COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 855/2008

of 29 August 2008

fixing the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 1 September 2008

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ([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 in respect of import duties in the cereals sector ([2]), and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 136(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 states that the import duty on products falling within CN codes 1001 10 00, 1001 90 91, ex 1001 90 99 (high quality common wheat), 1002, ex 1005 other than hybrid seed, and ex 1007 other than hybrids for sowing, is to be equal to the intervention price valid for such products on importation increased by 55 %, minus the cif import price applicable to the consignment in question. However, that duty may not exceed the rate of duty in the Common Customs Tariff.

(2) Article 136(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 lays down that, for the purposes of calculating the import duty referred to in paragraph 1 of that Article, representative cif import prices are to be established on a regular basis for the products in question.

(3) Under Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96, the price to be used for the calculation of the import duty on products of CN codes 1001 10 00, 1001 90 91, ex 1001 90 99 (high quality common wheat), 1002 00, 1005 10 90, 1005 90 00 and 1007 00 90 is the daily cif representative import price determined as specified in Article 4 of that Regulation.

(4) Import duties should be fixed for the period from 1 September 2008 and should apply until new import duties are fixed and enter into force.

(5) However, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2008 of 26 June 2008 temporarily suspending customs duties on imports of certain cereals for the 2008/2009 marketing year ([3]), the application of certain duties set by this Regulation is suspended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 September 2008, the import duties in the cereals sector referred to in Article 136(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall be those fixed in Annex I to this Regulation on the basis of the information contained in Annex II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 30 August 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 August 2008.

For the Commission

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([1]) OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 510/2008 (OJ L 149, 7.6.2008, p 61).

([2]) OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 125. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1816/2005 (OJ L 292, 8.11.2005, p. 5).

([3]) OJ L 166, 27.6.2008, p. 19.

ANNEX I

Import duties on the products referred to in Article 136(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 applicable from 1 September 2008

CN code	Description	Import duties [1] (EUR/t)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat, high quality	0,00 [2]
	medium quality	0,00 [2]
	low quality	0,00 [2]
1001 90 91	Common wheat seed	0,00
ex 1001 90 99	High quality common wheat, other than for sowing	0,00 [2]
1002 00 00	Rye	0,00 [2]
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	0,00
1005 90 00	Maize, other than seed [3]	0,00 [2]
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	0,00 [2]

[1] For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal the importer may benefit, under Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96, from a reduction in the duty of:

— 3 EUR/t, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or

— 2 EUR/t, where the port of unloading is in Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden, the United Kingdom or the Atlantic coast of the Iberian peninsula.

[2] In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 608/2008, application of this duty is suspended.

[3] The importer may benefit from a flatrate 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 the duties laid down in Annex I

15.8.2008-28.8.2008

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

(EUR/t)

	Common wheat (1)	Maize	Durum wheat, high quality	Durum wheat, medium quality (2)	Durum wheat, low quality (3)	Barley
Exchange	Minnéapolis	Chicago	—	—	—	—
Quotation	242,14	152,54	—	—	—	—
Fob price USA	—	—	322,04	312,04	292,04	129,59
Gulf of Mexico premium	—	14,84	—	—	—	—
Great Lakes premium	9,89	—	—	—	—	—

(1) Premium of 14 EUR/t incorporated (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).
(2) Discount of 10 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).
(3) Discount of 30 EUR/t (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 costs: Gulf of Mexico–Rotterdam:	38,41 EUR/t
Freight costs: Great Lakes–Rotterdam:	36,00 EUR/t