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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs[(1)], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 7(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006, the Commission has examined France's application for the approval of amendments to the specification for the protected designation of origin 'Taureau de Camargue' registered in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2036/2001[(2)], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1068/2008[(3)].

(2) The purpose of the application is to amend the specification by giving more detailed information on the product description, the geographical area, the proof or origin, the method of production, labelling, national requirements and the contact details of the responsible department in the Member State, of the group and of the control structures.

(3) The Commission has examined the amendments in question and concluded that they are justified. Since these are minor amendments within the meaning of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006, the Commission may approve them without using the procedure set out in Articles 5, 6 and 7 of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specification for the protected designation of origin 'Taureau de Camargue' is hereby amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Annex II to this Regulation contains the Single Document setting out the main points of the specification.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1054/2012. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 7 November 2012.

For the Commission, On behalf of the President,

Dacian CIOLOȘ

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I

The specification for the protected designation of origin ‘Taureau de Camargue’ is amended as follows:

— Updated references concerning the responsible department in the Member State, the applicant group and the control structures.

— Description of product: the description of the product is supplemented by the age of the animals. This provision has not changed and was already included under the heading ‘Method of production’ in the specification.

— Geographical area: the geographical area has not changed, but the list of cantons in the Community specification has been replaced by a list of municipalities.

— Proof of origin: the heading has been supplemented by provisions on the control and guarantee of the origin and traceability of the designation. These provisions were amended following the reform of the control system for French-registered designations of origin.

— Method of production: the heading has been supplemented by provisions from national legislation defining the registered designation of origin in question. Criteria for the genetic selection of breeds, the maximum load and the method for calculating the LU are therefore included. In addition, more detailed information is given on the ban on providing complete compound feeds and on the authorised therapeutic treatments.

  Provisions on the slaughter of animals contained in national legislation are included (removal of animals, transport, slaughter, handling of the carcass). Similarly, a provision on cutting in the geographical area, which is included in national legislation, has been added.

  Those provisions that overlap with the general regulations (control of contagious diseases, implementation of carcass classification according to the Europe grading scale) are deleted.

— Labelling: the applicant group wanted to make the use of the European Union PDO symbol obligatory.

— National requirements: the national requirements are supplemented by a table on the main points to be verified and their evaluation method, as provided for in French national legislation.

ANNEX II

SINGLE DOCUMENT Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs‘**TAUREAU DE CAMARGUE**’EC No.: FR-PDO-0105-0314-17.10.2011**PGI ( ) PDO (X)**

1. **Name**

‘Taureau de Camargue’

2. **Member State or third country**

France

3. **Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff**

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1054/2012. (See end of Document for details)*

3.1. *Type of product*

Class 1-1 fresh meat and offal.

3.2. *Description of product to which the name in (1) applies*

The designation of origin ‘Taureau de Camargue’ applies to fresh meat from male or female animals obtained from local breeds, that is, the ‘raço di Biou’ or ‘de Combat’ breed (a breed also called ‘Brave’) or from the crossing of these two breeds and born, reared, slaughtered and cut in the geographical area.

The animals must be at least 18 months old.

Carcasses must be hung in the slaughterhouse for not less than 48 hours and not more than five days. The weight of carcasses for tax purposes must be 100 kg or more, except for heifers of between 18 and 30 months, for which the weight is set at 85 kg.

The meat of ‘Taureau de Camargue’ has a distinctive deep red colour; it is tender and lean.

3.3. *Raw materials (for processed products only)*

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3.4. *Feed (for products of animal origin only)*

The main feed must consist of pasture, except during the winter period, during which a feed supplement may be provided consisting solely of hay and cereals from the geographical area. Complete compound feeds, including medicated feedingstuffs, are not authorised under any circumstances.

3.5. *Specific steps in production that must take place in the defined geographical area*

The animals must be born, reared, slaughtered and cut in the geographical area.

3.6. *Specific rules on slicing, grating, packaging, etc.*

The carcasses must be cut in the geographical area. The carcasses of animals slaughtered for the ‘Taureau de Camargue’ PDO are smaller on average than those of slaughter cattle and therefore special know-how is needed to make the most of their small size. This know-how has been preserved solely in the geographical area, which is practically the only place on French territory where the two breeds used for the ‘Taureau de Camargue’ PDO have been reared.

3.7. *Specific rules on labelling*

‘Taureau de Camargue’ PDO meat is identified when the carcass is whole, at the stage between the weighing of the carcass for tax purposes and its emergence from the chilling room.

A stamp identifying the PDO is then immediately applied to the different muscles (in eight spots). The stamp is issued by the Institut national de l’origine et de la qualité.

Up to the final distribution stage, the carcass and pieces of meat cut from it are accompanied by an identification label displaying at least:

— the designation;
— the slaughter number;
— the name of the farm written clearly;
— the name and address of the cutting plant or slaughterhouse;
— the European Union PDO logo.