COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 549/2000
of 14 March 2000
determining the rice intervention centres

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 [2], and in particular Article 8(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2047/84 [3] determines the rice intervention centres other than Vercelli. That Regulation has been amended several times, most recently by Regulation (EC) No 695/98 [4]. For reasons of clarity it should be replaced in its entirety.

(2) Following consultations with the Member States concerned, the list of intervention centres in Spain and Greece should be amended.

(3) Those measures should take effect from the start of the period of application of the intervention arrangements.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The intervention centres mentioned in Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 are listed in the Annex.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 2047/84 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 April 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 March 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.
[3] OJ L 190, 18.7.1984, p. 5.
[4] OJ L 96, 28.3.1998, p. 20.

ANNEX

1. **SPAIN**

Region	**Intervention centre**
Aragon	Ejea de los Caballeros Grañén
Catalonia	Aldea-Tortosa
Valencia	Albal-Silla Sueca Cullera
Murcia	Calasparra
Extremadura	Don Benito Montijo Madrigalejo
Andalusia	Coria del Rio Las Cabezas de San Juan La Puebla del Rio Los Palacios Vejer de la Frontera
Navarre	Tudela

2. **FRANCE**

Department	**Intervention centre**
Bouches-du-Rhône	Arles Port-du-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône
Gard	Beaucaire Saint-Gilles
Guiana	Mana (Saint-Laurent-du-Maroni)

3. **GREECE**

Region	**Intervention centre**
Central Greece	Volos Lamia Messolongi Elassona
Macedonia	Skotousa Drimos Plati Provatas Pirgos Thessaloniki Serres Giannitsa
Peloponnese	Messini

4. **ITALY**

Region	**Intervention centre**
Piedmont	Vercelli Novara Cuneo Turin Alessandria Biella
Veneto	Rovigo
Lombardy	Pavia Mantua Milan Lodi
Emilia-Romagna	Piacenza Parma Ferrara Bologna Ravenna Reggio Emilia
Sardinia	Oristano Cagliari

5. **PORTUGAL**

Region	**Intervention centre**
Beira Litoral	Granja do Ulmeiro Soure Lourinhã
Ribatejo	Coruche Mora Avis Ponte de Sor Azambuja
Alentejo	Grândola Pegões Ferreira do Alentejo