COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 399/2003

of 3 March 2003

amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 establishing the supply balances and Community aid for the supply of certain essential products for human consumption, for processing and as agricultural inputs and for the supply of live animals and eggs to the outermost regions under Council Regulations (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001 and (EC) No 1454/2001

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the French overseas departments, amending Directive 72/462/EEC and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 525/77 and (EEC) No 3763/91 (Poseidom) ([1]), and in particular Article 6(5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1453/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 (Poseima) ([2]), and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1454/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Canary Islands and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 (Poseican) ([3]), as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1922/2002 ([4]), and in particular Article 4(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Annexes to Commission Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 ([5]) establish the forecast supply balances and Community aid for the supply of certain products in 2003.

(2) In order to develop the production potential of the French overseas departments and satisfy the increase in local demand, the number of female breeding pigs should be increased.

(3) The Combined Nomenclature codes for rabbits have been amended from 1 January 2003 by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1832/2002 of 1 August 2002 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff ([6]). Part 2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 should be amended accordingly.

(4) The Community aid for the supply of milled rice for direct consumption in Madeira needs to be specified, by correcting part 2 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 98/2003.

(5) In order that the supply of olive oil to Madeira can start within the required time, the quantity provided for in part 3 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 should be increased and it should be specified that the quantity is granted without distinction as to category.

(6) The description of meat of domestic swine in part 9 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 contains a factual mistake and should therefore be corrected.

(7) As a result, Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 should be amended and corrected.

(8) Following the implementation by Commission Regulation (EC) No 20/2002 ([7]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1215/2002 ([8]), of the detailed rules for applying the specific supply arrangements, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1324/96 of 9 July 1996 establishing the supply balance for the Azores and Madeira in the rice products sector and laying down detailed rules for the adjustment of aid for products coming from the Community ([9]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1270/2001 ([10]), and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1325/96 of 9 July 1996 establishing the supply balance for the Canary Islands in the rice products sector and laying down detailed rules for the adjustment of aid for products coming from the Community ([11]), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1324/1997 ([12]), have become obsolete. They should therefore be repealed.

(9) Since Regulation (EC) No 98/2003 has been applicable since 1 January 2003, provision should be made for this Regulation to take immediate effect.

([1]) OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.
([2]) OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 26.
([3]) OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 45.
([4]) OJ L 293, 29.10.2002, p. 11.
([5]) OJ L 14, 21.1.2003, p. 32.
([6]) OJ L 290, 28.10.2002, p. 1.
([7]) OJ L 8, 11.1.2002, p. 1.
([8]) OJ L 177, 6.7.2002, p. 3.
([9]) OJ L 171, 10.7.1996, p. 3.
([10]) OJ L 175, 28.6.2001, p. 7.
([11]) OJ L 171, 10.7.1996, p. 5.
([12]) OJ L 182, 10.7.1997, p. 13.