or more of the following activities:
 - (i) improving the knowledge and the transparency of production and the market, including by publication of statistical data on the prices, volumes and durations of contracts for the delivery of raw milk which have been previously concluded, and by providing analyses of potential future market developments at regional, national and international level;
 - (ii) helping to coordinate better the way the products of the milk and milk products sector are placed on the market, in particular by means of research and market studies;
 - (iii) promoting consumption of, and providing information on, milk and milk products in both internal and external markets;

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- (iv) exploring potential export markets;
- (v) drawing up standard forms of contract compatible with Union rules for the sale of raw milk to purchasers and/or the supply of processed products to distributors and retailers, taking into account the need to achieve fair competitive conditions and to avoid market distortions;
- (vi) providing the information and carrying out the research necessary to adjust production in favour of products more suited to market requirements and consumer tastes and expectations, in particular with regard to product quality and protection of the environment;
- (vii) maintaining and developing the production potential of the dairy sector, inter alia, by promoting innovation and supporting programmes for applied research and development in order to exploit the full potential of milk and milk products, especially in order to create value-added products which are more attractive to the consumer;
- (viii) seeking ways of restricting the use of animal-health products, improving the management of other inputs and enhancing food safety and animal health;
- (ix) developing methods and instruments for improving product quality at all stages of production and marketing;
- (x) exploiting the potential of organic farming and protecting and promoting such farming as well as the production of products with designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications; and
- (xi) promoting integrated production or other environmentally sound production methods.]

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Article 124

Common provisions concerning producer and interbranch organisations

[^{F51} Article 122 and Article 123(1) shall apply without prejudice to the recognition, decided by Member States on the basis of national law and in compliance with Community law, of producer organisations or interbranch organisations respectively, in any sector referred to in Article 1 except for the sectors referred to in point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 122 and in Article 123(1).]

2 Producer organisations recognised or approved in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 865/2004, (EC) No 1952/2005 and (EC) No 1544/2006 shall be considered as recognised producer organisations under Article 122 of this Regulation.

Interbranch organisations recognised or approved in accordance with Regulations (EEC) 2077/92 and (EC) No 865/2004 shall be considered recognised interbranch organisations under Article 123 of this Regulation.

Textual Amendments

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Article 125

Operator organisations

For the purposes of this Regulation, operator organisations shall comprise recognised producer organisations, recognised interbranch organisations or recognised organisations of other operators in the olive oil and table olives sector or their associations.

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[^{F2}Section Ia

Rules concerning producer and interbranch organisations and producer groups in the fruit and vegetables sector

Subsection I

Rules of association and recognition of producer organisations

Article 125a

Rules of association of producer organisations

- 1 The rules of association of a producer organisation in the fruit and vegetables sector shall require its producer members, in particular, to:
 - a apply the rules adopted by the producer organisation relating to production reporting, production, marketing and protection of the environment;
 - b belong to only one producer organisation in respect of a given holding's production of any given product referred to in Article 122(a)(iii);
 - c market their entire production concerned through the producer organisation;
 - d provide the information requested by the producer organisation for statistical purposes, in particular on growing areas, quantities cropped, yields and direct sales;
 - e pay the financial contributions provided for in its rules of association for the establishment and replenishment of the operational fund provided for in Article 103b.
- 2 Notwithstanding paragraph 1(c), where the producer organisation so authorises and where this is in compliance with the terms and conditions laid down by the producer organisation, the producer members may:
 - a sell no more than a fixed percentage of their production and/or products directly on their holdings and/or outside their holdings to consumers for their personal needs, such percentages being fixed by Member States at not less than 10 %;
 - b market themselves or through another producer organisation designated by their own organisation, quantities of products which are marginal in relation to the volume of marketable production of their organisation;
 - c market themselves or through another producer organisation designated by their own organisation products which, because of their characteristics, are not normally covered by the commercial activities of the producer organisation concerned.
- 3 The rules of association of a producer organisation shall also provide for:
 - a procedures for determining, adopting and amending the rules referred to in paragraph 1;
 - b the imposition on members of financial contributions needed to finance the producer organisation;
 - c rules enabling the producer members to scrutinise democratically their organisation and its decisions;
 - d penalties for infringement of obligations under the rules of association, particularly non-payment of financial contributions, or of the rules laid down by the producer organisation;
 - e rules on the admission of new members, particularly a minimum membership period;
 - f the accounting and budgetary rules necessary for the operation of the organisation.

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4 Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector shall be deemed as acting in the name of, and on behalf of, their members in economic matters.

Article 125b

Recognition

1 Member States shall recognise as producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector all legal entities or clearly defined parts of legal entities applying for such recognition, provided that:

- a they have the objective of the use of environmentally sound cultivation practices, production techniques and waste management practices in particular to protect the quality of water, soil and landscape and preserve or encourage biodiversity and meet the requirements laid down in Articles 122 and 125a and provide the relevant evidence therefore;
- b they have a minimum number of members and cover a minimum volume or value of marketable production to be laid down by Member States, and provide the relevant evidence therefore;
- c there is sufficient evidence that they can carry out their activities properly, both over time and in terms of effectiveness and concentration of supply, to which end Member States may decide which of the products, or groups of products referred to in Article 122(a)(iii) should be covered by the producer organisation;
- d they effectively enable their members to obtain technical assistance in using environmentally-sound cultivation practices;
- e they effectively provide their members, where necessary, with the technical means for collecting, storing, packaging and marketing their produce;
- f they ensure proper commercial and accounting management of their activities; and
- g they do not hold a dominant position on a given market unless this is necessary in pursuance of the objectives of Article 33 of the Treaty.

2 Member States shall:

- a decide whether to grant recognition to a producer organisation within three months of the lodging of an application accompanied by all the relevant evidence;
- b carry out checks at regular intervals to ascertain that producer organisations comply with this Chapter, impose the penalties on such organisations in the event of non-compliance or irregularities concerning the provisions of this Regulation and decide, where necessary, to withdraw recognition;
- c notify the Commission, once per year, of every decision to grant, refuse or withdraw recognition.

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Subsection II

Association of producer organisations and producer groups

Article 125c

Association of producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector

An association of producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector shall be formed on the initiative of recognised producer organisations and may carry out any of the activities of a producer organisation referred to in this Regulation. To this end, Member States may recognise, on request, an association of producer organisations where:

- (a) the Member State considers that the association is capable of effectively carrying out those activities; and
- (b) the association does not hold a dominant position on a given market unless this is necessary in pursuance of the objectives of Article 33 of the Treaty.

Article 125a(4) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 125d

Outsourcing

Member States may permit a recognised producer organisation in the fruit and vegetables sector or a recognised association of producer organisations in that sector to outsource any of its activities, including to subsidiaries, provided that it provides sufficient evidence to the Member State that doing so is an appropriate way to achieve the objectives of the producer organisation or association of producer organisations concerned.

Article 125e

Producer groups in the fruit and vegetables sector

1 In Member States which acceded to the European Union on 1 May 2004 or thereafter, or in the outermost regions of the Community as referred to in Article 299(2) of the Treaty, or in the smaller Aegean Islands as referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006, producer groups may be formed as a legal entity or clearly defined part of a legal entity, on the initiative of farmers who are growers of one or more products of the fruit and vegetables sector and/or of such products solely intended for processing, with a view to being recognised as a producer organisation.

Such producer groups may be allowed a transitional period in which to meet the conditions for recognition as a producer organisation in accordance with Article 122.

In order to qualify, those producer groups shall present a phased recognition plan to the relevant Member State, acceptance of which shall signal the start of the transitional period referred to in the second subparagraph and shall constitute a preliminary recognition. The transitional period shall be no more than five years long.

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2 Before acceptance of the recognition plan, Member States shall inform the Commission of their intentions and the likely financial implications thereof.

Subsection III

Extension of rules to producers in an economic area

Article 125f

Extension of rules

1 In cases where a producer organisation in the fruit and vegetables sector which operates in a specific economic area is considered, in respect of a specific product, to be representative of production and producers in that area, the Member State concerned may, at the request of the producer organisation, make the following rules binding on producers established in that economic area who do not belong to the producer organisation:

- a the rules referred to in Article 125a(1)(a);
- b the rules required to implement the measures referred to in Article 103c(2)(c).

The first subparagraph shall apply on condition that those rules:

- (a) have been in force for at least one marketing year;
- (b) are included in the exhaustive list in Annex XVIa;
- (c) are made binding for no more than three marketing years.

However, the condition referred to in point (a) of the second subparagraph shall not apply if the rules concerned are those listed in points 1, 3 and 5 of Annex XVIa. In this case, the extension of rules may not apply for more than one marketing year.

2 For the purposes of this subsection, 'economic area' means a geographical zone made up of adjoining or neighbouring production regions in which production and marketing conditions are homogeneous.

Member States shall notify a list of economic areas to the Commission.

Within one month of notification, the Commission shall approve the list or shall, after consultation with the Member State concerned, decide on the amendments which the latter must make to it. The Commission shall make the approved list publicly available by the methods it considers appropriate.

3 A producer organisation shall be deemed representative within the meaning of paragraph 1 where its members account for at least 50 % of the producers in the economic area in which it operates and it covers at least 60 % of the volume of production of that area. Without prejudice to paragraph 5, in calculating these percentages account shall not be taken of producers or production of organic products covered, until 31 December 2008, by Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 and, from 1 January 2009, by Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

4 The rules which are made binding on all producers in a specific economic area:

- a shall not cause any damage to other producers in the Member State concerned or in the Community;

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- b shall not apply, unless they expressly cover them, to products delivered for processing under a contract signed before the beginning of the marketing year, with the exception of the rules on production reporting referred to in Article 125a(1)(a);
- c shall not be incompatible with Community and national rules in force.

5 Rules may not be made binding on producers of organic products covered, until 31 December 2008, by Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 and, from 1 January 2009, by Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 unless such a measure has been agreed to by at least 50 % of such producers in the economic area in which the producer organisation operates and that organisation covers at least 60 % of such production of that area.

Article 125g

Notification

Member States shall notify the Commission forthwith of the rules which they have made binding on all producers in a specific economic area pursuant to Article 125f(1). The Commission shall make these rules publicly available by the methods it considers appropriate.

Article 125h

Repeal of the extension of rules

The Commission shall decide that a Member State shall repeal an extension of the rules decided on by that Member State pursuant to Article 125f(1):

- (a) where it finds that the extension in question to other producers excludes competition in a substantial part of the internal market or jeopardises free trade, or that the objectives of Article 33 of the Treaty are endangered;
- (b) where it finds that Article 81(1) of the Treaty applies to the rules extended to other producers. The Commission's decision with regard to those rules shall apply only from the date of such a finding;
- (c) where it finds after checks that this subsection has not been complied with.

Article 125i

Financial contributions of non-member producers

Where Article 125f(1) is applied, the Member State concerned may decide, on scrutiny of evidence presented, that non-member producers shall be liable to the producer organisation for the part of the financial contributions paid by the producer members, insofar as these are used to cover:

- (a) administrative costs resulting from applying the rules referred to in Article 125f(1);
- (b) the cost of research, market studies and sales promotion undertaken by the organisation or association and benefiting all producers in the area.

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Article 125j

Extension of rules of associations of producer organisations

For the purposes of this subsection, any reference to producer organisations shall also be construed as a reference to recognised associations of producer organisations.

Subsection IV

Interbranch organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector

Article 125k

Recognition and withdrawal of recognition

1 If warranted by the Member State's structures, Member States may recognise as interbranch organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector all legal entities established on their territory which make an appropriate application, on condition that:

- a they carry out their activity in one or more regions in the Member State concerned;
- b they represent a significant share of the production of, trade in and/or processing of fruit and vegetables and products processed from fruit and vegetables in the region or regions in question and, where more than one region is involved, they can demonstrate a minimum level of representativeness in each region for each of the branches that they group;
- c they carry out two or more of the activities referred to in Article 123(3)(c);
- d they are not themselves engaged in the production or processing or marketing of fruit and vegetables or products processed from fruit and vegetables;
- e they do not engage in any of the agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in Article 176a(4).

2 Before granting recognition Member States shall notify the Commission of the interbranch organisations which have applied for recognition, providing all relevant information about their representativeness and their various activities, together with all other information needed for an assessment.

