COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 644/98

of 20 March 1998

supplementing the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 on the registration of geographical indications and designations of origin under the procedure laid down in Article 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1068/97 [2], and in particular Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas, for certain names notified by the Member States pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, additional information was requested in order to ensure that they complied with Articles 2 and 4 of that Regulation; whereas that additional information shows that the names comply with the said Articles; whereas they should therefore be registered and added to the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 134/98 [4];

Whereas, following the accession of three new Member States, the six-month period provided for in Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 is to begin on the date of their accession; whereas some of the names notified by those Member States comply with Articles 2 and 4 of that Regulation and should therefore be registered;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Regulatory Committee on Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The names in the Annex to this Regulation are hereby added to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 208, 24. 7. 1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 156, 13. 6. 1997, p. 10.
[3] OJ L 148, 21. 6. 1996, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 15, 21. 1. 1998, p. 6.

ANNEX

A. PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION LISTED IN ANNEX II TO THE TREATY

Fresh meat (and offal)

GERMANY

— Schwäbisch-Hällisches Qualitätsschweinefleisch (PGI)

Meat-based products

ITALY

— Greußener Salami (PGI)

Oils and fats

Olive oil

ITALY

— Toscano (PGI)
— Terra d'Otranto (PDO)

B. FOODSTUFFS LISTED IN ANNEX I TO REGULATION (EEC) No 2081/92

Beer

GERMANY

— Gögginger Bier (PGI)
— Reuther Bier (PGI)
— Wernesgrüner Bier (PGI)