COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 135/2004

of 27 January 2004

supplementing the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 on the entry of certain names in the Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications (Fraise du Périgord and Queso de Valdeón)

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 6(3) and (4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Under Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, France has sent the Commission an application for the registration of the name 'Fraise du Périgord' as a protected geographical indication, and Spain has sent the Commission an application for the registration of the name 'Queso de Valdeón' as a protected geographical indication.

(2) In accordance with Article 6(1) of that Regulation, the applications have been found to meet all the requirements laid down therein and in particular to contain all the information required in accordance with Article 4 thereof.

(3) No statement of objection, within the meaning of Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, has been sent to the Commission following the publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ([2]) of the names listed in the Annex to this Regulation.

(4) The names consequently qualify for inclusion in the 'Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications' and to be protected at Community level as protected geographical indications.

(5) The Annex to this Regulation supplements the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 ([3]),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The names listed in the Annex to this Regulation are hereby added to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 and entered as protected geographical indications (PGI) in the 'Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications' provided for in Article 6(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

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, 27 January 2004.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).
([2]) OJ C 100, 26.4.2003, p. 17 (Fraise du Périgord).
OJ C 110, 8.5.2003, p. 15 (Queso de Valdeón).
([3]) OJ L 327, 18.12.1996, p. 11. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2275/2003 (OJ L 336, 23.12.2003, p. 44).