The Commission may object to recognition within a time limit of two months after notification.

3 Member States shall:

- a decide whether to grant recognition within three months of the lodging of an application with all relevant supporting documents;
- b carry out checks at regular intervals to ascertain that interbranch organisations comply with the terms and conditions for recognition, impose the penalties on such organisations in the event of non-compliance or irregularities concerning the provisions of this Regulation and decide, where necessary, to withdraw recognition;
- c withdraw recognition if:
 - (i) the requirements and conditions for recognition laid down in this subsection are no longer met;

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- (ii) the interbranch organisation engages in any of the agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in Article 176a(4), without prejudice to any other penalties to be imposed pursuant to national law;
- (iii) the interbranch organisation fails to comply with the notification obligation referred to in Article 176a(2);
- d notify the Commission, within two months, of any decision to grant, refuse or withdraw recognition.

4 The Commission shall lay down the terms and conditions on which and the frequency with which the Member States are to report to the Commission on the activities of interbranch organisations.

The Commission may, as a result of checks, request a Member State to withdraw recognition.

5 Recognition shall constitute an authorisation to carry out the activities listed in Article 123(3)(c), subject to the terms of this Regulation.

6 The Commission shall make publicly available a list of recognised interbranch organisations, by the methods it considers appropriate, indicating the economic sphere or the area of their activities and the activities carried out within the meaning of Article 1251. Withdrawals of recognition shall also be made publicly available.

Article 1251

Extension of rules

1 In cases where an interbranch organisation operating in a specific region or regions of a Member State is considered to be representative of the production of or trade in or processing of a given product, the Member State concerned may, at the request of that interbranch organisation, make binding some of the agreements, decisions or concerted practices agreed on within that organisation for a limited period on other operators operating in the region or regions in question, whether individuals or groups, who do not belong to the organisation.

2 An interbranch organisation shall be deemed representative within the meaning of paragraph 1 where it accounts for at least two thirds of the production or trade in or processing of the product or products concerned in the region or regions concerned of a Member State. Where the application for extension of its rules to other operators covers more than one region, the interbranch organisation must demonstrate a minimum level of representativeness for each of the branches it groups in each of the regions concerned.

3 The rules for which extension to other operators may be requested:

- a shall have one of the following aims:
 - (i) production and market reporting;
 - (ii) stricter production rules than those laid down in Community or national rules;
 - (iii) drawing up of standard contracts which are compatible with Community rules;
 - (iv) rules on marketing;
 - (v) rules on protecting the environment;
 - (vi) measures to promote and exploit the potential of products;

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- (vii) measures to protect organic farming as well as designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications;
- b shall have been in force for at least one marketing year;
- c may be made binding for no more than three marketing years;
- d shall not cause any damage to other operators in the Member State concerned or the Community.

However, the condition referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph shall not apply if the rules concerned are those listed in points 1, 3 and 5 of Annex XVIa. In this case, the extension of rules may not apply for more than one marketing year.

4 The rules referred to in points (a)(ii), (iv) and (v) of paragraph 3 shall not be other than those set out in Annex XVIa. The rules referred to in point (a)(ii) of paragraph 3 shall not apply to products which were produced outside the specific region or regions referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 125m

Notification and repeal of the extension of rules

1 Member States shall notify the Commission forthwith of the rules which they have made binding on all operators in one or more specific regions pursuant to Article 125l(1). The Commission shall make those rules publicly available by the methods it considers appropriate.

2 Before the rules are made publicly available, the Commission shall inform the Committee set up by Article 195 of any notification of the extension of interbranch agreements.

3 The Commission shall decide that a Member State must repeal an extension of the rules decided on by that Member State in the cases referred to in Article 125h.

Article 125n

Financial contributions of non-members

In cases where rules for one or more products are extended and where one or more of the activities referred to in Article 125l(3)(a) are pursued by a recognised interbranch organisation and are in the general economic interest of those persons whose activities relate to one or more of the products concerned, the Member State which has granted recognition may decide that individuals or groups which are not members of the interbranch organisation but which benefit from those activities shall pay the organisation all or part of the financial contributions paid by its members to the extent that such contributions are intended to cover costs directly incurred as a result of pursuing the activities in question.]

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[^{F3}Section Ib

Rules concerning producer and inter-branch organisations in the wine sector

Article 125o

Recognition

1 Member States may recognise producer and inter-branch organisations which have lodged an application for recognition with the Member State concerned and the application contains evidence that the entity:

- a as regards producer organisations:
 - (i) meets the requirements laid down in Article 122;
 - (ii) has a minimum number of members, to be laid down by the Member State concerned;
 - (iii) covers a minimum volume of marketable production, to be laid down by the Member State concerned, in the area where the organisation operates;
 - (iv) can carry out its activities properly, both over time and in terms of effectiveness and concentration of supply;
 - (v) effectively enables its members to obtain technical assistance in using environmentally sound cultivation practices;
- b as regards inter-branch organisations:
 - (i) meets the requirements laid down in Article 123(3);
 - (ii) carries out its activities in one or more regions in the territory concerned;
 - (iii) represents a significant share of the production of, or trade in, products covered by this Regulation;
 - (iv) does not engage in the production, processing or marketing of products of the wine sector.

2 Producer organisations recognised in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 shall be considered as recognised producer organisations under this Article.

Organisations meeting the criteria set out in Article 123(3) and of paragraph (1)(b) of this Article, which have been recognised by Member States, shall be considered as recognised interbranch organisations under those provisions.

3 Articles 125b(2) and 125k(3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to producer and inter-branch organisations respectively in the wine sector. However:

- a the periods referred to in Articles 125b(2)(a) and 125k(3)(c) respectively shall be four months;
- b the applications for recognition referred to in Articles 125b(2)(a) and 125k(3)(c) shall be lodged with the Member State where the organisation has its headquarters;
- c the annual notifications referred to in Articles 125b(2)(c) and 125k(3)(d) respectively shall be made by 1 March each year.]

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Section II

Rules concerning interbranch organisations in the tobacco sector

Article 126

Payment of subscription by non-members

1 Where one or more of the activities referred to in paragraph 2 is pursued by a recognised interbranch organisation in the tobacco sector and is in the general economic interest of those persons whose activities relate to one or more of the products concerned, the Member State which has granted recognition, or the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), where recognition has been granted by the Commission, may decide that individuals or groups which are not members of the organisation but which benefit from those activities shall pay the organisation all or part of the subscriptions paid by its members to the extent that such subscriptions are intended to cover costs, other than administrative costs of any description, directly incurred as a result of pursuing the activities in question.

2 The activities referred to in paragraph 1 shall relate to one of the following objectives:

- a research to add value to the products, in particular through new uses which do not pose a threat to public health;
- b studies to improve the quality of leaf or baled tobacco;
- c research into methods of cultivation permitting reduced use of plant health products and guaranteeing conservation of the soil and the environment.

3 The Member States concerned shall notify the Commission of decisions which they intend to take under paragraph 1. Such decisions may not apply before the expiry of a three month period starting from the date of notification to the Commission. Within that three month period the Commission may call for the rejection of all or part of the draft decision if the general economic interest put forward does not appear to be well founded.

4 Where the activities of an interbranch organisation recognised by the Commission in accordance with this Chapter are in the general economic interest, the Commission shall notify its draft decision to the Member States concerned, who shall then have two months to make their comments.

[^{F17}Section IIa

Rules concerning producer organisations and interbranch organisations in the milk and milk products sector

Article 126a

Recognition of producer organisations and their associations in the milk and milk products sector

1 Member States shall recognise as producer organisations in the milk and milk products sector all legal entities or clearly defined parts of legal entities applying for such recognition, provided that:

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- a they meet the requirements laid down in points (b) and (c) of the first paragraph of Article 122;
- b they have a minimum number of members and/or cover a minimum volume of marketable production, to be laid down by the Member State concerned, in the area where they operate;
- c there is sufficient evidence that they can carry out their activities properly, both over time and in terms of effectiveness and concentration of supply;
- d they have a statute that is consistent with points (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph.

2 In response to an application, Member States may recognise an association of recognised producer organisations in the milk and milk products sector if the Member State concerned considers that this association is capable of carrying out effectively any of the activities of a recognised producer organisation and that it fulfils the conditions laid down in paragraph 1.

3 Member States may decide that producer organisations which have been recognised before 2 April 2012 on the basis of national law and which fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article are to be considered to be recognised as producer organisations pursuant to point (iiia) of point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 122.

Producer organisations which have been recognised before 2 April 2012 on the basis of national law and which do not fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article may continue to exercise their activities under national law until 3 October 2012.

4 Member States shall:

- a decide whether to grant a recognition to a producer organisation within 4 months of the lodging of an application accompanied by all the relevant supporting evidence; this application shall be lodged with the Member State where the organisation has its headquarters;
- b carry out, at intervals to be determined by them, checks to ascertain that recognised producer organisations and associations of producer organisations are complying with the provisions of this Chapter;
- c in the event of non-compliance or irregularities in the implementation of the measures provided for in this Chapter, impose on those organisations and associations the applicable penalties they have laid down and decide whether, if necessary, recognition should be withdrawn;
- d inform the Commission once a year, and no later than 31 March, of every decision to grant, refuse or withdraw recognition which they have taken during the previous calendar year.

Article 126b

Recognition of interbranch organisations in the milk and milk products sector

1 Member States may recognise interbranch organisations in the milk and milk products sector provided that such organisations:

- a meet the requirements laid down in Article 123(4);
- b carry out their activities in one or more regions in the territory concerned;
- c account for a significant share of the economic activities referred to in Article 123(4)(a);
- d do not themselves engage in the production of processing of or the trade in products in the milk and milk products sector.

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2 Member States may decide that interbranch organisations which have been recognised before 2 April 2012 on the basis of national law and which fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 are to be considered to be recognised as interbranch organisations under Article 123(4).

3 Where Member States make use of the option to recognise an interbranch organisation in accordance with paragraph 1 and/or 2, they shall:

- a decide whether to grant recognition to the interbranch organisation within 4 months of the lodging of an application accompanied by all the relevant supporting evidence; this application shall be lodged with the Member State where the organisation has its headquarters;
- b carry out, at intervals to be determined by them, checks to verify that recognised interbranch organisations are complying with the conditions governing their recognition;
- c in the event of non-compliance or irregularities in the implementation of the measures provided for in this Regulation, impose on those organisations the applicable penalties they have laid down and decide whether, if necessary, recognition should be withdrawn;
- d withdraw recognition if:
 - (i) the requirements and conditions for recognition laid down in this Article are no longer met;
 - (ii) the interbranch organisation engages in any of the agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in Article 177a(4), without prejudice to any other penalties to be imposed pursuant to national law;
 - (iii) the interbranch organisation fails to comply with the notification obligation referred to in Article 177a(2);
- e inform the Commission once a year, and no later than 31 March, of every decision to grant, refuse or withdraw recognition taken during the previous calendar year.

Article 126e

Commission powers in relation to producer organisations and interbranch organisations in the milk and milk products sector

1 In order to ensure that the objectives and responsibilities of producer organisations and associations of producer organisations in the milk and milk products sector are clearly defined, so as to contribute to the effectiveness of the actions of such organisations without imposing an undue burden, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 196a which lay down:

- a the conditions for recognising transnational producer organisations and transnational associations of producer organisations;
- b rules relating to the establishment and the conditions of administrative assistance to be given by the relevant competent authorities in the case of transnational cooperation;
- c additional rules regarding the calculation of the volume of raw milk covered by the negotiations referred to in Article 126c(2)(c) and Article 126c(3).

2 The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down detailed rules necessary for:

- a the implementation of the conditions for recognition of producer organisations and their associations and interbranch organisations set out in Articles 126a and 126b;

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- b the notification referred to in Article 126c(2)(f);
- c the notifications to be made by the Member States to the Commission in accordance with Article 126a(4)(d), Article 126b(3)(e), Article 126c(8) and Article 126d(7);
- d the procedures relating to administrative assistance in the case of transnational cooperation.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 196b(2).]

