# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 83/1999

## of 13 January 1999

## amending 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

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 9 thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the French Government has requested that the name 'Ossau-Iraty Brebis-Pyrénées', registered as a protected designation of origin by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1549/98 [4], should be changed to 'Ossau-Iraty';

Whereas examination of the request for amendment has revealed that it is a minor amendment; whereas this is because, although an amendment to a registered name, which in principle should be considered a major amendment, it does not affect the rights of the holders of the name in question; whereas, furthermore, the amendment does not affect the rights of other producers;

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the Commission decided in its Decision of 20 March 1998 not to apply the procedure provided for in Article 6 as it was a case of a minor amendment;

Whereas it has also been concluded that this is an amendment in compliance with Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92; whereas, therefore, the change of the name 'Ossau-Iraty Brebis-Pyrénées' to 'Ossau-Iraty' should be registered and the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 should be amended accordingly;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 6(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the amendment of the name 'Ossau-Iraty Brebis-Pyrénées' to 'Ossau-Iraty' should be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96, the protected designation of origin 'Ossau-Iraty Brebis-Pyrénées' is hereby replaced by 'Ossau-Iraty'.

*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, 13 January 1999.

*For 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 202, 18. 7. 1998, p. 25.