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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001[(1)], and in particular Articles 64(2), 70(2), 143b(3), 143bc(1) and the second subparagraph of Article 143bc(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 of 30 January 2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union[(2)], and in particular the second sentence of Article 20(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex VIII to Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 establishes, for each Member State, the national ceilings which cannot be exceeded by the reference amounts referred to in Chapter 2 of Title III of that Regulation.

(2) Pursuant to the first sentence of Article 20(3) of Regulation (EC) No 247/2006, Portugal decided to reduce the national ceiling of suckler cow premium rights for 2008 and subsequent years and to transfer the corresponding financial amount in order to strengthen the contribution made by the Community, in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 247/2006, to financing specific measures provided for under that Regulation. The national ceilings for Portugal for 2008 and for subsequent years, as set out in Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 should therefore be reduced by the amount to be added to the financial sums established in Article 23(2) of Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 for 2009 and subsequent budgetary years.

(3) For Member States implementing in 2008 the Single Payment Scheme provided for under Title III of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the budgetary ceilings for each of

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the payments referred to in Articles 66 to 69 of that Regulation should be established for 2008 under the conditions laid down in Section 2 of Chapter 5 of Title III of the Regulation.

(4) For Member States making use of the option provided for in Article 70 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the budgetary ceilings applicable to the direct payments excluded from the Single Payment Scheme should be established for 2008.

(5) For the sake of clarity, the 2008 budgetary ceilings for the Single Payment Scheme should be published after the revised ceilings included in Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 have been deducted from the ceilings established for payments referred to in Articles 66 to 70 of that Regulation.

(6) For Member States implementing in 2008 the Single Area Payment Scheme provided for in Title IVa of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the annual financial envelopes for 2008 should be established in accordance with Article 143b(3) of that Regulation.

(7) For the sake of clarity, the maximum amount of funds available to Member States applying the Single Area Payment Scheme for granting separate sugar payments in 2008 under Article 143ba of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, established on the basis of their notifications, should be published.

(8) For the sake of clarity, the maximum amount of funds available to Member States applying the Single Area Payment Scheme for granting separate fruit and vegetable payments in 2008 under Article 143bb of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, established on the basis of their notifications, should be published.

(9) For Member States applying the Single Area Payment Scheme, the 2008 budgetary ceilings applicable to transitional payments for fruit and vegetables in accordance with Article 143bc(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, should therefore be established, on the basis of their notifications.

(10) Regulations (EC) No 1782/2003 and (EC) No 247/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(11) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Direct Payments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the sums relating to Portugal for 2008 and subsequent years are replaced with the following figures:

2008	608 221
2009	608 751
2010 and subsequent years	608 447.

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Article 2

The figures relating to the Azores and Madeira for the 2009 budgetary year and subsequent years contained in the table in Article 23(2) of Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 are replaced as follows:

2009	87,08
2010 and further	87,18.

Article 3

1 The budgetary ceilings for 2008 referred to in Articles 66 to 69 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 are listed in Annex I to this Regulation.

2 The budgetary ceilings for 2008 referred to in Article 70(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 are listed in Annex II to this Regulation.

3 The budgetary ceilings for 2008 for the Single Payment Scheme referred to in Title III of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 are listed in Annex III to this Regulation.

4 The annual financial envelopes for 2008 referred to in Article 143b(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 are set out in Annex IV to this Regulation.

5 The maximum amounts of funding available to the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia for granting the separate sugar payment in 2008, as referred to in Article 143ba(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, are listed in Annex V to this Regulation.

6 The maximum amounts of funding available to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia for granting the separate fruit and vegetable payment in 2008, as referred to in Article 143bb(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, are listed in Annex VI to this Regulation.

7 The budgetary ceilings for 2008 referred to in Article 143bc(1) and the second subparagraph of Article 143bc(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 are listed in Annex VII to this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following 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, 16 July 2008.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I

BUDGETARY CEILINGS FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS TO BE GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 66 TO 69 OF REGULATION (EC) No 1782/2003

2008 CALENDAR YEAR

(EUR thousand)

	BE	DK	DE	EL	ES	FR	IT	NL	AT	PT	SI	FI	SE	UK
Arable crops area payments					372 670	1 154 046								
Durum wheat supplementary payment					42 025	14 820								
Suckler cow premium	77 565				261 153	734 416			70 578	78 695				
Additional suckler cow premium	19 589				26 000				99	9 462				
Special beef premium		33 085									6 298	24 420	37 446	
Slaughter premium, adults					47 175	101 248		62 200	17 348	8 657				
Slaughter premium, calves	6 584				560	79 472		40 300	5 085	946				
Sheep and goat premium		855			183 499					21 892	432	600		
Sheep premium						66 455								
Sheep and goat supplementary premium					55 795					7 184	149	200		
Supplementary sheep premium						19 572								
Aid for			2 277			98			27		124			

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area under hops													
Tomatoes — Article 68b(1)			10 720	28 117	4 017	91 984			16 667				
Fruit and vegetables other than tomatoes — Article 68b(2)			17 920	93 733	43 152	9 700							
Article 69, all sectors												3 421	
Article 69, arable crops			47 323			141 712			1 878		5 840		
Article 69, rice									150				
Article 69, beef and veal			8 810	54 966		28 674			1 681	3 713	10 118		29 800
Article 69, sheep and goat meat			12 615			8 665			616				
Article 69, cotton				13 432									
Article 69, olive oil			22 196						5 658				
Article 69, tobacco			7 578	2 353									
Article 69, sugar			2 697	18 985		9 932			1 203				
Article 69,				19 763									