COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1660/2003

of 19 September 2003

amending the specification of a name appearing in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 (Ossau-Iraty)

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], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2003 [2], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the French authorities have requested in respect of the name 'Ossau-Iraty', 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 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1571/2003 [4], the amendment of the method of production and of the national legal requirements.

(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* [5] of the 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 the Annex to this Regulation are hereby registered and published in accordance with Article 6(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following 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, 19 September 2003.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 99, 17.4.2003, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 148, 21.6.1996, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 224, 6.9.2003, p. 17.
[5] OJ C 252, 12.9.2001, p. 16 (Ossau-Iraty).