COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1428/2003

of 11 August 2003

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 provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs 'ΦΑΣΟΛΙΑ ΓΙΓΑΝΤΕΣ — ΕΛΕΦΑΝΤΕΣ ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑΣ (Fasolia Gigantes — Elefantes Kastorias)'

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 Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 [2], and in particular Article 6(3), (4) and (5) thereof,

(1) Under Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, Greece has sent the Commission an application for the registration of the name 'ΦΑΣΟΛΙΑ ΓΙΓΑΝΤΕΣ — ΕΛΕΦΑΝΤΕΣ ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑΣ (Fasolia Gigantes — Elefantes Kastorias)' as a geographical indication.

(2) In accordance with Article 6(1) of that Regulation, the application has 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) Following publication of the summary of the application in accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, the Hellenic Republic requested two minor amendments to elaborate on point 4.2 (description) and to delete the statement that the vehicles of the applicant group are used for distribution purposes. A revised summary of the application is included in Annex II.

(4) The name should therefore be entered in the Register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications and hence be protected throughout the Community as a protected geographical indication.

(5) The Annex to this Regulation supplements the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1298/2003 [4],

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The name in the Annex hereto is added to the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2400/96 and entered as a protected geographical indication (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. The main elements of the product specification are included in Annex II. These replace the summary application published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* [5].

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, 11 August 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 208, 24.7.1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 327, 18.12.1996, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 184, 23.7.2003, p. 3.
[5] OJ C 120, 23.5.2002, p. 5.

ANNEX I

PRODUCTS LISTED IN ANNEX I TO THE EC TREATY, INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Fruit, vegetables and cereals

Vegetable

GREECE

— 'ΦΑΣΟΛΙΑ ΓΙΓΑΝΤΕΣ — ΕΛΕΦΑΝΤΕΣ ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑΣ (Fasolia Gigantes — Elefantes Kastorias)' (PGI)

ANNEX II

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2081/92

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION: ARTICLE 5

PDO ( ) PGI (X)

National application No: EL-04/00-5

1. **Responsible department in the Member State**

Name : Δ/νση Π.Α.Π — Φυτών Μεγάλης Καλλιέργειας
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2. **Applicant group**

2.1. Name: 'ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑΣ Α.Ε.'με διακριτικό τίτλο AGROKA S.A.
(AGROTIKI KASTORIAS AE (business name AGROKA SA)

2.2. Address: Οικισμός Λακκωμάτων — Δήμου Ορεστίδος Ν.Καστοριάς
(Lakkomata, Orestida, Prefecture of Kastoria)

2.3. Composition: Producers/processors (x) other ( ).

With 212 member bean growers of the Prefecture of Kastoria from all areas growing the product (memorandum of association No 65/7.4.97) who hold 65 % by value of the shares. The remaining 35 % is a contribution of the Commune of Lakkomata, now a constituent part of the Municipality of Orestida. The company's structure is governed by Article 2 of PD 410/95 (GG321).

3. **Type of product:** class 1.6**.**

4. **Specification**

(Summary of requirements under Article 4(2))

4.1. **Name:** ΦΑΣΟΛΙΑ ΓΙΓΑΝΤΕΣ — ΕΛΕΦΑΝΤΕΣ ΚΑΣΤΟΡΙΑΣ**.**

(Fasolia Gigantes — Elefantes Kastorias)

4.2. **Description:** Beans are annual climbing plants with long slender stems and compound leaves reaching a final height of more than two metres. They belong to the *Papilionaceae* family (legumes). The *Phaseolus* genus contains 250 species. The varieties grown in the Prefecture of Kastoria belong to the species *Phaseolus coccineus (multiflorus)***.**

— The symbiotic association of the nitrogen-fixing *Bacterium radicola* with the fleshy nodular roots permits absorption of up to 40 kg/ha of atmospheric nitrogen.

— The stem is slender, pliant and cylindrical and twines continuously from left to right.

— The compound leaves consist of three leaflets.

— The flowers comprise a five-part calyx, a five-part white corolla, ten stamens and a pistil. They are produced in large axillary clusters opening successively from the base to the tip of the plant.

— The elephant/giant beans are cross-pollinated plants.