Section III

Procedural rules

Article 127

Implementing rules

The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the application of this Chapter, in particular the conditions and procedures for the recognition of producer, interbranch and operator organisations in individual sectors, including:

- (a) the specific aims to be pursued by such organisations;
- (b) the rules of association of such organisations;
- (c) the activities of such organisations;
- (d) derogations from the requirements laid down in Articles 122, 123 and 125;
- (da) [^{F2}as the case may be, the rules on transnational producer organisations and transnational associations of producer organisations including administrative assistance to be given by the relevant competent authorities in the case of transnational cooperation;]
- (e) as the case may be, any effects deriving from the recognition as an interbranch organisation.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

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PART III

TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 128

General principles

Unless otherwise provided for in this Regulation or in provisions adopted pursuant thereto, the following shall be prohibited in trade with third countries:

- (a) the levying of any charge having equivalent effect to a customs duty;
- (b) the application of any quantitative restriction or measure having equivalent effect.

Article 129

Combined nomenclature

The general rules for interpreting the Combined Nomenclature, provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff⁽²²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as ‘Combined Nomenclature’), and the special rules for its application shall apply to the tariff classification of products covered by this Regulation. [F10The tariff nomenclature resulting from the application of this Regulation, including, as the case may be, the definitions in Annex III and Annex XIb shall be included in the Common Customs Tariff.]

Textual Amendments

- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

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CHAPTER II

Imports

Section I

Import licences

Article 130

Import licences

1 Without prejudice to cases where import licences are required in accordance with this Regulation, the Commission may make imports of one or more products of the following sectors into the Community subject to presentation of an import licence:

- a cereals;
- b rice;
- c sugar;
- d seeds;
- e olive oil and table olives, with regard to products falling within CN codes 1509, 1510 00, 0709 90 39, 0711 20 90, 2306 90 19, 1522 00 31 and 1522 00 39;
- f flax and hemp, as far as hemp is concerned;
- [^{F2}fa fruit and vegetables;
- fb processed fruit and vegetables;]
- g bananas;
- [^{F3}ga wine;]
- h live plants;
- i beef and veal;
- j milk and milk products;
- k pigmeat;
- l sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- m eggs;
- n poultrymeat;
- o agricultural ethyl alcohol.

2 When applying paragraph 1, the Commission shall take account of the need for import licences for the management of the markets concerned and, in particular, for monitoring the imports of the products in question.

Textual Amendments

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Article 131

Issue of licences

Import licences shall be issued by Member States to any applicant, irrespective of its place of establishment in the Community, unless a Council Regulation or any other act of the Council provides otherwise, and without prejudice to measures taken for the application of this Chapter.

Article 132

Validity

Import licences shall be valid throughout the Community.

Article 133

Security

1 Save as otherwise provided for by the Commission, licences shall be issued subject to the lodging of a security guaranteeing that the products are imported during the term of validity of the licence.

2 Except in cases of *force majeure*, the security shall be forfeited in whole or in part if the import is not carried out, or is carried out only partially, within the period of validity of the licence.

[^{F3}Article 133a

Special security in the wine sector

1 For juice and musts falling under CN codes 2009 61, 2009 69 and 2204 30 for which the application of the Common Customs Tariff duties depends on the import price of the product, the actual amount of that price shall be verified either by checking every consignment or by using a flat-rate import value calculated by the Commission on the basis of price quotations for the same products in the countries of origin.

Should the declared entry price of the consignment be higher than the flat-rate import value, if such applies, increased by a margin adopted by the Commission that may not exceed the flat-rate value by more than 10 %, a security must be lodged equal to the import duties determined on the basis of the flat-rate import value.

If the entry price of the consignment is not declared, the application of Common Customs Tariff shall be dependent on the flat-rate import value or on the application, under conditions to be determined by the Commission, of the relevant provisions of customs legislation.

2 Should derogations by the Council referred to in points B.5 or C of Annex XVb be applied to imported products, importers shall lodge a security for those products with the designated customs authorities at the time of release for free circulation. The security shall be released on presentation by the importer of proof, to the satisfaction of the customs authorities

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of the Member State of release for free circulation, that the musts were made into grape juice, used in other products outside the wine sector or, if vinified, have been appropriately labelled.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 134

Implementing rules

The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the application of this Section, including the terms of validity of the licences and the rate of security.

Section II

Import duties and levies

Article 135

Import duties

Save as otherwise provided for pursuant to this Regulation, the rates of import duty in the Common Customs Tariff shall apply to the products referred to in Article 1.

Article 136

Calculation of import duties for cereals

1 Notwithstanding Article 135, the import duty on products covered by CN codes 1001 10 00, 1001 90 91, ex 1001 90 99 (high quality common wheat), 1002 00 00, 1005 10 90, 1005 90 00 and 1007 00 90 other than hybrid for sowing, shall be equal to the intervention price valid for such products on importation increased by 55 %, minus the c.i.f. import price applicable to the consignment in question. However, that duty may not exceed the conventional rate of duty as determined on the basis of the Combined Nomenclature.

2 For the purposes of calculating the import duty referred to in paragraph 1, representative c.i.f. import prices shall be established on a regular basis for the products referred to in that paragraph.

Article 137

Calculation of import duties for husked rice

1 Notwithstanding Article 135, the import duty on husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20 shall be fixed by the Commission without the assistance of the Committee

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referred to in Article 195(1) within 10 days of the end of the reference period concerned in accordance with point 1 of Annex XVII.

The Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), shall fix a new applicable duty if the calculations performed under that Annex indicate a need to change the duty. Until such time as a new applicable duty is fixed, the duty previously fixed shall apply.

2 In order to calculate the imports referred to in point 1 of Annex XVII, account shall be taken of the quantities for which import licences for husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20 were issued in the corresponding reference period, excluding the import licences for Basmati rice referred to in Article 138.

3 The annual reference quantity shall be 449 678 tonnes. The partial reference quantity for each marketing year shall correspond to half the annual reference quantity.

Article 138

Calculation of import duties for husked basmati rice

Notwithstanding Article 135, the husked Basmati rice varieties falling within CN codes 1006 20 17 and 1006 20 98 listed in Annex XVIII shall qualify for a zero rate of import duty under the conditions fixed by the Commission.

Article 139

Calculation of import duties for milled rice

1 Notwithstanding Article 135, the import duty for semi-milled or wholly milled rice falling within CN code 1006 30 shall be fixed by the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), within ten days after the end of the reference period concerned in accordance with point 2 of Annex XVII.

The Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), shall fix a new applicable duty if the calculations performed under that Annex indicate a need to change the duty. Until such time as a new applicable duty is fixed, the duty previously fixed shall apply.

2 In order to calculate imports referred to in point 2 of Annex XVII, account shall be taken of the quantities for which import licences for semi-milled or wholly milled rice falling within CN code 1006 30 were issued in the corresponding reference period.

Article 140

Calculation of import duties for broken rice

Notwithstanding Article 135, the import duty on broken rice falling within CN code 1006 40 00 shall be EUR 65 per tonne.

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[^{F2}Article 140a

Entry price system for the fruit and vegetables and the processed fruit and vegetables sectors

1 Should application of the common customs tariff duty rate depend on the entry price of the imported consignment, the veracity of this price shall be checked using a flat-rate import value calculated by the Commission, by product and by origin, on the basis of the weighted average of prices for the product on Member States' representative import markets or on other markets, where appropriate.

Specific provisions may, however, be adopted by the Commission for verifying the entry price of products imported primarily for processing.

2 Where the declared entry price of the consignment in question is higher than the flat-rate import value, increased by a margin set by the Commission which may not exceed the flat-rate value by more than 10 %, the lodging of a security equal to the import duty determined on the basis of the flat-rate import value shall be required.

3 If the entry price of the consignment in question is not declared at the time of customs clearance, the common customs tariff duty rate to be applied shall depend on the flat-rate import value or be arrived at by application of the relevant customs legislation provisions under conditions to be determined by the Commission.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 141

Additional import duties

^{F61} ^{F10} An additional import duty shall apply to imports, subject to the rate of duty laid down in Articles 135 to 140a of one or more products of the cereals, rice, sugar, fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, beef and veal, milk and milk products, pig meat, sheep meat and goat meat, eggs, poultry and bananas sectors, as well as of grape juice and grape must, in order to prevent or counteract adverse effects on the Community market which may result from those imports, if:]

- a the imports are made at a price below the level notified by the Community to the WTO (the trigger price); or
- b the volume of imports in any year exceeds a certain level (the trigger volume).

The trigger volume shall be based on market access opportunities defined, where applicable, as imports as a percentage of the corresponding domestic consumption during the three previous years.

2 Additional import duties shall not be imposed where the imports are unlikely to disturb the Community market, or where the effects would be disproportionate to the intended objective.

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3 For the purposes of paragraph 1(a), import prices shall be determined on the basis of the c.i.f. import prices of the consignment under consideration.

C.i.f. import prices shall be checked against the representative prices for the product on the world market or on the Community import market for that product.

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- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 142

Suspension of import duties in the sugar sector

The Commission may suspend import duties in whole or in part for certain quantities in respect of the following products to guarantee the supply necessary for the manufacturing of products referred to in Article 62(2):

- (a) sugar falling within CN code 1701;
- (b) isoglucose falling within CN codes 1702 30 10, 1702 40 10, 1702 60 10 and 1702 90 30.

Article 143

Implementing rules

The Commission shall adopt the detailed rules for the application of this Section, in particular specifying:

- (a) as regards Article 136:
 - (i) the minimum requirements for high quality common wheat;
 - (ii) the price quotations to be taken into consideration;
 - (iii) the possibility, where appropriate in specific cases, of giving operators the opportunity to know the duty applicable before the arrival of the consignments concerned.
- (b) as regards Article 141, the products to which additional import duties shall be applied and the other criteria necessary to ensure the application of paragraph 1 of that Article.

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Section III

Import quota management

Article 144

Tariff quotas

1 Tariff quotas for imports of products referred to in Article 1 resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty or from any other act of the Council shall be opened and administered by the Commission under detailed rules adopted by the Commission.

2 Tariff quotas shall be administered in a manner which avoids any discrimination between the operators concerned, by applying one of the following methods or a combination of them or another appropriate method:

- a a method based on the chronological order of the lodging of applications ('first come, first served' principle);
- b a method of distribution in proportion to the quantities requested when the applications were lodged (using the 'simultaneous examination method');
- c a method based on taking traditional trade patterns into account (using the 'traditional/newcomers method').

3 The method of administration adopted shall, where appropriate, give due weight to the supply requirements of the Community market and the need to safeguard the equilibrium of that market.

Article 145

Opening of tariff quotas

The Commission shall provide for the annual tariff quotas, if necessary suitably phased over the year and shall determine the administrative method to be used.

Article 146

Specific rules

1 With regard to the import quota of 54 703 tonnes of frozen beef and veal meat falling within CN codes 0202 20 30, 0202 30 and 0206 29 91 and intended for processing, the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 37(2) of the Treaty, may lay down that all or part of the quota shall cover equivalent quantities of quality meat, applying a conversion rate of 4,375.

2 In the case of tariff quota for import into Spain of 2 000 000 tonnes of maize and 300 000 tonnes of sorghum and tariff quota for import into Portugal of 500 000 tonnes of maize, the detailed rules referred to in Article 148 shall also include the provisions necessary for carrying out the tariff quota imports and, where appropriate, the public storage of the quantities imported by the paying agencies of the Member States concerned and their disposal on the markets of those Member States.

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Article 147

Tariff rates for bananas

This Chapter shall apply without prejudice to Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005⁽²³⁾.

Article 148

Implementing rules

The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the implementation of this Section, in particular on:

- (a) guarantees covering the nature, provenance and origin of the product;
- (b) recognition of the document used for verifying the guarantees referred to in point (a);
- (c) the conditions under which import licences shall be issued and their term of validity.

Section IV

Special provisions for certain products

Subsection I

Special provisions for imports in respect of the cereals and rice sectors

Article 149

Imports of mixtures of different cereals

The import duty applicable to mixtures composed of cereals falling within points (a) and (b) of Part I of Annex I shall be established as follows:

- (a) in the case where the mixture is composed of two of such cereals, the import duty shall be that applicable:
 - (i) to the component cereal predominating by weight, when the cereal represents at least 90 % of the weight of the mixture;
 - (ii) to the component cereal liable to the higher import duty, when neither of the two component cereals represents at least 90 % of the weight of the mixture;
- (b) in the case where the mixture is composed of more than two of such cereals, and where several cereals each represent more than 10 % by weight of the mixture, the import duty applicable to the mixture shall be the highest of the import duties applicable to such cereals, even when the amount of the import duty is the same for two or more of the cereals.

