COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 17/2003
of 6 January 2003
amending the import duties in the cereals sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 ([2]),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 of 28 June 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards import duties in the cereals sector ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 597/2002 ([4]), and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The import duties in the cereals sector are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2392/2002 ([5]), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 8/2003 ([6]).

(2) Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 provides that if during the period of application, the average import duty calculated differs by EUR 5 per tonne from the duty fixed, a corresponding adjustment is to be made. Such a difference has arisen. It is therefore necessary to adjust the import duties fixed in Regulation (EC) No 2392/2002.

(3) Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2378/2002 provides for derogations from Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 regarding import duties in the cereals sector. Accordingly, the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 2392/2002 should be amended to indicate the duties applicable where importation is not effected under a tariff quota,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 2392/2002 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 January 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 January 2003.

For the Commission
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([1]) OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
([2]) OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 125.
([4]) OJ L 91, 6.4.2002, p. 9.
([5]) OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 139.
([6]) OJ L 1, 4.1.2003, p. 56.