COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2203/2004

of 21 December 2004

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 concerning the selection of returning holdings for the purpose of determining incomes of agricultural holdings

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 79/65/EEC of 15 June 1965 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community [1], and in particular Articles 4(4), and 6(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 [2] fixes the number of returning holdings per division. The number of returning holdings to be selected in each division may differ by up to 20 % in either direction provided that this does not entail a reduction in the total number of returning holdings per Member State.

(2) As the financial management of such a measure is difficult, a limitation per Member State as to the total number of duly completed farm returns eligible for Community financing is introduced in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1915/83 of 13 July 1983 on certain detailed implementing rules concerning the keeping of accounts for the purpose of determining the incomes of agricultural holdings [3]. For reasons of clarity and coherence, this change should be reflected in Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82. Flexibility in the number of returning holdings per division should remain allowed, as long as the total number of the returning holdings of the Member State concerned is respected.

(3) In view of the limitation per Member State of the total number of duly completed farm returns eligible for Community financing, the number of returning holdings laid down in Annex I for Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France and Luxembourg should be adjusted, to maintain the actual sample size.

(4) The number of returning holdings per division in Sweden should be adjusted, due to changes in the borders between the divisions.

(5) Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Community Committee for the Farm Accountancy Data Network,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 is amended as follows:

1. Article 3 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 3*

The number of returning holdings per Member State as well as per division is laid down in Annex I.

The number of returning holdings to be selected per division may differ from that laid down in Annex I by up to 20 % in either direction provided that the total number of the returning holdings of the Member State concerned is respected.'

2. Annex I is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

[1] OJ 109, 23.6.1965, p. 1859/65. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 660/2004 (OJ L 104, 8.4.2004, p. 97).
[2] OJ L 205, 13.7.1982, p. 40. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 730/2004 (OJ L 113, 20.4.2004, p. 8).
[3] OJ L 190, 14.7.1983, p. 25. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1388/2004 (OJ L 255, 31.7.2004, p. 5).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from the 2005 accounting year.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 2004.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 is amended as follows:

(a) the part concerning Belgium is replaced by the following:

	'BELGIUM	
341	Vlaanderen	720
342	Bruxelles-Brussel	—
343	Wallonie	480
	Total Belgium	1 200'

(b) the part concerning Denmark is replaced by the following:

'370	DENMARK	2 250'

(c) the part concerning Germany is replaced by the following:

	'GERMANY	
010	Schleswig-Holstein	450
020	Hamburg	50
030	Niedersachsen	980
040	Bremen	—
050	Nordrhein-Westfalen	790
060	Hessen	440
070	Rheinland-Pfalz	600
080	Baden-Württemberg	740
090	Bayern	1 150
100	Saarland	80
110	Berlin	—
112	Brandenburg	240
113	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	180
114	Sachsen	280
115	Sachsen-Anhalt	190
116	Thüringen	190
	Total Germany	6 360'

(d) the part concerning France is replaced by the following:

	'FRANCE	
121	Île-de-France	170
131	Champagne-Ardenne	400
132	Picardie	300
133	Haute.Normandie	160
134	Centre	450
135	Basse-Normandie	220
136	Bourgogne	380
141	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	310
151	Lorraine	230
152	Alsace	180
153	Franche-Comté	230
162	Pays de la Loire	490

163	Bretagne	540
164	Poitou-Charentes	360
182	Aquitaine	500
183	Midi-Pyrénées	480
184	Limousin	200
192	Rhône-Alpes	450
193	Auvergne	360
201	Languedoc-Roussillon	400
203	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	360
204	Corse	150
	Total France	7 320'

(e) the part concerning Luxembourg is replaced by the following:

'350	LUXEMBOURG	360'

(f) the part concerning Sweden is replaced by the following:

	'SWEDEN	
710	Plains of Southern and Central Sweden	680
720	Forest and mixed agricultural and forest areas of Southern and Central Sweden	215
730	Areas of Northern Sweden	105
	Total Sweden	1 000'