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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulations (EEC) No 1035/72, (EEC) No 2240/88 and (EEC) No 1121/89 as regards the intervention threshold mechanism in the fresh fruit and vegetables sector

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On account of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, the intervention threshold mechanism must be adjusted from 1 January 1995 to take account of the production of these three new Member States. This amendment only concerns tomatoes, apples, cauliflowers and peaches, since these are the only products cultivated in the new Member States for which thresholds exist.

Articles 16 and 16a of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 establish the intervention thresholds for tomatoes, peaches, apples and cauliflowers, and the step for overruns of tomatoes.

Regulation (EEC) No 1121/89 establishes the steps for overruns of apples and cauliflowers and Regulation (EEC) No 2240/88 does likewise for peaches.

The adjustment must begin with the 1994/95 marketing year in the case of apples.

The thresholds and steps need only to be adjusted from the 1995/96 marketing year on in the case of tomatoes, cauliflowers and peaches.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables¹, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94², and in particular Article 16b(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission³,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁴,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁵,

Whereas, pursuant to Articles 16(3a), (16a) and 16b of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, intervention thresholds have been introduced for tomatoes, peaches, apples and cauliflowers:

Whereas this intervention threshold mechanism will apply throughout the Community from 1 January 1995, the date of accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden; whereas the intervention

OJ No L 118, 20. 5.1972, p. 1.

² OJ No L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 94.

⁴ OJ No

⁵ OJ No

threshold and the step for overruns of tomatoes fixed by Article 16(3a) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the step for overruns of apples and cauliflowers fixed respectively by Articles 1 and 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1121/89 on the introduction of an intervention threshold for apples and cauliflowers, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1754/92, and the step for overruns of peaches fixed by Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2240/88 fixing, for peaches, lemons and oranges, the rules for applying Article 16b of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1411/92, must all be adjusted to the new conditions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The first subparagraph of Article 16(3a) is replaced by the following:

"Where, in the case of tomatoes, the quantities which have been the subject of intervention measures pursuant to Articles 15 and 19a in the course of a given marketing year exceed 607 200 tonnes, the basic and buying-in prices fixed for the following marketing year in respect of this product in accordance with the criteria laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be reduced by 1 % for every 31 600 tonnes in excess of that quantity. The application of this provision may not, however, result in a reduction of more than 20 % in those prices."

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 1121/89 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to Article 1(3):

"This figure shall be increased to 85 800 tonnes for the 1994/95 marketing year and to 86 500 tonnes from the 1995/96 marketing year."

2. The following sentence is added to Article 2(3): "This figure shall be increased to 20 200 tonnes from the 1995/96 marketing year." Article 3 Regulation (EEC) No 2240/88 is hereby amended as follows: The first indent of Article 2(1) is replaced by the following: " - 23 000 tonnes, and 23 100 tonnes from the 1995/96 marketing year, in the case of peaches." Article 4 This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities. Article 1 of this Regulation shall apply from the 1995/96 marketing year. This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States. Done at Brussels, For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1. **BUDGET HEADING:** APPROPRIATIONS: 1501 ECU 402 million 2. TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 1035/72, (EEC) No 2240/88 and (EEC) No 1121/89 as regards the intervention thresholds mechanism in the fresh fruit and vegetables sector 3. LEGAL BASIS: Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 AIMS: To adjust the intervention thresholds and tranches for withdrawals of certain products as a result of the enlargement of the European Union 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: PERIOD OF 12 **FOLLOWING CURRENT MONTHS** FINANCIAL **FINANCIAL** YEAR YEAR. (95)(96)(ECU million) (ECU million) (ECU million) 5.0. **EXPENDITURE** - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER 5.1. **REVENUE** - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL 1997 1998 1999 2000 5.0.1. **ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE** 5.1.1. **ESTIMATED REVENUE** 5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION: CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT 6.0. CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET? YES/NO 6.1. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT **BUDGET?** YES/NO 6.2. WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY? YES/NO 6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY? YES/NO Amending the thresholds and tranches may entail varying the reduction coefficient to be applied to the **OBSERVATIONS** basic and buying-in prices in the next marketing year. The amendments provided for by the Regulation do not affect the threshold coefficients calculated for the budget years concerned.

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