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Where only one cereal represents more than 10 % of the weight of the mixture, the import duty to be applied shall be that applicable to this cereal.

- (c) in all cases not covered by points (a) and (b), the import duty shall be the highest of the import duties applicable to the cereals composing the mixture concerned, even when the amount of the import duty is the same for two or more of the cereals.

Article 150

Imports of mixtures between cereals and rice

The import duty applicable to mixtures composed of one or more of the cereals falling within points (a) and (b) of Part I of Annex I, on the one hand, and of one or more of the products falling within points (a) and (b) of Part II of Annex I, on the other, shall be that applicable to the component cereal or product liable to the highest import duty.

Article 151

Imports of mixtures of rice

The import duty applicable to mixtures composed either of rice classifiable under several different processing groups or stages or of rice classifiable under one or more different processing groups or stages on the one hand and of broken rice on the other shall be that applicable:

- (a) to the component predominating by weight, when that component represents at least 90 % of the weight of the mixture;
- (b) the component liable to the highest import duty, when no component represents at least 90 % of the weight of the mixture.

Article 152

Applicability of the tariff classification

Where the method for fixing the import duty set out in Articles 149 to 151 cannot be applied, the duty to be applied to the mixtures referred to in those Articles shall be that determined by the tariff classification of the mixtures.

Subsection II

Preferential import arrangements for sugar

Article 153

Traditional supply need for refining

[^{F61} A traditional supply need of sugar for refining is fixed for the Community at 2 424 735 tonnes per marketing year, expressed in white sugar.]

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During the marketing year 2008/2009, the traditional supply need shall be distributed as follows:

- a 198 748 tonnes for Bulgaria;
- b 296 627 tonnes for France;
- c 100 000 tonnes for Italy;
- d 291 633 tonnes for Portugal;
- e 329 636 tonnes for Romania;
- f 19 585 tonnes for Slovenia;
- g 59 925 tonnes for Finland;
- h 1 128 581 tonnes for the United Kingdom.

2 The traditional supply need referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall be increased by 65 000 tonnes. This quantity shall concern raw cane sugar and shall be reserved for the marketing year 2008/2009 for the sole sugar beet processing plant at work in 2005 in Portugal. That processing plant is deemed to be a full time refiner.

3 Import licences for sugar for refining shall be issued only to full-time refiners provided that the quantities concerned do not exceed the quantities that may be imported in the framework of the traditional supply need referred to in paragraph 1. The licences may be transferred only between full-time refiners and their validity expires at the end of the marketing year for which they have been issued.

This paragraph shall apply for the marketing year 2008/2009, and for the first three months of each of the following marketing years.

4 The application of import duties on cane sugar for refining falling within CN code 1701 11 10 originating in the States referred to in Annex XIX shall be suspended for the complementary quantity which is needed to allow an adequate supply of the full-time refiners for the marketing year 2008/2009.

The complementary quantity shall be fixed by the Commission, based on the balance between the traditional supply need referred to in paragraph 1 and the forecast supply of sugar for refining for the marketing year concerned. This balance may be revised by the Commission during the marketing year and may be based on historic flat-rate estimates of raw sugar intended for consumption.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 154

Guaranteed price

1 The guaranteed prices fixed for the ACP/Indian sugar shall apply for import of standard quality raw and white sugar from:

- a the least developed countries under the arrangements referred to in Articles 12 and 13 of Council Regulation (EC) No 980/2005⁽²⁴⁾;

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- b the States listed in Annex XIX for the complementary quantity referred to in Article 153(4).

2 Applications for import licences for sugar benefiting from a guaranteed price shall be accompanied by an export licence issued by the authorities of the exporting country certifying the compliance of the sugar with the rules provided for in the agreements concerned.

Article 155

Sugar Protocol commitments

The Commission may adopt measures to ensure that the ACP/Indian sugar is imported into the Community under the conditions set out in Protocol 3 to Annex V to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and the Agreement on cane sugar between the European Community and the Republic of India. Those measures may, if necessary, derogate from Article 153 of this Regulation.

Article 156

Implementing rules

Detailed rules for the application of this Subsection shall be adopted by the Commission, in particular to comply with international agreements. They may include amendments to Annex XIX.

Subsection III

Special provisions for imports of hemp

Article 157

Imports of hemp

1 The following products may be imported into the Community only if the following conditions are met:

- a raw true hemp falling within CN code 5302 10 00 meeting the conditions laid down in Article 52 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- b seeds of varieties of hemp falling within CN code ex 1207 99 15 for sowing accompanied by proof that the tetrahydrocannabinol level does not exceed that fixed in accordance with Article 52 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- c hemp seeds other than for sowing, falling within CN code 1207 99 91 imported only by importers authorised by the Member State in order to ensure that such seeds are not intended for sowing.

2 Without prejudice to any specific provisions which may be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 194, imports into the Community of the products specified in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of this Article shall be subject to checks to determine whether the conditions provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article are met.

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3 This Article shall apply without prejudice to more restrictive provisions adopted by Member States in compliance with the Treaty and the obligations arising under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

Subsection IV

Special provisions for imports of hops

Article 158

Imports of hops

1 Products of the hops sector may be imported from third countries only if their quality standards are at least equivalent to those adopted for like products harvested within the Community or made from such products.

2 Products shall be considered as being of the standard referred to in paragraph 1 if they are accompanied by an attestation issued by the authorities of the country of origin and recognised as equivalent to the certificate referred to in Article 117.

In the case of hop powder, hop powder with higher lupulin content, extract of hops and mixed hop products, the attestation may be recognised as being equivalent to the certificate only if the alpha acid content of these products is not lower than that of the hops from which they have been prepared.

The equivalence of those attestations shall be verified in accordance with detailed rules adopted by the Commission.

[^{F3}Subsection V

Special provisions for imports of wine

Article 158a

Special import requirements for wine

1 Save as otherwise provided for, in particular in agreements concluded pursuant to Article 300 of the Treaty, the provisions concerning designations of origin and geographical indications and labelling set out in Subsection I of Section Ia of Chapter I of Title II of Part II, as well as Article 113d(1) of this Regulation shall apply to products falling under CN codes 2009 61, 2009 69 and 2204 which are imported into the Community.

2 Save as otherwise provided for in agreements concluded pursuant to Article 300 of the Treaty, products referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be produced in accordance with oenological practices recommended and published by the OIV or authorised by the Community pursuant to this Regulation and its implementing measures.

3 The importation of the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the presentation of:

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- a a certificate evincing compliance with the provisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, to be drawn up by a competent body, included on a list to be made public by the Commission, in the product's country of origin;
 - b an analysis report drawn up by a body or department designated by the product's country of origin, in so far as the product is intended for direct human consumption.
- 4 Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted by the Commission.]

Section V

Safeguard and inward processing

Article 159

Safeguard measures

1 Safeguard measures against imports into the Community shall be taken by the Commission, subject to paragraph 3 of this Article, in accordance with Council Regulations (EC) No 519/94⁽²⁵⁾ and (EC) No 3285/94⁽²⁶⁾.

2 Save as otherwise provided for pursuant to any other act of the Council, safeguard measures against imports into the Community provided for in international agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty shall be taken by the Commission in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article.

3 Measures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 may be taken by the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative. If the Commission receives a request from a Member State, it shall take a decision thereon within five working days following receipt of the request.

The Member States shall be notified of such measures, which shall be immediately applicable.

Decisions taken by the Commission pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 may be referred to the Council by any Member State within five working days of the date on which they were notified. The Council shall meet without delay. It may, acting by qualified majority, amend or repeal the decision in question within one month following the date on which it was referred to the Council.

4 Where the Commission considers that any safeguard measure taken in accordance with paragraphs 1 or 2 should be revoked or amended, it shall proceed as follows:

- a where the measure was enacted by the Council, the Commission shall propose to the Council that it be revoked or amended. The Council shall act by a qualified majority;
- b in all other cases, Community safeguard measures shall be revoked or amended by the Commission without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1).

Article 160

Suspension of inward processing arrangements

[^{F6}1 [^{F10}Where the Community market is disturbed or is liable to be disturbed by inward processing arrangements, the Commission may, at the request of a Member State or on its own

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initiative, fully or partially suspend the use of inward processing arrangements for the products of the cereals, rice, sugar, olive oil and table olives, fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, wine, beef and veal, milk and milk products, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, eggs, poultrymeat and agricultural ethyl alcohol sectors. If the Commission receives a request from a Member State, it shall take a decision thereon within five working days following receipt of the request.]]

The Member States shall be notified of such measures, which shall be immediately applicable.

Measures decided on by the Commission pursuant to the first subparagraph may be referred to the Council by any Member State within five working days of the date on which they were notified. The Council shall meet without delay. It may, acting by qualified majority, amend or repeal the measures in question within one month following the date on which they were referred to the Council.

2 To the extent necessary for the proper functioning of the CMO, the use of inward processing arrangements for the products referred to in paragraph 1 may be fully or partially prohibited by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 37(2) of the Treaty.

Textual Amendments

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CHAPTER III

Exports

Section I

Export licences

Article 161

Export licences

1 Without prejudice to cases where export licences are required in accordance with this Regulation, the Commission may make exports of one or more products of the following sectors from the Community subject to presentation of an export licence:

- a cereals;
- b rice;
- c sugar;
- d olive oil and table olives, with regard to olive oil referred to in point (a) of Part VII of Annex I;

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- [^{F2}da fruit and vegetables;
- db processed fruit and vegetables;]
- [^{F3}dc wine;]
- e beef and veal;
- f milk and milk products;
- g pigmeat;
- h sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- i eggs;
- j poultrymeat;
- k agricultural ethyl alcohol.

When applying the first subparagraph, the Commission shall take account of the need for export licences for the management of the markets concerned and, in particular, for monitoring the exports of the products in question.

2 Articles 131 to 133 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

3 The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of paragraphs 1 and 2, including the terms of validity of the licences and the rate of security.

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Section II

Export refunds

Article 162

Scope of export refunds

1 To the extent necessary to enable exports on the basis of world market quotations or prices and within the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty, the difference between those quotations or prices and prices in the Community may be covered by export refunds for:

- a the products of the following sectors to be exported without further processing:
 - (i) cereals;
 - (ii) rice;
 - (iii) sugar, with regard to the products listed in points (b), (c), (d) and (g) of Part III of Annex I;
 - (iv) beef and veal;

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- (v) milk and milk products;
- (vi) pigmeat;
- (vii) eggs;
- (viii) poultrymeat;
- b the products listed in point (a)(i), (ii), (iii), (v) and (vii) to be exported in the form of goods listed in Annexes XX and XXI.

In the case of the milk and milk products exported in the form of products listed in Part IV of Annex XX, export refunds may only be granted for products listed in points (a) to (e) and (g) of Part XVI of Annex I.

2 Export refunds on products exported in the form of processed goods listed in Annexes XX and XXI may not be higher than those applicable to the same products exported without further processing.

3 Insofar as is necessary to take account of the features of production peculiar to certain spirit drinks obtained from cereals, the criteria for granting export refunds referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, and the procedure for verification, may be adapted by the Commission to suit this particular situation.

Article 163

Export refund distribution

The quantities which may be exported with an export refund shall be allocated by the method which:

- (a) is most suited to the nature of the product and the situation on the market in question, allowing the most efficient possible use of the resources available, account being taken of the efficiency and structure of Community exports without creating discrimination between the operators concerned and in particular between large and small operators;
- (b) is least cumbersome administratively for operators, account being taken of administrative requirements;
- (c) avoids any discrimination between the operators concerned.

Article 164

Export refund fixation

1 Export refunds shall be the same for the whole Community. They may vary according to destination, especially where the world market situation, the specific requirements of certain markets, or obligations resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty make this necessary.

