COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2333/2003

of 30 December 2003

amending Regulation (EC) No 1555/96 as regards the trigger levels for additional duties on pears, lemons, apples and courgettes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 [2], and in particular Article 33(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1555/96 of 30 July 1996 on rules of application for additional import duties on fruit and vegetables [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1916/2003 [4], provides for surveillance of imports of the products listed in the Annex thereto. That surveillance is to be carried out in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 308d of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1335/2003 [6].

(2) For the purposes of Article 5(4) of the Agreement on Agriculture [7] concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and in the light of the latest data available for 2001, 2002 and 2003, it is necessary to amend the trigger levels for additional duties on pears, lemons, apples and courgettes.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1555/96 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 December 2003.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64.
[3] OJ L 193, 3.8.1996, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 283, 31.10.2003, p. 34.
[5] OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.
[6] OJ L 187, 26.7.2003, p. 16.
[7] OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 22.