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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 857/1999 ([2]), and in particular Article 30(7) thereof,

(1) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 659/97 ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 729/1999 ([4]), lays down detailed rules for applying Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards intervention arrangements in the fruit and vegetables sector and especially the free distribution of products withdrawn from the market as humanitarian aid outside the Community;

(2) Whereas Article 14(3) and Article 16(2) of that Regulation lay down a number of conditions and require a Commission Decision before each free distribution operation outside the Community;

(3) Whereas the urgent need to get food aid to the refugee victims of the Kosovo crisis and to their host families is well known;

(4) Whereas, to facilitate aid to these people, some provisions of Article 14(3) and Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 659/97 should be derogated from, until further notice;

(5) Whereas the areas to which this derogation applies should be demarcated;

(6) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 14(3) ►M2 ———— ◄ of Regulation (EC) No 659/97 shall not apply to free distribution operations involving ►M1 people originating in Kosovo ◄ and their host families in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Romania.

For these operations, the Member States shall send to the Commission:

— on the first working day of each month, the information stipulated in Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 659/97 on the operations completed,

— a copy of the notification sent to the FAO Subcommittee on Surplus Disposal.

([1]) OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 7.
([3]) OJ L 100, 17.4.1997, p. 22.
([4]) OJ L 93, 8.4.1999, p. 11.

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Article 1a

1. Notwithstanding the first sentence of the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 659/97, in the case of the operations referred to in Article 1 above, the distance to be considered for meeting the transport costs shall be the distance between the point of withdrawal and the point of delivery to people originating in Kosovo and their host families.

2. The Member States concerned shall notify the Commission of the special measures adopted in application of Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 659/97 in order to ensure that the operations referred to in Article 1 are carried out correctly.

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Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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.