COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 983/2008

of 3 October 2008

adopting the plan allocating to the Member States resources to be charged to the 2009 budget year for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community

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], and in particular Article 43(g) in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro [2], and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 of 29 October 1992 laying down detailed rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community [3], the Commission should adopt a distribution plan to be financed from resources available in the 2009 budget year. The plan should lay down in particular, for each of the Member States applying the measure, the maximum financial resources available to carry out its part of the plan, and the quantity of each type of product to be withdrawn from the stocks held by the intervention agencies.

(2) The Member States involved in the plan for the 2009 budget year have supplied the information required in accordance with Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92.

(3) For the purposes of resource allocation, account must be taken of experience and of the degree to which the Member States used the resources allocated to them in previous years.

(4) Point 1(c) of Article 2(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 provides for the allocation of resources for the purchase on the market of products temporarily unavailable in intervention stocks. The stocks of cereals suitable for human consumption currently held by the intervention agencies are very low and measures have already been taken, regarding their sale on the market. Moreover, no stock of rice and skimmed milk powder is at present held by the intervention agencies and no offers of these agricultural commodities into intervention are foreseen for 2008. Therefore, resource allocations should be fixed to enable the purchase on the market of cereals, skimmed milk powder and rice as required to implement the plan for the 2009 budget year.

(5) Article 7(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 provides for the transfer between Member States of products unavailable in the intervention stocks of the Member State in which such products are required to implement the annual plan. Accordingly the intra-Community transfers necessary to implement the plan for 2009 should be authorised, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92.

(6) To implement the plan, the operative event within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 should be the date on which the financial year for administration of stocks in public storage starts.

(7) In accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92, the Commission has consulted the major organisations familiar with the problems of the most deprived persons in the Community when drawing up the plan.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In 2009, the distribution of food to the most deprived persons in the Community under Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall be implemented in accordance with the annual distribution plan set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

[1] OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 313, 30.10.1992, p. 50.

Article 2

Allocations to Member States for the purchase of cereals, skimmed milk powder and rice on the market, as required under the plan referred to in Article 1, shall be as set out in Annex II.

Article 3

The intra-Community transfer of the products listed in Annex III to this Regulation shall be authorised, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92.

Article 4

For the purpose of implementing the annual plan referred to in Article 1 of this Regulation, the date of the operative event within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 shall be 1 October 2008.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of 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 Brussels, 3 October 2008.

For the Commission

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ANNEX I

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR 2009

(a) Financial resources made available to implement the plan in each Member State:

(in EUR)

Member State	Distribution
Belgique/België	6 984 395
България	8 666 207
Eesti	320 646
Éire/Ireland	397 711
Elláda	20 045 000
España	61 957 787
France	77 884 234
Italia	129 220 273
Latvija	5 463 353
Lietuva	9 392 047
Luxembourg	128 479
Magyarország	13 417 068
Malta	725 419
Polska	102 177 040
Portugal	24 718 296
România	28 202 682
Slovenija	2 279 813
Suomi/Finland	4 019 550
Total	496 000 000

(b) Quantity of each type of product to be withdrawn from Community intervention stocks for distribution in each Member State subject to the maximum amounts laid down in (a):

(in tonnes)

Member State	Sugar
Belgique/België	4 000
България	5 700
España	8 450
France	4 995
Italia	12 556
Lietuva	5 614
Magyarország	5 000
Malta	571
Polska	49 554
Portugal	2 158
România	20 000
Slovenija	1 100
Total	119 687

ANNEX II

Allocations to Member States for purchase on the Community market, subject to the maximum amounts laid down in Annex I(a):

(in EUR)

Member State	Cereals	Rice	Skimmed milk powder
Belgique/België	2 026 200	300 000	3 000 000
България	3 545 850	2 400 000	424 500
Eesti	303 930	0	0
Éire/Ireland	0	0	376 977
Elláda	6 000 000	3 000 000	10 000 000
España	13 170 300	2 340 000	40 483 716
France	16 412 220	7 897 500	47 898 216
Italia	34 458 775	3 000 000	80 962 837
Latvija	3 312 432	0	1 866 102
Lietuva	3 317 885	1 543 920	2 224 368
Luxembourg	0	0	121 781
Magyarország	9 000 000	0	2 100 000
Malta	80 964	34 250	387 714
Polska	36 471 600	0	44 350 200
Portugal	2 623 162	3 074 726	17 033 678
România	20 262 000	0	0
Slovenija	486 288	300 000	1 018 800
Suomi/Finland	2 640 000	0	1 170 000
Total	154 111 606	23 890 396	253 418 889

ANNEX III

Intra-Community transfers of sugar authorised under the plan for the 2009 budget year:

	Quantity (tonnes)	Holder	Recipient
1.	8 450	OFI, Ireland	FEGA, España
2.	2 158	OFI, Ireland	Ministério das Finanças, Direcção-Geral das Alfândegas e dos Impostos Especiais sobre o Consumo, Direcção de Serviços de Licenciamento, Portugal
3.	4 995	BIRB, Belgique	ONIGC, France
4.	5 614	Statní Zemědělský Intervenční Fond, Česká Republika	NMA, Lietuva
5.	23 000	Statní Zemědělský Intervenční Fond, Česká Republika	ARR, Polska
6.	14 000	Pôdohospodárska Platobná Agentúra, Slovensko	ARR, Polska
7.	12 544	AGEA, Italia	ARR, Polska
8.	20 000	Pôdohospodárska Platobná Agentúra, Slovensko	Agentia de Plati si Interventie pentru Agricultura, România
9.	571	AGEA, Italia	AP, Malta
10.	1 100	AGEA, Italia	Agencija Republike Slovenije za kmetijske trge in razvoj podeželja, Slovenija
11.	5 700	AGEA, Italia	Държавен фонд „Земеделие”-Разплащателна агенция, България