Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal

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(Submitted by the Commission on 1 December 2000)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to enable traditional cattle-rearing activities to be maintained, Council Regulations (EC) Nos... (Poseidom), ... (Poseima) and ... (Poseican) introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the French overseas departments, the Azores and Madeira, and the Canary Islands respectively provide for the introduction of specific limits on the number of animals eligible for special premiums, suckler cow premiums and slaughter premiums.
- (2) Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 (¹) lays down regional ceilings per Member State as regards the special premiums. Annex II to that Regulation lays down national ceilings as regards the suckler-cow premiums. Those ceilings must not affect the introduction of the specific limits mentioned above. As a consequence it should be stipulated as of now that in the case of France, Portugal and Spain those ceilings are to include subceilings that are based on the number of premiums paid in respect

of a reference year to producers in the French overseas departments, the Azores and Madeira and the Canary Islands and are intended exclusively for producers in those regions. The remaining eligible animals making up the specific limits for the special premiums and the suckler-cow premiums introduced by Regulations (EC) Nos ..., ... and ... are to be added to those in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Annex I is replaced by the text in Annex I hereto.
- 2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from

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

ANNEX I

SPECIAL PREMIUM Regional ceilings of the Member States referred to in Article 4(4)

Belgium	235 149
Denmark	277 110
Germany	1 782 700
Greece	143 134
Spain	713 999 (¹)
France	1 754 732 (²)
Ireland	1 077 458
Italy	598 746
Luxembourg	18 962
Netherlands	157 932
Austria	423 400
Portugal	175 075 (³)
Finland	250 000
Sweden	250 000
United Kingdom	1 419 811 (4)

⁽i) Without prejudice to the specific rules laid down in Council Regulation (EC) of ... introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Canary Islands (see p. ... of this Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Without prejudice to the specific rules laid down in Council Regulation (EC) of ... introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the French overseas departments (see p. ... of this Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ Without prejudice to the specific rules laid down in Council Regulation (EC) of ... introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira (see p. ... of this Official Journal). Excluding the extensification programme provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1017/94 of 26 April 1994 concerning the conversion of land currently under arable crops to extensive livestock farming in Portugal (O) L 112, 3.5.1994, p. 1). Last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1461/95 (OJ L 144, 28.6.1995, p. 4).

⁽⁴⁾ This ceiling is increased temporarily by 100 000 to 1 519 811 head until such time as live animals under six months of age can be exported.

ANNEX II

SUCKLER COW PREMIUM

National ceilings referred to in Article 7(2) applicable from 1 January 2000

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Belgium	394 253
Denmark	112 932
Germany	639 535
Greece	138 005
Spain (1)	1 441 539
France (2)	3 779 866
Ireland	1 102 620
Italy	621 611
Luxembourg	18 537
Netherlands	63 236
Austria	325 000
Portugal (3)	277 539
Finland	55 000
Sweden	155 000
United Kingdom	1 699 511

⁽¹⁾ Excluding the specific ceiling provided for in Article \dots (\dots) of Regulation (Poseican).

⁽²) Excluding the specific ceiling provided for in Article . . . (. . .) of Regulation (Poseidom).

⁽³⁾ Excluding the specific ceiling provided for in Article . . . (. . .) of Regulation (Poseima). Excluding the specific reserve provided for in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1017/94.