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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 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals[(1)],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 of 28 June 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards import duties in the cereals sector[(2)], and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 provides that the rates of duty in the Common Customs Tariff are to be charged on import of the products referred to in Article 1 of that Regulation. However, in the case of the products referred to in paragraph 2 of that Article, the import duty is to be equal to the intervention price valid for such products on importation and increased by 55 %, minus the cif import price applicable to the consignment in question. However, that duty may not exceed the rate of duty in the Common Customs Tariff.

(2) Pursuant to Article 10(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003, the cif import prices are calculated on the basis of the representative prices for the product in question on the world market.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 lays down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 as regards import duties in the cereals sector.

(4) The import duties are applicable until new duties are fixed and enter into force.

(5) In order to allow the import duty system to function normally, the representative market rates recorded during a reference period should be used for calculating the duties.

(6) Application of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 results in import duties being fixed as set out in Annex I to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import duties in the cereals sector referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 shall be those fixed in Annex I to this Regulation on the basis of the information given in Annex II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2007.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2006.

For the Commission

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Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1971/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

IMPORT DUTIES FOR THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY ARTICLE 10(2) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 1784/2003 APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2007

CN code	Description	Import duty[a](EUR/tonne)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat high quality	0,0
	medium quality	0,0
	low quality	0,0
1001 90 91	Common wheat seed	0,0
ex 1001 90 99	Common high quality wheat other than for sowing	0,0
1002 00 00	Rye	0,0
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	11,44
1005 90 00	Maize other than seed[b]	11,44
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	0,0

a For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal (Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96), the importer may benefit from a reduction in the duty of:
— EUR 3/t, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or
— EUR 2/t, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden or the Atlantic coasts of the Iberian peninsula.

b The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of EUR 24/t, where the conditions laid down in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 are met.

ANNEX II

Factors for calculating duties (15.12.2006-21.12.2006)

1. Averages over the reference period referred to in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96:

Exchange quotations	Minneapolis	Chicago	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
Product (% proteins at 12 % humidity)	HRS2	YC3	HAD2	Medium quality[a]	Low quality[b]	US barley 2
Quotation (EUR/t)	155,3[c]	111,29	182,08	172,08	152,08	160,47

a A discount of 10 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

b A discount of 30 EUR/t (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).

c Premium of 14 EUR/t incorporated (Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96).