

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

extending Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 on the conditions

governing imports of agricultural products

originating in third countries

following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of this proposal is to extend for five years the system for checking compliance with the maximum permitted levels of radioactivity in agricultural products laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station.

This is justified by the fact that the reasons prevailing at the time the Regulation was adopted remain valid; radioactive contamination in certain agricultural products originating in the third countries most affected still exceeds the maximum permitted levels of radioactivity laid down in the Regulation referred to.

The ad hoc committee established in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 was consulted on this matter at its meeting on 11 July 1994.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

extending Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 737/90⁽¹⁾ fixed, for agricultural products originating in third countries and intended for human consumption, maximum permitted levels of radioactivity with which imports of the products concerned must comply and in connection with which checks are carried out by the Member States; whereas the said Regulation is to apply only until 31 March 1995;

Whereas the reasons prevailing when the said Regulation was adopted are still valid, particularly because radioactive contamination in certain agricultural products originating in the third countries worst affected by the accident still exceeds the maximum permitted levels of radioactivity laid down in that Regulation;

Whereas it is advisable to extend Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 currently in force for a period of five years,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 the date "31 March 1995" shall be replaced by "31 March 2000".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 82, 29.3.1990, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels,...

For the Council

The President

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