COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 September 2003

amending the list of areas in France eligible for Objective 2 of the Structural Funds in the period 2000 to 2006

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(Only the French text is authentic)

(2003/679/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1105/2003 [2], and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 4(11) thereof,

After consulting the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

Whereas:

(1) A list of areas eligible for Objective 2 was established for the programming period 2000 to 2006 by Commission Decision 2000/339/EC [3], as amended by Decision 2001/202/EC [4].

(2) The French authorities have informed the Commission of a serious crisis arising from the explosion at the AZF factory in Toulouse and of the need to create business areas in order to give a boost to the affected area and replace the jobs lost.

(3) At the Commission's request, the French authorities have confirmed that the amendments requested do not change the eligible population in the region concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of areas in France eligible for Objective 2 in the period 2000 to 2006 as established by Commission Decision 2000/339/EC is amended as shown in the Annex hereto.

There is no change in those municipalities not listed in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 26 September 2003.

For the Commission

Michel BARNIER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 123, 24.5.2000, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 78, 16.3.2001, p. 42.

ANNEX

Amendment of the list of areas eligible under objective 2 of the structural funds in Haute-Garonne (FR623), France

Period 2004 to 2006

(number of inhabitants)

NUTS level III region	Eligible areas			Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS level III region
	The whole NUTS level III region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS level III region		
Areas satisfying the criteria of Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999				
Haute-Garonne				29 385
		Municipalities:		
		Balma:	only the following INSEE 1990 block:	
			31044PED6 (*)	
		Colomiers:	only the following INSEE 1990 blocks:	
			31149D114 (*)	
			31149G302 (*)	
			31149G306 (*)	
		Cugnaux:	only the following INSEE 1990 blocks:	
			31157BC02 (*)	
			31157BC03 (*)	
		Labege:	only the following cadastral parcels:	
			31254aa2 (*)	
			31254aa66 (*)	
			31254aa67 (*)	
			31254bl1 (*)	
			31254bl23 (*)	
		Portet sur Garonne:	only the following INSEE 1990 blocks:	
			31433AO02 (*)	
			31433AP02	
			31433AR04 (*)	
		Quint:	only the following cadastral parcels:	
			31445za11 (*)	
			31445za12 (*)	
			31445za13 (*)	
			31445za14 (*)	
			31445za214 (*)	
			31445za23 (*)	
			31445za24 (*)	
			31445za64 (*)	
			31445za70 (*)	
			31445za99 (*)	

(number of inhabitants)

NUTS level III region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS level III region
	The whole NUTS level III region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS level III region	
		Toulouse: only the following INSEE 1990 blocks: 900XX01 (*) 900XX02 (*) 900XX12 900XX13 900XX14 (*) 900XX47 (*) 900XX48 (*) 900XX50 (*) 900XX51 900XX55 (*) 900XX56 (*) 900XX57 (*) 900XX59 (*) 900XX63 (*) 900XX64 912AD05 (*) 912AD07 912AE09 (*) 912AE18 (*) 912AE20 (*) 912AH01 (*) 912XX01 (*) 912XX02 (*) 912XX04 912XX05 (*) 912XX06 (*) 936AP01 (*) 936AP02 936AS01 (*) 936XX04 (*) 936XX18 (*) 937AM05 937AX01 937AX02 937AX03 937AX04 937AX05 937AX06 937AZ01 937AZ04 (*) 937AZ05 (*) 937AZ06 937AZ07 937AZ08 937AZ09 937AZ10	

(number of inhabitants)

NUTS level III region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS level III region
	The whole NUTS level III region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS level III region	
		937BC06 (*)	
		937BC07 (*)	
		937BC08	
		937BM01	
		937XX06 (*)	
		937XX07 (*)	
		937XX08	
		937XX09	
		937XX12 (*)	
		937XX13	
		937XX14 (*)	
		937XX16 (*)	
		937XX18	
		938XX01 (*)	
		938XX03 (*)	
		939AE05 (*)	
		939AE06	
		939BN01	
		939XX01 (*)	
		939XX02 (*)	
		939XX03 (*)	
		939XX06 (*)	
		939XX07 (*)	
		940AB14 (*)	
		940AE05 (*)	
		940AT03 (*)	
		940AT05 (*)	
		940AT08 (*)	
		940AT09	
		940AV05 (*)	
		940BH01 (*)	
		940BO01	
		940BV01	
		940CB01	
		940XX02 (*)	
		940XX03	
		940XX05 (*)	
		940XX06 (*)	
		940XX07	
		940XX08 (*)	
		940XX09	
		940XX10 (*)	
		940XX11 (*)	
		940XX17	
		941J01 (*)	
		941XX01 (*)	
		941XX02 (*)	

(number of inhabitants)

NUTS level III region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS level III region
	The whole NUTS level III region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS level III region	
		941XX04 (*)	
		942AH10 (*)	
		942BP01 (*)	
		942XX05 (*)	
		942XX10 (*)	
		942XX12 (*)	
		943 S03 (*)	
		943XX01 (*)	
		945AL02	
		945AN01 (*)	
		945XX08 (*)	
		945XX09 (*)	
		945XX10 (*)	
		946XX01 (*)	
		Villeneuve-Tolosane: only the following cadastral parcel:	
		31588az1 (*)	

(*) Only those parts that are permanently uninhabited as shown on the area maps drawn up on the basis of cadastral documents. Those area maps are available at the Prefecture of the Midi-Pyrénées region (Secrétariat général pour les affaires régionales) and at the Directorate-General for Regional policy of the European Commission.