COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2097/2002

of 27 November 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 94/2002 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 of 19 December 2000 on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market [1], and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 5(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 94/2002 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1186/2002 [3], lays down, for the purposes of implementing measures contained in programmes as referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000, the deadline of 15 June each year for Community trade federations or interbranch organisations to submit programmes to the Member State concerned.

(2) In view of the utilisation of available financial resources provided for by the support measures for information and promotion actions when first applied in August 2002, these organisations should be given the opportunity to submit new programmes.

(3) It would therefore appear useful to provide for the possibility of submitting new information and promotion programmes twice a year.

(4) Taking account of the experience acquired in examining the programmes submitted in the field of information on the Community systems for PDOs, PGIs and TSGs and for organic production, on the one hand, and of the development of Community policy in these areas on the other, the guidelines in these sectors should be adapted.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 94/2002 should therefore be amended.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion delivered at the joint meeting of the management committees on agricultural product promotion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 94/2002 is hereby amended as follows:

1. the first sentence of Article 5(1) is replaced by the following:

   'With a view to implementing measures contained in programmes as referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000, the Community trade federations or interbranch organisations that are representative of the sector(s) concerned shall submit programmes in response to calls for proposals issued by the Member States concerned no later than 31 January and 31 July each year.';

2. Article 7 is amended as follows:

   (a) the first sentence of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

   'No later than 15 March and 30 September each year the Member States shall send the Commission a provisional list of the programmes and proposed implementing bodies and a copy of each programme which they have selected.';

   (b) the first subparagraph of paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

   'After checking programmes on the final list referred to in the third subparagraph of Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 the Commission shall decide, no later than 31 May and 15 December, which programmes it may part-finance under the indicative budgets listed in Annex III to this Regulation.';

3. Annex III is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

[1] OJ L 328, 21.12.2000, p. 2.
[2] OJ L 17, 19.1.2002, p. 20.
[3] OJ L 173, 3.7.2002, p. 4.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2002.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission