COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2636/1999

of 14 December 1999

on the communication of information on tobacco from the 2000 harvest onwards and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1771/93

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 660/1999 [2], and in particular Article 21 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The information to be communicated under Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 and the regulations adopted for its application should be laid down;

(2) In the interests of efficient administration, this information should be grouped and a timetable established for its submission;

(3) The required information on the raw tobacco sector has been communicated by the Member States under Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1771/93 [3] on the communication of information on tobacco from the 1993 harvest onwards. This Regulation refers to Regulations replaced by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 of 22 December 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 as regards the premium scheme, production quotas and the specific aid to be granted to producer groups in the raw tobacco sector [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2162/1999 [5]. Regulation (EEC) No 1771/93 should therefore be repealed;

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Member States shall communicate the information set out in Annexes I to III in accordance with the time limits given therein.

The information shall be provided for each harvest and for each group of varieties.

Article 2

The Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the economic operators concerned provide them with the information required within the relevant time limits.

Article 3

Information on stocks held by first processing enterprises shall be communicated in accordance with Annex III.

Article 4

Regulation (EEC) No 1771/93 is hereby repealed with effect from the 2000 harvest.

Article 5

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

It shall apply from the 2000 harvest.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70.
[2] OJ L 83, 27.3.1999, p. 10.
[3] OJ L 162, 3.7.1993, p. 13.
[4] OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 17.
[5] OJ L 265, 13.10.1999, p. 13.

ANNEX I

Information to be communicated to the Commission by 31 July of the year of harvest concerned at the latest

Harvest: ..... Declarant Member State: .....

Group of varieties: .....

	Member State of production (declarant)	Member State of production Name:	Member State of production Name:	Member State of production Name:
1. CULTIVATION CONTRACTS				
1.1. Number of cultivation contracts recorded				
1.2. Quantity of tobacco (in tonnes) of the moisture content referred to Annex IV of Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 covered by the contracts				
1.3. Total area covered by the contracts (in hectares)				
2. PRODUCERS				
2.1. Total number of producers				
2.2. Number of producers belonging to a producer group recognised pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2848/98				
3. FIRST PROCESSING ENTERPRISES				
3.1. Number of first processing enterprises concluding cultivation contracts				
4. PRICES	(in national currency)	([1])	([1])	([1])
4.1. Maximum price per kilogram agreed in the cultivacion contracts, in relevant currency excluding taxes and other levies. Indicate the reference quality				
4.2. Minimum price per kilogram agreed in the cultivation contracts, in relevant currency excluding taxes and other levies. Indicate the reference quantity				

([1]) For contracts between two Member States, specify the currency in which they were concluded.

ANNEX II

Information to be communicated to the Commission each month from 30 September of the year of harvest concerned

Cumulative figures for the harvest concerned.
Summary to be communicated to the Commission by 30 June of the year following the year of harvest at the latest.

Harvest: …… Declarant Member State: ……

Group of varieties: ……

Position on the last day of the months preceding this communication. Month in question: ……

	Member State of production (declarant)	Member State of production Name:	Member State of production Name:	Member State of production Name:
1. Quantity delivered (in tonnes)				
1.1. Total quantity of raw tobacco of the minimum quality standard and moisture content referred to in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 2848/98				
1.2. Quantity of raw tobacco of the minimum quality standard and moisture content referred to in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 delivered to first processing enterprises by producer groups				
2. Actual quantity of raw tobacco (in tonnes) of the minimum quality standard delivered before adjustment of the weight on the basis of the moisture content				
3. Estimated quantity remaining to be delivered (in tonnes)				
4. Average price (per kg), excluding taxes and other levies, paid by the first processing enterprises	(in national currency)	[1]	[1]	[1]

[1] For contracts between two Member States, specify the currency in which they were concluded.

ANNEX III

Information to be communicated to the Commission by the final day of the month following the end of each quarter at the latest [1]

Movement of stocks (in tonnes) held by the first processors

Declarant Member State: .....

Date of declaration: .....

Group of varieties	Harvest concerned	Quantities released to the Community market during the previous quarter	Quantities released to markets of third countries during the previous quarter	Stock position on the final day of the previous quarter

[1] The deadlines are:

— 30 April for the quarter from 1 January to 31 March,

— 31 July for the quarter from 1 April to 30 June,

— 31 October for the quarter from 1 July to 30 September,

— 31 January for the quarter from 1 October to 31 December.