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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 79/65/EEC of 15 June 1965 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community[(1)], and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82[(2)] fixes per Member State the threshold of economic size of returning holdings falling within the field of survey of the farm accountancy data network.

(2) In the case of Germany, structural changes have lead to a decrease in the number of the smallest holdings and in their contribution to the total output of agriculture. This has made their use for a survey covering the most relevant part of the agricultural activity no longer necessary. It is therefore indicated to raise the threshold from 8 ESU to 16 ESU.

(3) In the case of Cyprus, the threshold set initially to 1 ESU should be raised to 2 ESU, because the holdings with an economic size smaller than 2 ESU represent only 7 % of the total standard gross margin. The most relevant part of the agricultural activity can therefore be covered with a threshold excluding the smaller holdings.

(4) The number of returning holdings per Member State to be selected by division is fixed in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82. In the case of Spain, Italy, Austria, Portugal and Finland, the number of returning holdings has remained the same for a long time despite the significant reduction in the number of holdings. The reduction has been accompanied by an increase in the uniformity of the holdings, which is such that it enables satisfactory representation to be achieved on the basis of a smaller sample than the current one. Due to this structural change the number of returning holdings to be selected in Spain, Italy, Austria, Portugal and Finland can be reduced. However, for some divisions in Spain and Italy that number should be increased as a result of improved statistical methodologies used for the selection.

(5) The number of returning holdings in Malta should be revised based on new information concerning its agricultural structure.

(6) Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 should therefore be amended accordingly.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1187/2005. (See end of Document for details)*

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Community Committee for the Farm Accountancy Data Network,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 is amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

Article 2

For the 2006 accounting year (a period of 12 consecutive months beginning between 1 January 2006 and 1 July 2006) and for subsequent accounting years, the threshold as referred to in Article 4 of Regulation No 79/65/EEC in ESU shall be as follows:

— Belgium: 16 ESU
— Czech Republic: 4 ESU
— Denmark: 8 ESU
— Germany: 16 ESU
— Estonia: 2 ESU
— Greece: 2 ESU
— Spain: 2 ESU
— France: 8 ESU
— Ireland: 2 ESU
— Italy: 4 ESU
— Cyprus: 2 ESU
— Latvia: 2 ESU
— Lithuania: 2 ESU
— Luxembourg: 8 ESU
— Hungary: 2 ESU
— Malta: 8 ESU
— Netherlands: 16 ESU
— Austria: 8 ESU
— Poland: 2 ESU
— Portugal: 2 ESU
— Slovenia: 2 ESU
— Slovakia: 6 ESU
— Finland: 8 ESU
— Sweden 8 ESU
— United Kingdom (with the exception of Northern Ireland): 16 ESU
— United Kingdom (only Northern Ireland): 8 ESU.

2. Annex I is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from the 2006 accounting year.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2005.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1187/2005. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1859/82 is amended as follows:

1. The part concerning Spain is replaced by the following:

SPAIN		
500	Galicia	480
505	Asturias	270
510	Cantabria	190
515	País Vasco	250
520	Navarra	370
525	La Rioja	260
530	Aragón	739
535	Cataluña	710
540	Illes Balears	182
545	Castilla y León	1 095
550	Madrid	194
555	Castilla-La Mancha	1 138
560	Comunidad Valenciana	626
565	Murcia	444
570	Extremadura	718
575	Andalucia	1 816
580	Canarias	224
Total Spain		9 706

2. The part concerning Italy is replaced by the following:

ITALY		
221	Valle d'Aosta	279
222	Piemonte	1 159
230	Lombardia	923
241	Trentino	315
242	Alto Adige	308
243	Veneto	925
244	Friuli-Venezia Giulia	797
250	Liguria	500
260	Emilia-Romagna	1 145