COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 464/2004

of 12 March 2004

amending the specification for a name appearing in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 on the registration of geographical indications and designations of origin (Nocciola del Piemonte)

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, for the name Nocciola de Piemonte, registered as a protected geographical indication 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], Italy has requested changes in the name itself and in the description, method of production, labelling and national requirements.

(2) Scrutiny of the request has shown that the amendments proposed are not minor.

(3) Under the said Article 9 the Article 6 procedure accordingly should be applied *mutatis mutandis*.

(4) It is considered that the amendments proposed are consonant with Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92. Following their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* [3] the Commission has received no objection under Article 7 of that Regulation.

(5) The amendments should therefore be registered and be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amendments annexed to this Regulation are hereby registered and are published as required by Article 6(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 12 March 2004.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 208, 24.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 148, 21.6.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1660/2003 (OJ L 234, 20.9.2003, p. 10).
[3] OJ C 144, 20.6.2003, p. 2 (Nocciola del Piemonte).