COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 538/2000

of 13 March 2000

amending Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of minimum import prices for certain soft fruits originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Estonia and Lithuania and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1226/92 and (EC) No 2479/96

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 1999/790/EC of 18 May 1998 on the conclusion of a Protocol adjusting trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union and the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture, including improvements to the existing preferential arrangements [1], and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Detailed rules should be laid down for the application of the system of minimum import prices for certain soft fruits originating in Latvia and intended for processing as provided for in the above Protocol which enters into force on 1 March 2000 [2]. The system is identical to that for certain soft fruits originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Estonia and Lithuania, the detailed rules for the application of which are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2371/1999 [4]. For the purpose of simplification, the detailed rules for the application of the above import arrangements should be included in the same Regulation and to that end the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 should be extended to cover products originating in Latvia.

(2) These import arrangements replace those provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1926/96 [5]. As a result, Commission Regulation (EC) No 2479/96 [6] laying down detailed rules for the application of the minimum import price system for certain soft fruit originating in Latvia and fixing the minimum import prices, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2371/1999, should be repealed.

(3) Communication by the Member States of the information on imports from Latvia laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 replaces that laid down in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1226/92 of 13 May 1992 on communication by the Member States to the Commission of information on imports of certain products processed from fruit and vegetables [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2480/96 [8]. Regulation (EEC) No 1226/92 should therefore be repealed.

(4) The adjusting Protocols come into force on 1 March 2000 so this Regulation should be made to apply from that date.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 is amended as follows:

(1) The title is replaced by the following:

'Commission Regulation (EC) No 1599/97 of 28 July 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of minimum import prices for certain soft fruits originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania'.

(2) Article 5(4) is deleted.

(3) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

Regulations (EEC) No 1226/92 and (EC) No 2479/96 are repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 March 2000.

[1] OJ L 317, 10.12.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 29, 4.2.2000, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 216, 8.8.1997, p. 63.
[4] OJ L 286, 9.11.1999, p. 8.
[5] OJ L 254, 8.10.1996, p. 1.
[6] OJ L 335, 24.12.1996, p. 25.
[7] OJ L 128, 14.5.1992, p. 18.
[8] OJ L 335, 24.12.1996, p. 28.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 March 2000.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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Minimum import prices

(EUR 100/kg net)

CN code	TARIC code	Description	Bulgaria	Hungary	Poland	Romania	Slovakia	Czech Republic	Estonia	Latvia	Lithuania
ex 0810 10	—	Strawberries for processing	51,4	—	—	51,4	—	—	51,4	—	—
ex 0810 20 10	—	Raspberries for processing	63,1	63,1	63,1	63,1	63,1	63,1	—	—	—
ex 0810 30 10	—	Blackcurrants for processing	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	38,5	—	38,5
ex 0810 30 30	—	Redcurrants for processing	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	23,3	—	—
ex 0811 10 11	0811 10 11*10	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight, whole fruit	—	—	75,0	—	—	—	75,0	75,0	—
	0811 10 11*90	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content exceeding 13 % by weight, other	—	—	57,6	—	—	—	57,6	57,6	—
ex 0811 10 19	0811 10 19*10	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight, whole fruit	—	—	75,0	—	—	—	75,0	75,0	—
	0811 10 19*90	Frozen strawberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight, other	—	—	57,6	—	—	—	57,6	57,6	—
ex 0811 10 90	0811 10 90*10	Frozen strawberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, whole fruit	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	75,0	—
	0811 10 90*90	Frozen strawberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, other	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	57,6	—
ex 0811 20 19	0811 20 19*11	Frozen raspberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight, whole fruit	—	99,5	99,5	—	99,5	99,5	99,5	—	—
	0811 20 19*19	Frozen raspberries, with added sugar or other sweetening agents, with a sugar content not exceeding 13 % by weight, other	—	79,6	79,6	—	79,6	79,6	79,6	—	—
ex 0811 20 31	0811 20 31*10	Frozen raspberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, whole fruit	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,5	—	—
	0811 20 31*90	Frozen raspberries, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, other	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	79,6	—	—
ex 0811 20 39	0811 20 39*10	Frozen blackcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, without stalk	—	62,8	62,8	62,8	62,8	62,8	62,8	—	—
	0811 20 39*90	Frozen blackcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, other	—	44,8	44,8	44,8	44,8	44,8	44,8	—	—
ex 0811 20 51	0811 20 51*10	Frozen redcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, without stalk	—	39,0	39,0	—	39,0	39,0	39,0	—	—
	0811 20 51*90	Frozen redcurrants, without added sugar or other sweetening agents, other	—	29,5	29,5	—	29,5	29,5	29,5	—	—'