2 Refunds shall be fixed by the Commission.

Refunds may be fixed:

- a at regular intervals;

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- b by invitation to tender for products in respect of which provision was made for that procedure before the date of application of this Regulation in accordance with Article 204(2).

Except where fixed by tender, the list of products on which an export refund is granted and the amount of export refunds shall be fixed at least once every three months. The amount of the refund may, however, remain at the same level for more than three months and may, where necessary, be adjusted in the intervening period by the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), either at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative.

3 One or more of the following aspects shall be taken into account when refunds for a certain product are being fixed:

- a the existing situation and the future trend with regard to:
 - prices and availabilities of that product on the Community market,
 - prices for that product on the world market.
- b the aims of the common market organisation which are to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on this market;
- c the need to avoid disturbances likely to cause a prolonged imbalance between supply and demand on the Community market;
- d the economic aspect of the proposed exports;
- e the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty;
- f the need to establish a balance between the use of Community basic products in the manufacture of processed goods for export to third countries, and the use of third-country products brought in under processing arrangements;
- g the most favourable marketing costs and transport costs from Community markets to Community ports or other places of export together with forwarding costs to the countries of destination;
- h demand on the Community market;
- i in respect of the pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors, the difference between prices within the Community and prices on the world market for the quantity of feed grain input required for the production in the Community of the products of those sectors.

4 A corrective amount applicable to the export refunds may be set by the Commission in respect of the cereals and rice sectors. However, where necessary, the Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), may amend the corrective amounts.

The first subparagraph may also be applied to products that are exported in the form of goods listed in Annex XX.

Article 165

Export refund for malt in storage

For the first three months of the marketing year, the refund applicable to exports of malt in storage at the end of the previous marketing year or made from barley in stock at that time shall be that which would have been applied in respect of the export licence in question to exports during the last month of the preceding marketing year.

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Article 166

Export refund adjustment for cereals

Unless otherwise provided for by the Commission, the refund on products listed in points (a) and (b) of Part I of Annex I, established in accordance with Article 167(2), shall be adjusted by the Commission in line with the level of the monthly increases applicable to the intervention price and, where appropriate, changes in that price.

The first paragraph may be applied, in whole or in part, to products listed in points (c) and (d) of Part I of Annex I as well as to products referred to in Part I of Annex I and exported in the form of goods referred to in Part I of Annex XX. In that case, the adjustment referred to in the first subparagraph shall be corrected by applying to the monthly increase a coefficient expressing the ratio between the quantity of basic product and the quantity thereof contained in the processed product exported or used in the goods exported.

Article 167

Granting of export refund

1 Refunds on products listed in Article 162(1)(a) exported as such without further processing shall only be granted on application and on presentation of an export licence.

2 The refund applicable to products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be that applicable on the day of application for the licence or, as the case may be, that resulting from the tender procedure concerned and, in the case of a differentiated refund, that applicable on the same day:

- a for the destination indicated on the licence, or
- b where appropriate, for the actual destination if this differs from the destination indicated on the licence, in which case the amount applicable shall not exceed the amount applicable to the destination indicated on the licence.

Appropriate measures may be taken by the Commission to prevent abuse of the flexibility provided for in this paragraph.

3 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the Commission may decide that in the case of eggs for hatching and of day-old chicks export licences may be granted *ex post*.

4 It may be decided, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 16(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93⁽²⁷⁾, to apply paragraphs 1 and 2 to the goods referred to in Article 162(1)(b) of this Regulation.

5 Derogations from paragraph 1 and 2 may be granted by the Commission in the case of products on which export refunds are paid under food-aid operations.

6 The refund shall be paid upon submission of proof that:

- a the products have been exported from the Community;
- b in the case of a differentiated refund, the products have reached the destination indicated on the licence or another destination for which a refund was fixed, without prejudice to point (b) of paragraph 2.

However, exceptions may be allowed by the Commission provided that conditions are laid down which offer equivalent guarantees.

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7 Further conditions for the granting of export refunds may be established by the Commission for one or more products. They may include:

- a that refunds are only paid for products of Community origin;
- b that the amount of refunds for imported products shall be limited to the duties collected on importation where those duties are lower than the refund applicable.

Article 168

Export refunds for live animals in the beef and veal sector

With regard to products of the beef and veal sector, the granting and the payment of the refund for exports of live animals shall be subject to compliance with the provisions established in Community legislation concerning animal welfare and, in particular, the protection of animals during transport.

Article 169

Export limits

Observance of the volume commitments resulting from the agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty shall be ensured on the basis of export licences issued for the reference periods which apply to the products concerned. With regard to compliance with the obligations arising under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the ending of a reference period shall not affect the validity of export licences.

Article 170

Implementing rules

Detailed rules for the application of this Section shall be adopted by the Commission, in particular:

- (a) on the redistribution of exportable quantities which have not been allocated or utilised;
- (b) governing the quality and other specific requirements and conditions of the products eligible for an export refund;
- (c) for monitoring whether operations conferring entitlement to the payment of refunds and all other amounts in respect of export transactions have actually been carried out and executed correctly, including physical checks and document scrutiny.

Any necessary amendments to Annex XX shall be made by the Commission taking into account the criteria referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93.

However, the detailed rules for the application of Article 167 for products referred to in Article 162(1)(b) shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93.

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Section III

Export quota management in the milk and milk products sector

Article 171

Management of tariff quotas opened by third countries

1 With regard to milk and milk products, where an agreement concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty provides for the total or partial management of a tariff quota opened by a third country, the management method to be applied and detailed rules relating to that method shall be adopted by the Commission.

2 The tariff quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall be administered in a manner which avoids any discrimination between the operators concerned and which guarantees the full use of the possibilities available under the quota concerned, by applying one of the following methods or a combination of them or another appropriate method:

- a a method based on the chronological order of the lodging of applications ('first come, first served' principle);
- b a method of distribution in proportion to the quantities requested when the applications were lodged (using the 'simultaneous examination method');
- c a method based on taking traditional trade patterns into account (using the 'traditional/new arrival method').

Section IV

Special import treatment by third countries

Article 172

Certificates for products benefiting from a special import treatment in a third country

1 When products are exported which may, in accordance with agreements concluded by the Community in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty, benefit from a special treatment on importation into a third country if certain conditions are respected, the competent authorities of the Member States shall, on request and after appropriate checks, issue a document certifying that the conditions are met.

2 Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted by the Commission.

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Section V

Special provisions for live plants

Article 173

Minimum export prices

1 For each of the products of the live plants sector falling within CN code 0601 10, one or more minimum prices for exports to third countries may be fixed by the Commission each year in good time before the marketing season.

Exportation of such products shall be permitted only at a price equal to or above the minimum price fixed for the product in question.

2 Detailed rules for the application of paragraph 1 shall be adopted by the Commission having regard to the obligations arising from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300(2) of the Treaty.

Section VI

Outward processing

Article 174

Suspension of outward processing arrangements

1 ^[F10]Where the Community market is disturbed or is liable to be disturbed by outward processing arrangements, the Commission may, at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative, fully or partially suspend the use of outward processing arrangements for the products of the cereals, rice, fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, wine, beef and veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat and poultrymeat sectors. If the Commission receives a request from a Member State, it shall take a decision thereon within five working days following receipt of the request.]

The Member States shall be notified of such measures, which shall be immediately applicable.

Measures decided on by the Commission pursuant to the first subparagraph may be referred to the Council by any Member State within five working days of the date on which they were notified. The Council shall meet without delay. It may, acting by qualified majority, amend or repeal the measures in question within one month following the date on which they were referred to the Council.

2 To the extent necessary for the proper functioning of the CMO, the use of outward processing arrangements for the products referred to in paragraph 1 may be fully or partially prohibited by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 37(2) of the Treaty.

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Textual Amendments

- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

PART IV

COMPETITION RULES

CHAPTER I

Rules applying to undertakings

^{F10}Article 175

Application of Articles 81 to 86 of the Treaty

Save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation, Articles 81 to 86 of the Treaty and implementation provisions thereof shall, [^{F18}subject to Articles 176 to 177a of this Regulation], apply to all agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Articles 81(1) and 82 of the Treaty which relate to the production of, or trade in, the products covered by this Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F18** Substituted by Regulation (EU) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.

Article 176

Exceptions

1 Article 81(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Article 175 of this Regulation which are an integral part of a national market organisation or are necessary for the attainment of the objectives set out in Article 33 of the Treaty.

In particular, Article 81(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to agreements, decisions and practices of farmers, farmers' associations, or associations of such associations belonging to a single Member State which concern the production or sale of agricultural products or the use of joint facilities for the storage, treatment or processing of agricultural products, and under which there is no obligation to charge identical prices,

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unless the Commission finds that competition is thereby excluded or that the objectives of Article 33 of the Treaty are jeopardised.

2 After consulting the Member States and hearing the undertakings or associations of undertakings concerned and any other natural or legal person that it considers appropriate, the Commission shall have sole power, subject to review by the Court of Justice, to determine, by a decision which shall be published, which agreements, decisions and practices fulfil the conditions specified in paragraph 1.

The Commission shall undertake such determination either on its own initiative or at the request of a competent authority of a Member State or of an interested undertaking or association of undertakings.

3 The publication of the decision referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 shall state the names of the parties and the main content of the decision. It shall have regard to the legitimate interest of undertakings in the protection of their business secrets.

[^{F2}Article 176a

Agreements and concerted practices in the fruit and vegetables sector

1 Article 81(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and concerted practices of recognised interbranch organisations with the object of carrying out the activities referred to in Article 123(3)(c) of this Regulation.

2 Paragraph 1 shall apply only provided that:

- a the agreements, decisions and concerted practices have been notified to the Commission;
- b within two months of receipt of all the details required the Commission has not found that the agreements, decisions or concerted practices are incompatible with Community rules.

3 The agreements, decisions and concerted practices may not be put into effect before the lapse of the period referred to in paragraph 2(b).

4 The following agreements, decisions and concerted practices shall in any case be declared incompatible with Community rules:

- a agreements, decisions and concerted practices which may lead to the partitioning of markets in any form within the Community;
- b agreements, decisions and concerted practices which may affect the sound operation of the market organisation;
- c agreements, decisions and concerted practices which may create distortions of competition which are not essential to achieving the objectives of the common agricultural policy pursued by the interbranch organisation activity;
- d agreements, decisions and concerted practices which entail the fixing of prices, without prejudice to activities carried out by interbranch organisations in the application of specific Community rules;
- e agreements, decisions and concerted practices which may create discrimination or eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question.

5 If, following expiry of the two-month period referred to in paragraph 2(b), the Commission finds that the conditions for applying paragraph 1 have not been met, it shall

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take a Decision declaring that Article 81(1) of the Treaty applies to the agreement, decision or concerted practice in question.

That Commission Decision shall not apply earlier than the date of its notification to the interbranch organisation concerned, unless that interbranch organisation has given incorrect information or abused the exemption provided for in paragraph 1.

6 In the case of multiannual agreements, the notification for the first year shall be valid for the subsequent years of the agreement. However, in that event, the Commission may, on its own initiative or at the request of another Member State, issue a finding of incompatibility at any time.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 177

Agreements and concerted practices in the tobacco sector

1 Article 81(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements and concerted practices of recognised interbranch organisations in the tobacco sector, intended to implement the aims referred to in Article 123(c) of this Regulation provided that:

- a the agreements and concerted practices have been notified to the Commission;
- b the Commission, acting within three months of receipt of all the details required, has not found that those agreements or concerted practices are incompatible with Community competition rules.

The agreements and concerted practices may not be implemented during that three-month period.

2 Agreements and concerted practices shall be declared contrary to Community competition rules in the following cases where:

- a they may lead to the partitioning of markets in any form within the Community;
- b they may affect the sound operation of the market organisation;
- c they may create distortions of competition which are not essential to achieving the objectives of the common agricultural policy pursued by the interbranch organisation measure;
- d they entail the fixing of prices or quotas, without prejudice to measures taken by interbranch organisations in the application of specific provisions of Community rules;
- e they may create discrimination or eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question.

3 If, following expiry of the three-month period referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1, the Commission finds that the conditions for applying this Chapter have not been met, it shall without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), take a decision declaring that Article 81(1) of the Treaty applies to the agreement or concerted practice in question.

