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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 April 1998

on the 1998 work programme relating to the protein content of the main milk products

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/325/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996 on statistical surveys of milk and milk products [1], and in particular, Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas work already initiated by the Member States should be continued in order to work towards the objective of extending the annual statistical information to include the protein content of the main milk products;

Whereas the 1998 work programme takes account of the experience gained in the 1997 work programme and proposes to elaborate further the various methods of measuring the protein content of the main milk products;

Whereas the measures envisaged by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The appended 1998 work programme on the protein content of the main milk products is approved.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 78, 28. 3. 1996, p. 27.

ANNEX

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 1998

The Member States will transmit to Eurostat by the 30 June 1998 at the latest:

1. The information relative to the table at annex concerning the protein content of the main milk products for the latest available year, to be indicated, whereby in addition to column 1, either column 2 or column 3, must be completed. If only one of the columns, either 2 or 3, is completed, Member States will explain precisely why this is so.

2. The description of the methods used to obtain the information for this table (direct survey, coefficients, estimations, technical references, administrative sources, information from professional organisations, other sources).

3. Other elements which were missing from the 1997 work programme which have not yet been transmitted. The Member States will assure the transmission of these other elements in close collaboration with Eurostat.

4. Their proposals for the 1999 work programme.

ACTIVITIES OF THE DAIRIES

(Protein content of cows' milk in the main milk products)

Country Year

Code	Product	Produced quantity (1) (1 000 T)	Entry (2)	Contents (3)
		1	2	3
1	**Fresh products**			
11	Drinking milk			
112	Whole milk			
113	Semi-skimmed milk			
114	Skimmed milk			
12	Buttermilk			
13	Cream			
2	**Manufactured products**			
21	Concentrated milk			
221	Cream milk powder			
222	Whole milk powder			
223	Partly skimmed-milk powder			
224	Skimmed-milk powder			
225	Buttermilk powder			
2411	Cheese from cows' milk			

(1) Column 1: quantities produced in 1 000 tonnes during the period under consideration (year). Definition: see Annex II to Decision 97/80/EC table B / column 1.

(2) Column 2: quantities in tonnes of the protein content of cows' milk used for the manufacture of the given product including possible losses during the manufacturing process.

(3) Column 3: quantities in tonnes of the protein content of cows' milk contained in the product.