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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1582/2006

of 24 October 2006

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90, as regards the derogation on egg washing

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs [1], and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Article 6(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90 of 26 June 1990 on certain marketing standards for eggs [2] lays down the criteria for the derogation enabling packing centres to continue to wash eggs until 31 December 2006. A derogation has been granted to nine packing centres in Sweden and one in the Netherlands.

(2) Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90 has been repealed by Council Regulation (EC) No 1028/2006 of 19 June 2006 on marketing standards for eggs [3] with effect from 1 July 2007. Accordingly, the transitional period for egg washing should be extended until that date.

(3) Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the first subparagraph of Article 6(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90, the date '31 December 2006' shall be replaced by the date '30 June 2007'.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Luxembourg, 24 October 2006.

For the Council
The President
J. KORKEAOJA

[1] OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 679/2006 (OJ L 119, 4.5.2006, p. 1).

[2] OJ L 173, 6.7.1990, p. 5. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1039/2005 (OJ L 172, 5.7.2005, p. 1).

[3] OJ L 186, 7.7.2006, p. 1.