That decision shall not apply earlier than the date of notification to the interbranch organisation concerned, unless that interbranch organisation has given incorrect information or misused the exemption provided for in paragraph 1.

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[^{F17}Article 177a

Agreements, decisions and concerted practices in the milk and milk products sector

1 Article 101(1) TFEU shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and concerted practices of recognised interbranch organisations for the purpose of carrying out the activities referred to in Article 123(4)(c) of this Regulation.

2 Paragraph 1 shall only apply if:

- a the agreements, decisions and concerted practices have been notified to the Commission; and
- b within 3 months of receipt of all the details required, the Commission, without applying the procedure referred to in Article 195(2) or Article 196b(2), has not found that the agreements, decisions or concerted practices are incompatible with Union rules.

3 The agreements, decisions and concerted practices may not be put into effect before the period referred to in point (b) of paragraph 2 elapses.

4 Agreements, decisions and concerted practices shall in any case be declared incompatible with Union rules if they:

- a may lead to the partitioning of markets in any form within the Union;
- b may affect the sound operation of the market organisation;
- c may create distortions of competition and are not essential to achieving the objectives of the common agricultural policy pursued by the interbranch organisation activity;
- d entail the fixing of prices;
- e may create discrimination or eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question.

5 If, after the period referred to in point (b) of paragraph 2 has expired, the Commission finds that the conditions for applying paragraph 1 have not been met, it shall, without applying the procedure referred to in Article 195(2) or Article 196b(2), take a decision declaring that Article 101(1) TFEU applies to the agreement, decision or concerted practice in question.

That Commission decision shall not apply earlier than the date of its notification to the interbranch organisation concerned, unless that interbranch organisation has given incorrect information or has abused the exemption provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article.

6 In the case of multiannual agreements, the notification for the first year shall be valid for the subsequent years of the agreement. However, the Commission may, on its own initiative or at the request of another Member State, issue a finding of incompatibility at any time.

7 The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down measures necessary for the uniform application of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 196b(2).]

Textual Amendments

F17 Inserted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.](#)

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Article 178

Binding effect of agreements and concerted practices on non-members in the tobacco sector

1 Interbranch organisations in the tobacco sector may request that certain of their agreements or concerted practices be made binding for a limited period on individuals and groups in the economic sector concerned which are not members of the trade branches which they represent, in the areas in which the branches operate.

In order for their rules to be extended, interbranch organisations shall represent at least two thirds of the production and/or the trade concerned. Where the proposed extension of the rules is of inter-regional scope, the interbranch organisations shall prove they possess a minimum degree of representativeness, in respect of each of the grouped branches, in each region covered.

2 The rules for which an extension of scope is requested shall have been in force for at least one year and shall relate to one of the following objectives:

- a knowledge of production and the market;
- b definition of minimum qualities;
- c use of cultivation methods compatible with the protection of the environment;
- d definition of minimum standards of packing and presentation;
- e use of certified seed and monitoring of product quality.

3 Extension of the rules shall be subject to approval by the Commission.

[^{F6}Article 179

Implementing rules in respect of agreements and concerted practices in the fruit and vegetables and tobacco sectors

The Commission may adopt the detailed rules for the application of Articles 176a, 177 and 178, including the rules concerning notification and publication.]

Textual Amendments

- F6** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

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CHAPTER II

State Aid rules

^{F10} Article 180

Application of Articles 87, 88 and 89 of the Treaty

Articles 87, 88 and 89 of the Treaty shall apply to the production of, and trade in, the products referred to in Article 1.

However, Articles 87, 88 and 89 of the Treaty shall not apply to payments made under Articles 44 to 48, 102, 102a, 103, 103a, 103b, 103e, 103ga, 104, 105, 182 and 182a, Subsection III of Section IVa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II and Section IVb of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II of this Regulation by Member States in conformity with this Regulation. Nevertheless, with regard to Article 103n(4) only Article 88 of the Treaty shall not apply.]

Textual Amendments

F10 Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 181

Specific provisions for the milk and milk products sector

Subject to Article 87(2) of the Treaty, aids the amount of which is fixed on the basis of the price or quantity of products listed in Part XVI of Annex I of this Regulation shall be prohibited.

National measures permitting equalisation between the prices of products listed in Part XVI of Annex I of this Regulation shall also be prohibited.

Article 182

Specific national provisions

1 Subject to Commission authorisation, aids for the production and marketing of reindeer and reindeer products (CN ex 0208 and ex 0210) may be granted by Finland and Sweden insofar as they do not entail any increase in traditional levels of production.

^{F62} Subject to Commission authorisation, Finland may grant aid for certain quantities of seeds, with the exception of Timothy seeds (*Phleum pratense* L.), and for certain quantities of cereal seed produced solely in Finland up to and including the 2010 harvest.

By 31 December 2008, Finland shall transmit to the Commission a detailed report on the results of the aid authorised.]

3 Member States which reduce their sugar quota by more than 50 % of the sugar quota fixed on 20 February 2006 in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 may grant temporary

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State aid during the period for which the transitional aid for beet growers is being paid in accordance with Chapter 10f of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003. The Commission shall, on the basis of an application by any Member State concerned, decide on the total amount of the State aid available for this measure.

For Italy, the temporary aid referred to in the first subparagraph shall not exceed a total of EUR 11 per marketing year per tonne of sugar beet to be granted to sugar beet growers and for the transport of sugar beet.

Finland may grant aid up to EUR 350 per hectare per marketing year to sugar beet growers.

The Member States concerned shall inform the Commission within 30 days of the end of each marketing year of the amount of State aid actually granted in that marketing year.

[^{F194} The derogation contained in the second paragraph of Article 180 of this Regulation shall apply to aid payments granted by Germany in the existing national framework of the German Alcohol Monopoly ('the Monopoly') for products marketed after further transformation by the Monopoly as ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin listed in Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). That derogation shall operate only until 31 December 2017, shall be without prejudice to the application of Article 108(1) and the first sentence of Article 108(3) TFEU and shall be conditional upon compliance with the following provisions:

- a the total production of ethyl alcohol under the Monopoly benefiting from the aid shall gradually decrease from the maximum of 600 000 hl in 2011 to 420 000 hl in 2012 and to 240 000 hl in 2013 and may amount to a maximum of 60 000 hl per year from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2017, on which date the Monopoly shall cease to exist;
- b the production by agricultural bonded distilleries benefiting from the aid shall gradually decrease from 540 000 hl in 2011 to 360 000 hl in 2012 and to 180 000 hl in 2013. By 31 December 2013, all agricultural bonded distilleries shall leave the Monopoly. Upon leaving the Monopoly, each agricultural bonded distillery shall be allowed to receive a compensatory aid of EUR 257,50 per hl of nominal distilling rights within the meaning of the applicable German legislation. This compensatory aid may be granted no later than 31 December 2013. It may, however, be paid in several instalments, of which the last shall be no later than 31 December 2017;
- c the small-scale flat-rate distilleries, distillery users and fruit cooperative distilleries may benefit from the aid granted by the Monopoly until 31 December 2017, on condition that the production benefiting from the aid does not exceed 60 000 hl per year;
- d the total amount of aid paid from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013 shall not exceed EUR 269,9 million and the total amount of aid paid from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2017 shall not exceed EUR 268 million; and
- e before 30 June each year, Germany shall submit a report to the Commission on the functioning of the Monopoly and the aid granted in the framework thereof in the previous year. The Commission shall forward that report to the European Parliament and the Council. Moreover, the annual reports to be submitted in the years 2013 to 2016 shall include an annual phasing-out plan for the following year concerning the small-scale flat-rate distilleries, distillery users and fruit cooperative distilleries.]

[^{F25} Member States may continue to pay state aids under any existing schemes in respect of the production of and trade in potatoes, fresh or chilled, of CN code 0701 until 31 December 2011.

6 With regard to the fruit and vegetables sector, Member States may pay a state aid until 31 December 2010 under the following conditions:

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- a the state aid is paid only to producers of fruit and vegetables who are not members of a recognised producer organisation and who sign a contract with a recognised producer organisation in which they accept that they shall apply the crisis prevention and management measures of the producer organisation concerned;
- b the amount of aid paid to such producers is no more than 75 % of the Community support received by the members of the producer organisation concerned; and
- c the Member State concerned presents a report to the Commission by 31 December 2010 on the effectiveness and efficiency of the state aid, in particular analysing how much it has supported the organisation of the sector. The Commission will examine the report and decide whether to make any appropriate proposals.]

[^{F97} Member States may grant until 31 March 2014 state aid of a total annual amount of up to 55 % of the ceiling set out in Article 69(4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 to farmers in the dairy sector in addition to Community support granted in accordance with Article 68(1)(b) of that Regulation. [^{X1}However, in no case shall the total amount of Community support under the measures referred to in Article 69(4) of that Regulation and State aid exceed the ceiling referred to in Article 69(4) and (5).]]

Editorial Information

- X1** Substituted by [Corrigendum to Council Regulation \(EC\) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations \(EC\) No 247/2006, \(EC\) No 320/2006, \(EC\) No 1405/2006, \(EC\) No 1234/2007, \(EC\) No 3/2008 and \(EC\) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations \(EEC\) No 1883/78, \(EEC\) No 1254/89, \(EEC\) No 2247/89, \(EEC\) No 2055/93, \(EC\) No 1868/94, \(EC\) No 2596/97, \(EC\) No 1182/2005 and \(EC\) No 315/2007 \(Official Journal of the European Union L 30 of 31 January 2009\).](#)

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\).](#)
- F6** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\).](#)
- F9** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations \(EC\) No 247/2006, \(EC\) No 320/2006, \(EC\) No 1405/2006, \(EC\) No 1234/2007, \(EC\) No 3/2008 and \(EC\) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations \(EEC\) No 1883/78, \(EEC\) No 1254/89, \(EEC\) No 2247/89, \(EEC\) No 2055/93, \(EC\) No 1868/94, \(EC\) No 2596/97, \(EC\) No 1182/2005 and \(EC\) No 315/2007.](#)
- F19** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 1234/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2010 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 \(Single CMO Regulation\) as regards the aid granted in the framework of the German Alcohol Monopoly.](#)

[^{F3} Article 182a

National aid for distillation of wine in cases of crisis

1 From 1 August 2012, Member States may grant national aid to wine producers for the voluntary or mandatory distillation of wine in justified cases of crisis.

2 The aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall be proportionate and allow this crisis to be addressed.

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3 The overall amount of aid available in a Member State in any given year for such aid shall not exceed 15 % of the globally available funds per Member State laid down in Annex Xb for that year.

4 Member States which wish to make use of the aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall submit a duly substantiated notification to the Commission. The Commission shall decide whether the measure is approved and aid may be granted.

5 The alcohol resulting from distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used exclusively for industrial or energy purposes so as to avoid distortion of competition.

6 Detailed rules for the application of this Article may be adopted by the Commission.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

PART V

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL SECTORS

Article 183

Promotional levy in the milk and milk products sector

Without prejudice to the application of Articles 87, 88 and 89 of the Treaty as provided for in Article 180 of this Regulation, a Member State may impose a promotional levy on its milk producers in respect of marketed quantities of milk or milk equivalent in order to finance the measures on promoting consumption in the Community, expanding the markets for milk and milk products and improving quality.

