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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 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 144(1) in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Portugal from third countries was opened by Commission Regulation (EU) No 463/2010[(2)].

(2) Under Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 of 18 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal[(3)] the Commission, in accordance the procedure laid down in Article 195(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, may decide to fix a maximum reduction in the import duty. In fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 7 and 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 must be taken into account.

(3) A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty.

(4) The Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chair,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders lodged from 16 July to 29 July 2010 under the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EU) No 463/2010, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be EUR 6,25/t for a total maximum quantity of 63 000 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 30 July 2010.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EU) No 684/2010. (See end of Document for details)*

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

Done at Brussels, 29 July 2010.

For the Commission, On behalf of the President,

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development