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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs[(1)], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Under Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the United Kingdom authorities have requested amendments to the description and the method of production of 'Scotch Lamb', registered as a protected designation of origin by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 of 12 June 1996 on the registration of geographical indications and designations of origin under the procedure laid down in Article 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92[(2)].

(2) Following examination of this request for amendment, it has been decided that the amendments concerned are not minor.

(3) In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 and since the amendments are not minor, the Article 6 procedure applies *mutatis mutandis*.

(4) It has been decided that the amendments in this case comply with Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92. No statement of objection, within the meaning of Article 7 of the Regulation, has been sent to the Commission following the publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*[(3)] of the above amendments.

(5) Consequently, these amendments must be registered and published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amendments set out in Annex I to this Regulation shall be registered and published in accordance with Article 6(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

A summary of the main points of the specification is given in Annex II to this Regulation.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1345/2004. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th 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, 22 July 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1345/2004. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2081/92
AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION OF A PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION *(Article 9)*No CE: UK/0275/24.1.1994

1. Registered name : PGI Scotch Lamb
2. Amendments(s) requested : — Specification heading:

- ☐ Name
- ☒ Description
- ☐ Geographical area
- ☐ Proof of origin
- ☒ Method of production
- ☐ Link
- ☐ Labelling
- ☐ National requirement

— Amendment(s):
Description

So as better to reflect current practice, take account of consumer concerns about more transparent labelling and improve the quality of Scotch Lamb, the current description:

> The product is derived from lambs finished, for a minimum period of two months, slaughtered and dressed in the designated area.

is hereby amended as follows:

> The product is derived from lambs born, reared throughout their lives, slaughtered and dressed in the designated geographical area. The animals will have been produced and slaughtered in accordance with quality assurance schemes accredited to European Standard EN 45011 (ISO Guide 65) and having the same standards, assessments and assessment frequencies as those set by the applicant.

Method of production

As a result of the amendment to the description described above it is necessary to amend the details of the method of production. In addition, when the original application was submitted, Scotch Lamb was almost never sold frozen. While this practice is still not widespread, the applicant would like to remove the words ‘Only fresh or chilled product may be sold’ to allow Scotch Lamb to be sold frozen if a processor so wishes.

Accordingly, the current description:

> Lambs are finished in Scotland for a period of not less than two months. They are slaughtered and dressed in