Article 184

Reporting in respect of certain sectors

The Commission shall present a report:

- 1) to the Council before 30 September 2008 on the dried fodder sector, on the basis of an evaluation of the provisions contained in this Regulation, dealing in particular with the development of areas of leguminous and other green fodder, the production of dried fodder and the savings of fossil fuels achieved. The report shall be accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate proposals;
- 2) every three years and for the first time by 31 December 2010 to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the measures concerning the apiculture sector set out in Section VI of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II;
- 3) before 31 December 2009 to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of the derogation provided for in Article 182(4) in respect of the German

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- Alcohol Monopoly, including an evaluation of the aids granted in the framework of that Monopoly, together with any appropriate proposals^[F6;]
- 4) ^[F2]to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2013 on the implementation of the provisions set out in Section IVa of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II and Chapter II of Title II of Part II as regards producer organisations, operational funds and operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables sector^[F15;]
 - 5) ^[F14]before 31 August 2012 to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of the School Fruit Scheme provided for in Article 103ga, accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate proposals. The report shall in particular address the issues of the extent to which the scheme has promoted the establishment of well functioning School Fruit Schemes in Member States and the impact of the Scheme on the improvement of children's eating habits;]
 - 6) ^[F18]before 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2012 to the European Parliament and Council regarding the evolution of the market situation and the consequent conditions for smoothly phasing out the milk quota system, accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate proposals;]
 - 7) ^[F3]to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2011 on the implementation of the promotion measures in the wine sector referred to in Article 103p;
 - 8) by the end of 2012 concerning the wine sector, in particular taking into account the experience gained with the implementation of the reform^[F18;]
 - 9) ^[F17]by 30 June 2014 and by 31 December 2018 to the European Parliament and the Council regarding the development of the market situation in the milk and milk products sector and in particular on the operation of point (iiia) of point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 122, of Article 123(4) and of Articles 126c, 126d, 177a, 185e and 185f, assessing, in particular, the effects on milk producers and milk production in disadvantaged regions in connection with the general objective of maintaining production in such regions, and covering potential incentives to encourage farmers to enter into joint production agreements together with any appropriate proposals.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F6** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F14** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 13/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) in order to set up a School Fruit Scheme.
- F15** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 13/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) in order to set up a School Fruit Scheme.

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- F17** Inserted by Regulation (EU) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.
- F18** Substituted by Regulation (EU) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.

Article 185

Registration of contracts in the hops sector

- 1 Any contract to supply hops produced within the Community concluded between a producer or producer organisation on the one hand and a buyer on the other shall be registered by the bodies designated for that purpose by each producer Member State concerned.
- 2 Contracts relating to the supply of specific quantities at agreed prices for a period covering one or more harvests and concluded before 1 August of the year of the first harvest concerned shall be known as ‘contracts concluded in advance’. They shall be registered separately.
- 3 The data on which registration is based may be used only for the purposes of this Regulation.
- 4 The Commission shall lay down the detailed rules concerning the registration of contracts to supply hops.

^{F3}Article 185a

Vineyard register and inventory

- 1 Member States shall maintain a vineyard register which contains updated information on the production potential.
 - 2 Member States in which the total area planted with vines of wine grape varieties classifiable according to Article 120a(2) is less than 500 hectares shall not be subject to the obligation laid down in paragraph 1.
 - 3 Member States, which provide for the measure ‘restructuring and conversion of vineyards’ in their support programmes in accordance with Article 103q, shall, on the basis of the vineyard register, submit to the Commission by 1 March each year an updated inventory of their production potential.
 - 4 Detailed rules concerning the vineyard register and the inventory shall be adopted by the Commission, in particular with regard to their use concerning monitoring and control of the production potential and concerning the measurement of areas.
- Any time after 1 January 2016, the Commission may decide that paragraphs 1 to 3 no longer apply.

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 185b

Compulsory declarations in the wine sector

- 1 Producers of grapes for wine making and producers of must and wine shall declare to the competent national authorities each year the quantities produced from the last harvest.
- 2 Member States may require merchants of grapes for wine making to declare each year the quantities marketed from the last harvest.
- 3 Producers of must and wine, and merchants other than retailers, shall declare to the competent national authorities each year their stocks of must and wine, whether from the harvest of the current year or from the harvest of preceding years. Must and wine imported from third countries shall be stated separately.
- 4 Detailed rules for the application of this Article may be adopted by the Commission and may, in particular, include rules on penalties to be applied in case of non-compliance with the communication requirements.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

Article 185c

Accompanying documents and register in the wine sector

- 1 The products of the wine sector shall be put into circulation within the Community only with an officially authorised accompanying document.
- 2 Natural or legal persons or groups of persons who hold products covered by the wine sector in the exercise of their trade, in particular producers, bottlers and processors, as well as merchants to be determined by the Commission, shall keep inwards and outwards registers in respect of those products.
- 3 Detailed rules for the application of this Article may be adopted by the Commission.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

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Article 185d

Designation of responsible national authorities for the wine sector

1 Without prejudice to any other provisions of this Regulation concerning the determination of competent national authorities, Member States shall designate one or more authorities which shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with Community rules in the wine sector. In particular, Member States shall designate the laboratories authorised to carry out official analyses in the wine sector. The designated laboratories shall meet the general criteria for the operation of testing laboratories set out in ISO/IEC 17025.

2 Member States shall inform the Commission of the names and addresses of the authorities and laboratories referred to in paragraph 1. The Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), shall make this information public.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 186

Disturbances as regards internal market prices

The Commission may take the necessary measures in the case of the following situations, when those situations are likely to continue, thereby disturbing or threatening to disturb the markets:

- (a) [^{F20}with regard to the products of the sugar, hops, beef and veal, milk and milk products, sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors, where the prices on the Community market for any of those products rise or fall significantly;]
- (b) with regard to the products of the pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors and, with regard to olive oil, where the prices on the Community market for any of those products rise significantly.

Textual Amendments

- F20** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1140/2009 of 20 November 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 187

Disturbances caused by quotations or prices on the world market

Where, with regard to the products of the cereals, rice, sugar and milk and milk products sectors, the quotations or prices on the world market of one or more products reach a level that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the availability of supply on the Community

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market and where that situation is likely to continue or to deteriorate, the Commission may take the necessary measures for the sector concerned. It may in particular suspend import duties in whole or in part for certain quantities.

Article 188

Conditions for measures to be applied in cases of disturbances and implementing rules

- 1 The measures provided for in Articles 186 and 187 may be adopted:
 - a provided that any other measures available under this Regulation appear insufficient;
 - b having regard to the obligations arising from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300(2) of the Treaty.
- 2 Detailed rules for the application of Articles 186 and 187 may be adopted by the Commission.

[^{F3}Article 188a

Reporting and evaluation in the wine sector

- 1 As concerns unlawful plantings planted after 31 August 1998, referred to in Article 85a, Member States shall communicate to the Commission by 1 March each year the areas which were planted with vines without a corresponding planting right after 31 August 1998, as well as the areas grubbed up in accordance with paragraph 1 of that Article.
- 2 As concerns the obligatory regularisation of unlawful plantings planted before 1 September 1998 referred to in Article 85b, Member States shall communicate to the Commission by 1 March of each of the relevant years:
 - a the areas planted with vines without a corresponding planting right before 1 September 1998;
 - b the areas regularised in accordance with paragraph 1 of that Article, the fees as provided for in that paragraph as well as the average value of the regional planting rights as provided for in paragraph 2 of that Article.

Member States shall, for the first time by 1 March 2010, communicate to the Commission the areas grubbed up in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 85b(4).

The end of the transitional ban on new plantings on 31 December 2015 as provided for in Article 85g(1), shall not affect the obligations provided for in this paragraph.

- 3 As concerns aid applications in the context of the grubbing-up scheme set up in Subsection III of Section IVa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II, Member States shall notify the Commission by 1 March each year of the applications accepted, split by regions and by yield ranges, and the total amount of grubbing-up premiums paid by region.

For the preceding wine year, Member States shall notify the Commission by 1 December each year of:

- a the areas grubbed up, split by regions and by yield ranges;
 - b the total amount of grubbing-up premiums paid by region.
- 4 As concerns exemptions from the eligibility for the participation in the grubbing-up scheme in accordance with Article 85u, Member States deciding to make use of the possibility

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provided for in paragraphs 4 to 6 of that Article shall communicate to the Commission by 1 August each year, concerning the grubbing-up measure to be implemented:

- a the areas declared ineligible;
- b the justification for ineligibility in accordance with Article 85u(4) and (5).

5 Member States shall submit to the Commission by 1 March each year, and for the first time by 1 March 2010, a report on the implementation of the measures provided for in their support programmes referred to in Section IVb of Chapter IV of Title I of Part II during the previous financial year.

Those reports shall list and describe the measures for which Community assistance under the support programmes was granted and shall, in particular, provide details on the implementation of the promotion measures referred to in Article 103p.

6 Member States shall, by 1 March 2011 and, a second time, by 1 March 2014, submit to the Commission an evaluation of the costs and benefits of the support programmes as well as an indication of how to increase their efficiency.

7 Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted by the Commission.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 189

Communications in the ethyl alcohol sector

1 As regards the products of the ethyl alcohol sector, the Member States shall communicate to the Commission the following information:

- a the production of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin expressed as hectolitres of pure alcohol, broken down by alcohol-producing product used;
- b the volume of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin disposed of, expressed as hectolitres of pure alcohol, broken down by sector of destination;
- c the stocks of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin available in the Member State at the end of the previous year;
- d forecast production for the current year.

Rules for communicating this information and, in particular, the frequency of communication and the definition of the sectors of destination shall be adopted by the Commission.

2 On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 1 and of any other information available, the Commission without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), shall draw up a Community balance for the market in ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for the previous year and an estimated balance for the current year.

The Community balance shall also contain information on ethyl alcohol of non-agricultural origin. The precise content and means of collecting such information shall be laid down by the Commission.

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For the purposes of this paragraph, ‘ethyl alcohol of non-agricultural origin’ shall mean products falling within CN codes 2207, 2208 90 91 and 2208 90 99 not obtained from a specific agricultural product listed in Annex I to the Treaty.

3 The Commission shall notify the Member States of the balances referred to in paragraph 2.

PART VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 190

Financial provisions

Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 and the provisions adopted for the implementation thereof shall apply to the expenditure incurred by the Member States in carrying out obligations under this Regulation.

[^{F3} Article 190a

Transfer of amounts available in the wine sector to rural development

1 The amounts fixed in paragraph 2, based on historical expenditure under Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 for intervention measures to regulate agricultural markets as referred to in Article 3(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005, shall be available as additional Community funds for measures in wine-producing regions under the rural development programming financed under Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

2 The following amounts shall be available in the given calendar years:

- 2009: EUR 40 660 000,
- 2010: EUR 82 110 000,
- from 2011 onwards: EUR 122 610 000.

3 The amounts set in paragraph 2 shall be allocated among Member States in accordance with Annex Xc.]

Textual Amendments

F3 Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 191

Emergency

The Commission shall adopt the measures which are both necessary and justifiable in an emergency, in order to resolve specific practical problems.

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Such measures may derogate from provisions of this Regulation, but only to the extent that, and for such a period, as is strictly necessary.

Article 192

Exchange of information between the Member States and the Commission

1 Member States and the Commission shall provide each other with any information necessary for the application of this Regulation or for market monitoring and analysis and for complying with the international obligations concerning the products referred to in Article 1.

2 The Commission shall adopt detailed rules to determine what information is necessary for the application of paragraph 1, as well as those on its form, content, timing and deadlines and on arrangements for transmitting or making available information and documents.

Article 193

Circumvention clause

Without prejudice to any specific provisions, no advantage provided for under this Regulation shall be granted in favour of a natural or legal person in respect of whom it is established that the conditions required for obtaining such advantages were created artificially, contrary to the objectives of this Regulation.

Article 194

Controls and administrative measures and administrative penalties and their reporting

The Commission shall determine:

- (a) the rules concerning administrative and physical controls to be conducted by the Member States with regard to the respect of obligations resulting from the application of this Regulation;
- (b) a system for the application of administrative measures and administrative penalties where non-compliance with any of the obligations resulting from the application of this Regulation is found;
- (c) the rules regarding the recovery of undue payments resulting from the application of this Regulation;
- (d) the rules on the reporting of the controls carried out and their results.

The administrative penalties referred to in point (b) shall be graduated according to the severity, extent, permanence and repetition of the non-compliance found.

[^{F3}The Commission may also determine the rules on the measurement of areas in the wine sector ensuring uniform application of Community provisions as laid down in this Regulation. Such rules may, in particular, relate to controls and rules governing the specific financial procedures for the improvement of controls.]

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

[^{F3} Article 194a

Compatibility with the integrated administration and control system

For the purposes of applying this Regulation in the wine sector, Member States shall ensure that the administration and control procedures, referred to in the first and the third paragraph of Article 194, which relate to areas, are compatible with the integrated administration control system (IACS) as regards the following elements:

- (a) the computerised database;
- (b) the identification systems for agricultural parcels referred to in Article 20(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- (c) the administrative checks.

