COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 996/2004

of 18 May 2004

amending the import duties in the cereals sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 of 28 June 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards import duties in the cereals sector [2], and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The import duties in the cereals sector are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 985/2004 [3].

(2) Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 provides that if during the period of application, the average import duty calculated differs by EUR 5 per tonne from the duty fixed, a corresponding adjustment is to be made. Such a difference has arisen. It is therefore necessary to adjust the import duties fixed in Regulation (EC) No 985/2004,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 985/2004 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 May 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2004.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1104/2003 (OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 125. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1110/2003 (OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 12).
[3] OJ L 180, 15.5.2004, p. 26.

ANNEX I

Import duties for the products covered by Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92

CN code	Description	Import duty [1] (EUR/tonne)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat high quality	0,00
	medium quality	0,00
	low quality	0,00
1001 90 91	Common wheat seed	0,00
ex 1001 90 99	Common high quality wheat other than for sowing	0,00
1002 00 00	Rye	16,25
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	32,98
1005 90 00	Maize other than seed [2]	32,98
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	16,25

[1] For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal (Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96), the importer may benefit from a reduction in the duty of:
— EUR 3 per tonne, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or
— EUR 2 per tonne, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden or the Atlantic coasts of the Iberian peninsula.

[2] The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of EUR 24 per tonne, where the conditions laid down in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 are met.

ANNEX II

Factors for calculating duties

period from 14 May 2004 to 17 May 2004

1. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

Exchange quotations	Minneapolis	Chicago	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
Product (% proteins at 12 % humidity)	HRS2 (14 %)	YC3	HAD2	Medium quality (*)	Low quality (**)	US barley 2
Quotation (EUR/t)	144,36 (***)	97,09	162,21 (****)	152,21 (****)	132,21 (****)	106,58 (****)
Gulf premium (EUR/t)	—	9,34	—			—
Great Lakes premium (EUR/t)	11,31	—	—			—

(*) A discount of 10 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).
(**) A discount of 30 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).
(***) Premium of 14 EUR/t incorporated (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).
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2. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico–Rotterdam: 27,71 EUR/t; Great Lakes–Rotterdam: 44,30 EUR/t.

3. Subsidy within the meaning of the third paragraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96: 0,00 EUR/t (HRW2)
0,00 EUR/t (SRW2).