# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 551/2006

## of 4 April 2006

## amending the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 5 April 2006

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 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 532/2006 [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 532/2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 532/2006 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 5 April 2006.

It shall apply from 5 April 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 April 2006.

*For the Commission*

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*Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*

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[1] OJ L 270, 29.9.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

[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 94, 1.4.2006, p. 3.

*ANNEX I*

**Import duties for the products covered by Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 applicable from 5 April 2006**

| CN code | Description | Import duty [1] (EUR/tonne) |
|---|---|---|
| 1001 10 00 | Durum wheat high quality | 0,00 |
| | medium quality | 0,00 |
| | low quality | 10,41 |
| 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 | 40,21 |
| 1005 10 90 | Maize seed other than hybrid | 58,86 |
| 1005 90 00 | Maize other than seed [2] | 58,86 |
| 1007 00 90 | Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing | 40,21 |

[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/t, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or
— EUR 2/t, 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/t, 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 31.3.2006-3.4.2006

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 | YC3 | HAD2 | Medium quality (*) | Low quality (**) | US barley 2 |
| Quotation (EUR/t) | 135,05 (***) | 72,34 | 160,11 | 150,11 | 130,11 | 104,21 |
| Gulf premium (EUR/t) | 41,14 | 13,22 | — | | | — |
| Great Lakes premium (EUR/t) | — | — | — | | | — |

(*) 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).

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

Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico–Rotterdam: 17,38 EUR/t; Great Lakes–Rotterdam: 20,79 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).