The procedures shall allow, without any problems or conflicts, a common functioning or the exchange of data with the IACS.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

PART VII

IMPLEMENTING, TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL RULES

CHAPTER I

Implementing provisions

Article 195

Committee

^{F10}1 The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets (hereinafter referred to as the Management Committee).]

2 Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

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

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[^{F3} The Commission shall also be assisted by a Regulatory Committee.

4 Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 5 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

[^{F10} Article 196

Organisation of the Management Committee

The organisation of the meetings of the Management Committee referred to in Article 195(1) shall take into account, in particular, the scope of its responsibilities, the specificities of the subject to be dealt with, and the need to involve appropriate expertise.]

Textual Amendments

- F10** Substituted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

[^{F17} Article 196a

Exercise of the delegation

1 The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2 The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 126e(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of 5 years from 2 April 2012. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than 9 months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than 3 months before the end of each period.

3 The delegation of power referred to in Article 126e(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

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4 As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

5 A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 126e(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of 2 months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by 2 months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Textual Amendments

F17 Inserted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.](#)

Article 196b

Committee procedure

1 The Commission shall be assisted by a committee which shall be referred to as the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets. That committee is a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers⁽²⁸⁾.

2 Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.]

Textual Amendments

F17 Inserted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.](#)

CHAPTER II

Transitional and final provisions

Article 197

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999

Articles 74 to 76 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 shall be deleted.

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Article 198

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 2200/96

Articles 46 and 47 of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 shall be deleted.

Article 199

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 2201/96

Articles 29 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be deleted.

Article 200

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006

Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006 shall be amended as follows:

1. The title shall be replaced by the following:

Council Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006 of 24 July 2006 applying certain rules of competition to the production of and trade in certain agricultural products;

2. Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 1

This Regulation shall lay down the rules to be applied as regards the applicability of Articles 81 to 86 and certain provisions of Article 88 of the Treaty in relation to production of, or trade in, the products listed in Annex I to the Treaty with the exception of the products referred to in points (a) to (h), point (k) and points (m) to (u) of Article 1(1) and in Article 1(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007⁽²⁹⁾.

Article 1a

Articles 81 to 86 of the Treaty and provisions made for their implementation shall, subject to Article 2 of this Regulation, apply to all agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Articles 81(1) and 82 of the Treaty which relate to the production of, or trade in, the products referred to in Article 1.;

3. The first subparagraph of Article 2(1) shall be replaced by the following:

1. Article 81(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to those agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Article 1a of this Regulation which form an integral part of a national market organisation or are necessary for attainment of the objectives set out in Article 33 of the Treaty.;

4. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 3

Article 88(1) and of the first sentence of Article 88(3) of the Treaty shall apply to aid granted for the production of, or trade in, the products referred to in Article 1..

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Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (repealed). Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Article 201

Repeals

- 1 Subject to paragraph 3, the following Regulations shall be repealed:
 - a Regulations (EEC) No 234/68, (EEC) No 827/68, (EEC) No 2517/69, (EEC) No 2728/75, (EEC) No 1055/77, (EEC) No 2931/79, (EEC) No 1358/80, (EEC) No 3730/87, (EEC) No 4088/87, (EEC) No 404/93, (EC) No 670/2003 and (EC) No 797/2004, as from 1 January 2008;
 - b Regulations (EEC) No 707/76, (EC) No 1786/2003, (EC) No 1788/2003 and (EC) No 1544/2006 as from 1 April 2008;
 - c Regulations (EEC) No 315/68, (EEC) No 316/68, (EEC) No 2729/75, (EEC) No 2759/75, (EEC) No 2763/75, (EEC) No 2771/75, (EEC) No 2777/75, (EEC) No 2782/75, (EEC) No 1898/87, (EEC) No 1906/90, (EEC) No 2204/90, (EEC) No 2075/92, (EEC) No 2077/92, (EEC) No 2991/94, (EC) No 2597/97, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1255/1999, (EC) No 2250/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EC) No 2529/2001, (EC) No 1784/2003, (EC) No 865/2004 and (EC) No 1947/2005 (EC) No 1952/2005 and (EC) No 1028/2006, as from 1 July 2008;
 - d Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 as from 1 September 2008;
 - e Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 as from 1 October 2008;
 - f Regulations (EEC) No 3220/84, (EEC) No 386/90, (EEC) No 1186/90, (EEC) No 2137/92, and (EC) No 1183/2006 as from 1 January 2009.
- 2 Decision 74/583/EEC shall be repealed as from 1 January 2008.
- 3 The repeal of the Regulations referred to in paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to:
 - a the maintenance in force of Community acts adopted on the basis of those Regulations; and
 - b the continuing validity of amendments made by those Regulations to other acts of Community law that are not repealed by this Regulation.

Article 202

Construction of references

References to the provisions and Regulations which are amended or repealed by Articles 197 to 201 shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation tables set out in Annex XXII.

Article 203

Transitional rules

The Commission may adopt the measures required to facilitate the transition from the arrangements provided for in the Regulations which are amended or repealed by Articles 197 to 201 to those established by this Regulation.

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Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (repealed). Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

[^{F2}Article 203a

Transitional rules in the fruit and vegetables and the processed fruit and vegetables sectors

1 The aid schemes set out in Regulations (EC) No 2201/96 and (EC) No 2202/96 of 28 October 1996 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruit⁽³⁰⁾ and abolished by Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007 shall remain applicable in respect of each of the products concerned for the marketing year for that product ending in 2008.

2 Producer organisations and associations of producer organisations already recognised under Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 before the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall continue to be recognised under this Regulation. Where necessary, they shall make adaptations to the requirements of this Regulation by 31 December 2010.

Producer organisations and associations of producer organisations already recognised under Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007 shall continue to be recognised under this Regulation.

3 At the request of a producer organisation, an operational programme approved under Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 before the date of application of Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007:

- a may continue to run until its end; or
- b be modified to meet the requirements of this Regulation; or
- c be replaced by a new operational programme approved under this Regulation.

Article 103d(3)(e) and (f) shall apply to operational programmes submitted in 2007 but not yet approved at the date of application of this Regulation which otherwise meet the criteria of those points.

4 Producer groups which were granted preliminary recognition under Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 shall continue to benefit from that preliminary recognition under this Regulation. Recognition plans accepted under Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 shall continue to benefit from that acceptance under this Regulation. However the plans shall be modified, if necessary, so as to permit the producer group to be able to meet the criteria for recognition as a producer organisation laid down in Article 125b of this Regulation. As concerns such producer groups in Member States which acceded to the European Union on 1 May 2004 or thereafter, the aid rates set out in Article 103a(3)(a) shall apply to recognition plans from the date of application of this Regulation.

5 The contracts referred to in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 covering more than one marketing year of the aid scheme for processing citrus fruits which relate to the marketing year beginning on 1 October 2008 or to subsequent marketing years may, with the agreement of both parties, be amended or terminated to take into account the repeal of that Regulation by Regulation (EC) No 1182/2007 and the consequential abolition of the aid. No penalties shall be applied under that Regulation or its implementing rules to the parties concerned as a result of such an amendment or termination.

6 Where a Member State makes use of the transitional arrangement under Article 68b or Article 143bc of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the rules adopted pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 on the minimum characteristics of the raw material supplied for processing and minimum quality requirements for finished products shall remain applicable in respect of the raw materials harvested in its territory.

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7 Until new marketing standards are adopted in respect of fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables in accordance with Articles 113 and 113a, the marketing standards drawn up pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 2200/96 and (EC) No 2201/96 shall continue to apply.

8 The Commission may adopt the measures required to facilitate the transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulations (EC) No 2200/96, (EC) No 2201/96, (EC) No 2202/96 and (EC) No 1182/2007 to those laid down in this Regulation including those provided for in paragraphs 1 to 7 of this Article.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

[^{F3}Article 203b

Transitional rules in the wine sector

The Commission may adopt the measures required to facilitate the transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulations (EC) No 1493/1999 and (EC) No 479/2008 to those laid down in this Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products \(Single CMO Regulation\)](#).

Article 204

Entry into force

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

2 It shall apply from 1 January 2008.

However, it shall apply:

- a as regards the cereals, seeds, hops, olive oil and table olives, flax and hemp, raw tobacco, beef and veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors, from 1 July 2008;
- b as regards the rice sector, from 1 September 2008;
- c as regards the sugar sector, from 1 October 2008 with the exception of Article 59 which shall apply as from 1 January 2008;
- d as regards the dried fodder and the silkworm sectors, from 1 April 2008;
- e as regards the wine sector as well as Article 197, from 1 August 2008;
- f as regards the milk and milk products sector, with the exception of the provisions set out in Chapter III of Title I of Part II, from 1 July 2008;

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- g as regards the system of milk production limitation established in Chapter III of Title I of Part II, from 1 April 2008;
- h as regards the Community scales for carcass classification referred to in Article 42(1), from 1 January 2009.

Articles 27, 39 and 172 shall apply from 1 January 2008 and Articles 149 to 152 from 1 July 2008 for all the products concerned.

3 As regards the sugar sector, Title I of Part II shall apply until the end of the marketing year 2014/2015 for sugar.

4 The provisions related to the system of milk production limitation established in Chapter III of Title I of Part II shall, in accordance with Article 66, apply until 31 March 2015.

[^{F95} As regards potato starch, Section IIIa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II shall apply until the end of the 2011/2012 marketing year for potato starch.]

[^{F216} Article 27 shall apply from 1 January 2012 until the completion of the annual plan for 2013.]

[^{F177} As regards the milk and milk products sector, point (iiia) of point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 122, Article 123(4) and Articles 126a, 126b, 126e, and 177a shall apply from 2 April 2012 until 30 June 2020 and Articles 126c, 126d, 185e and 185f shall apply from 3 October 2012 until 30 June 2020.]

Textual Amendments

- F9** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
- F17** Inserted by Regulation (EU) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.
- F21** Inserted by Regulation (EU) No 121/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2012 amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards distribution of food products to the most deprived persons in the Union.

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

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Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (repealed). Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

- (1) OJ L 42, 14.2.2006, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 244, 29.9.2000, p. 27.
- (3) [^{F9}See page 16 of this Official Journal.]
- (4) [^{F2}OJ L 265, 26.9.2006, p. 1.
- (5) OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 146/2008 (OJ L 46, 21.2.2008, p. 1).
- (6) OJ L 198, 22.7.1991, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 123/2008 (OJ L 38, 13.2.2008, p. 3).
- (7) OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1.
- (8) Decision No 1600/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2002 laying down the Sixth Community Environment Action Programme (OJ L 242, 10.9.2002, p. 1).
- (9) [^{F14}OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.]]
- (10) [^{F3}OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.
- (11) OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36.]
- (12) OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1.
- (13) [^{F2}OJ L 93, 31.3.2006, p. 12. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).]
- (14) [^{F3}OJ L 39, 13.2.2008, p. 16.
- (15) OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 1.
- (16) OJ L 11, 14.1.1994, p. 1.
- (17) OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1.
- (18) OJ L 118, 4.5.2002, p. 1.
- (19) OJ L 186, 30.6.1989, p. 21.
- (20) OJ L 109, 6.5.2000, p. 29.
- (21) OJ L 247, 21.9.2007, p. 17.;
- (22) OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 733/2007 (OJ L 169, 29.6.2007, p. 1).
- (23) OJ L 316, 2.12.2005, p. 1.
- (24) OJ L 169, 30.6.2005, p. 1.
- (25) OJ L 67, 10.3.1994, p. 89.
- (26) OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 53.
- (27) OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.
- (28) [^{F17}OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13.]
- (29) OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.;
- (30) [^{F2}OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 49. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1933/2001 (OJ L 262, 2.10.2001, p. 6).;]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 361/2008 of 14 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

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- F3** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).
- F9** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009 on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1405/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No 479/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1883/78, (EEC) No 1254/89, (EEC) No 2247/89, (EEC) No 2055/93, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 2596/97, (EC) No 1182/2005 and (EC) No 315/2007.
- F14** Inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No 13/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) in order to set up a School Fruit Scheme.
- F17** Inserted by Regulation (EU) No 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector.

Status:

Point in time view as at 02/04/2012.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (repealed). Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.