COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 604/2004
of 29 March 2004
on the communication of information on tobacco from the 2000 harvest onwards

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2319/2003 [2], and in particular Article 21 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2636/1999 of 14 December 1999 on the communication of information on tobacco from the 2000 harvest onwards and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1771/93 [3] has been substantially amended several times [4]. In the interests of clarity and rationality the said Regulation should be codified.

(2) The information to be communicated under Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 and the regulations adopted for its application should be laid down.

(3) In the interests of efficient administration, this information should be grouped and a timetable established for its submission.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Member States shall communicate the information set out in Annexes I, II and III in accordance with the time limits given therein.

The information shall be provided for each harvest and for each group of varieties.

Article 2

The Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the economic operators concerned provide them with the information required within the relevant time limits.

Article 3

Information on stocks held by first processing enterprises shall be communicated in accordance with Annex III.

Article 4

Regulation (EC) No 2636/1999 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex V.

Article 5

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, 29 March 2004.

For the Commission
The President
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[1] OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70.
[2] OJ L 345, 31.12.2003, p. 17.
[3] OJ L 323, 15.12.1999, p. 4.
[4] See Annex IV.

ANNEX I

Information to be communicated to the Commission by 31 July of the year of harvest concerned at the latest

Harvest: ..... Declarant Member State: .....

Group of varieties: .....

	Member State of production (declarant)	Member State of production Name:	Member State of production Name:	Member State of production Name:
1. CULTIVATION CONTRACTS				
1.1 Number of cultivation contracts recorded				
1.2 Quantity of tobacco (in tonnes) of the moisture content referred to in Annex IV of Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 covered by the contracts (1)				
1.3 Total area covered by the contracts (in hectares)				
2. PRODUCERS				
2.1 Total number of producers				
2.2 Number of producers belonging to a producer group recognised pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2848/98				
3. FIRST PROCESSING ENTERPRISES				
3.1 Number of first processing enterprises concluding cultivation contracts				
4. PRICES				
4.1 Maximum price per kilogram agreed in the cultivation contracts, in relevant currency excluding taxes and other levies. Indicate the reference quality	(in national currency)	(2)	(2)	(2)
4.2 Minimum price per kilogram agreed in the cultivation contracts, in relevant currency excluding taxes and other levies. Indicate the reference quality				

(1) This information may be amended before 30 June of the year following that of harvest in order to take account of quantities covered by amendments of contracts carried out pursuant to Article 9(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2848/98.

(2) For contracts between two Member States, specify the currency in which they were concluded.