COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2703/2000

of 11 December 2000

amending items in the specifications for several names listed in 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:

(1) In accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, for French Government has requested that items be amended in the specifications for several names registered by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2446/2000 [4]. Those applications have been considered and the amendments deemed minor ones.

(2) As regards the name 'Pays d'Auge' registered as a protected designation of origin, under 'national requirements' in the specification provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, 'Decree of 19 March 1996' should be replaced by 'Decree on the registered designation of origin "Pays d'Auge"'. The new decree replaces the previous one to take account of a judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

(3) As regards the name 'Cornouaille' registered as a protected designation of origin, under 'national requirements' in the specification provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, 'Decree of 19 March 1996' should be replaced by 'Decree on the registered designation of origin "Cornouaille"'. The new decree replaces the previous one to take account of a judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

(4) As regards the name 'Rocamadour' registered as a protected designation of origin, under 'national requirements' in the specification provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, 'Decree of 16 January 1996' should be replaced by 'Decree on the registered designation of origin "Rocamadour"'. The new decree replaces the previous one to take account of a judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

(5) In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, by decision of 17 November 2000 the Commission decided not to apply the Article 6 procedure, considering the amendments to be minor.

(6) The amendments have also been found to comply with Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92. As a result, they should be registered and published,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amendments set out in the Annex are registered and published in accordance with Article 6(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

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, 11 December 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 156, 13.6.1997, p. 18.
[3] OJ L 327, 18.12.1996, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 281, 7.11.2000, p. 12.

ANNEX

FRANCE

'Pays d'Auge'

Requirements (Article 4(2)(i)):

Instead of 'Decree of 19 March 1996' read 'Decree on the registered designation of origin "Pays d'Auge"'.

'Cornouaille'

Requirements (Article 4(2)(i)):

Instead of 'Decree of 19 March 1996' read 'Decree on the registered designation of origin "Cornouaille"'.

'Rocamadour'

Requirements (Article 4(2)(i)):

Instead of 'Decree of 16 January 1996' read 'Decree on the registered designation of origin "Rocamadour"'.