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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006[(1)], and in particular the second sentence of Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 9(1) and pursuant to Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006, the Commission has examined the application from France for approval of an amendment to the specification for the protected designation of origin 'Bleu des Causses', registered by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96[(2)].

(2) The purpose of that application is to amend the specifications by stipulating the conditions for using treatments and additives in the milk and for the manufacture of 'Bleu des Causses'. These practices ensure that the essential characteristics of the designation are maintained.

(3) The Commission has examined the amendment in question and has decided that it is justified. Since this is a minor amendment within the meaning of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006, the Commission may approve it without following the procedure set out in Articles 5, 6 and 7 of that Regulation.

(4) In accordance with Article 18(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1898/2006[(3)] and pursuant to Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006, a summary of the specification should be published,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specification for the protected designation of origin 'Bleu des Causses' is hereby amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

A summary of the main elements of the specification is given in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

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, 6 February 2009.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 115/2009. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

The specification for the protected designation of origin ‘Bleu des Causses’ is amended as follows:

Method of production

The following provisions are added to Point 5 of the specification regarding the production method:

(…) Coagulation may be carried out only using rennet.

The milk may not be concentrated by partially removing the watery part before coagulation.

In addition to the raw dairy materials, the only ingredients or production aids or additives authorised in the milk and during production are rennet, innocuous bacterial cultures, yeasts, moulds, calcium chloride and salt.

(…) The dairy raw materials, partly finished products, curd and fresh cheese may not be conserved at a temperature below 0 °C.

(…) Fresh cheese and cheese undergoing the maturing process may not be conserved under a modified atmosphere.

ANNEX II

SUMMARYCouncil Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs‘BLEU DES CAUSSES’EC No: FR-PDO-0117-0108/29.03.2006PDO (X) PGI ( )

This summary sets out the main elements of the product specification for information purposes.

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Composition	:	Producers/processors (X) Other ( )

3. Type of product:

Class 1.3.Cheeses

4. Specification:

(summary of requirements under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006)

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4.1. Name:

'Bleu des Causses'

4.2. Description:

Uncooked, unpressed blue-veined whole cow's milk cheese with a fat content of 45 % in the dry matter, the latter being at least 53 grammes per 100 grammes of cheese. It is cylindrical in shape and weighs 2,3 to 3 kg.

The surface of the cheese must be clean, without excessive smears or spots.

4.3. Geographical area:

Rouergue with two extensions to the West (Causses du Quercy) and to the East (Causses lozériens) and part of the granite massif of Margeride which corresponds to part of the department of Aveyron and the neighbouring departments of Lot, Lozère, Gard and Héraut, i.e. the territory of the following municipalities:

The department of Aveyron

The districts of Millau and Villefranche-de-Rouergue: all municipalities.

The cantons of Baraqueville, Bozouls, Cassagnes-Bégonhès, Conques, Entraygue-sur-Truyère, Espalion, Estaing, Laguiole, Laissac, Marcillac-Vallon, Naucelle, Pont-de-Salars, Requista, Rignac, Rodez-Nord, Rodez-Sud, Saint-Amans-des-Cots, Saint-Chély-d'Aubrac, Saint-Geniez-d'Olt and La Salvetat-Peyrales: All municipalities.

The department of Lot

The cantons of Cahors, Cajarc, Castelnau-Montratier, Catus, Labastide-Murat, Lalbenque, Lauzes, Limogne-en-Quercy, Luzech, Montcuq, Puy-L'Evêque and Saint-Géry: all municipalities.

The canton of Gourdon: the municipalities of Saint-Circq-Souillaguet, Saint-Projet and Le Vigan.

The canton of Livernon: the municipalities of Boussac, Brengues, Cambes, Corn, Durbans, Espagnac-Sainte-Eulalie, Espedaillac, Flaujac-Gare, Grezes, Livernon, Quissac and Reilhac.

the canton of Payrac: the municipalities of Calès, Fajoles, Lamothe-Fénelon, Loupiac, Nadaillac-de-Rouge, Payrac, Reilhaguet and le Roc.

the canton of Saint-Germain-du-Bel-Air: the municipalities of Lamothe-Cassel, Montamel, Saint-Chamarand, Soucirac, Ussel and Uzech.

the canton of Souillac: the municipalities of Gignac, La Chapelle-Auzac, Lanzac and Souillac.

The department of Lozère

The cantons of Aumont-Aubrac, Chanac, La Canourgue, Le Malzieu-Ville, Le Massegros, Marvejols, Meyrueis, Saint-Chély-d'Apcher and Sainte-Enimie: all municipalities.

the canton of Bleymard: the municipalities of Allenc, Chavenet and Sainte-Hélène.

the canton of Florac: the municipalities of Florac, Ispagnac, Saint-Laurent-de-Trèves and Vebron.

the canton of Mende: the municipalities of Badaroux, Balsièges, Brenoux, Lanuéjols, Mende, Saint-Bauzile and Saint-Etienne-du-Valdonnez.