COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 572/2003

of 28 March 2003

adapting the total quantities referred to in Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 establishing an additional levy in the milk and milk products sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 of 28 December 1992 establishing an additional levy in the milk and milk products sector [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2028/2002 [2], and in particular Article 3(2) and Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 lays down that the guaranteed total quantities for Finland may be increased to compensate 'SLOM' producers, up to a maximum of 200 000 tonnes. In accordance with Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 671/95 [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1390/95 [4], Finland has notified the quantities concerned for the 2002/2003 marketing year.

(2) Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 lays down that the individual reference quantities are increased or established at the duly justified request of producers to take account of changes affecting their deliveries and/or direct sales and that the increase or establishment of such a reference quantity is subject to a corresponding reduction or cancellation of the other reference quantity the producer owns.

(3) Such adjustments may not lead to an increase, for the Member State concerned, in the sum of the deliveries and direct sales referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92. Where the individual reference quantities undergo a definitive change, the quantities referred to in Article 3 are adjusted accordingly.

(4) In accordance with Article 15(1)(c) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1392/2001 [5], Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland and the United Kingdom have notified quantities which have undergone a definitive change in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92.

(5) The total quantities applicable for the period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 laid down in point (c) of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 and consequently those applicable for subsequent periods laid down in points (d) to (f) of that same Annex should therefore be adjusted.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 28 March 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 405, 31.12.1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 313, 16.11.2002, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 70, 30.3.1995, p. 2.
[4] OJ L 135, 21.6.1995, p. 4.
[5] OJ L 187, 10.7.2001, p. 19.

ANNEX

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(a) Total reference quantities referred to in Article 3(2) as applicable from 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001

(in tonnes)

Member State	Deliveries	Direct sales
Belgium	3 171 279,539	139 151,461
Denmark	4 454 616,417	731,583
Germany	27 768 686,841	96 129,159
Greece	674 471,000	842,000
Spain	5 828 977,475	87 972,525
France	23 832 232,240	403 565,760
Ireland	5 332 448,840	9 315,160
Italy	10 100 482,000	213 578,000
Luxembourg	268 254,000	795,000
Netherlands	10 992 901,000	81 791,000
Austria	2 583 251,804	166 149,196
Portugal	1 863 166,000	9 295,000
Finland	2 397 527,921	9 120,645
Sweden	3 300 000,000	3 000,000
United Kingdom [1]	14 420 829,479	181 825,521

[1] Specific quota increase for allocation to Northern Ireland.

(b) Total reference quantities referred to in Article 3(2) as applicable from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002

(in tonnes)

Member State	Deliveries	Direct sales
Belgium	3 188 202,403	122 228,597
Denmark	4 454 709,217	638,783
Germany	27 769 228,612	95 587,388
Greece	699 626,000	887,000
Spain	6 035 564,833	81 385,167
France	23 844 318,264	391 479,736
Ireland	5 386 176,780	9 587,220
Italy	10 316 482,000	213 578,000
Luxembourg	268 554,000	495,000
Netherlands	11 001 277,000	73 415,000
Austria	2 599 130,467	150 270,533