

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 903/98

of 28 April 1998

adjusting the total quantities set 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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 551/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 3(2) and 4(2) thereof,

Whereas Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 provides that the guaranteed total quantities for Austria and Finland may be increased up to a maximum of 180 000 tonnes and 200 000 tonnes respectively in order to provide quota for Austrian and Finnish 'SLOM' producers; whereas pursuant to Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 671/95 <sup>(3)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1390/95 <sup>(4)</sup>, Austria and Finland have notified the quantities concerned for the 1997/98 marketing year; whereas the guaranteed total quantities should therefore be increased accordingly through the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Council Regulation (EEC) 804/68 <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1587/96 <sup>(6)</sup>;

Whereas Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 provides that individual reference quantities are to be increased or established at the duly justified request of producers to take account of changes in their deliveries and/or direct sales; whereas an increase in or establishment of a reference quantity must be offset by a corresponding reduction or deletion of the other reference quantity held by the producer;

Whereas such adjustments may not involve for the Member State concerned an increase in the sum of the delivery and direct sale quantities indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92; whereas in the event of definitive changes to individual reference quantities the quantities set in the said Article 3 are to be adjusted accordingly through the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68;

Whereas pursuant to Article 8 third indent of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 536/93 <sup>(7)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2186/96 <sup>(8)</sup>, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Austria

and the United Kingdom have notified the Commission of quantities definitively modified as mentioned in the second subparagraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92; whereas the total quantities for these Member States set in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 should therefore be adjusted accordingly;

Whereas 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 table in the first subparagraph of Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 is replaced by:

Member State	Deliveries	Direct sales
Belgium	3 125 099	185 332
Denmark	4 454 649	699
Germany <sup>(1)</sup>	27 767 500	97 316
Greece	629 817	696
Spain	5 452 064	114 886
France	23 772 759	463 039
Ireland	5 235 902	9 862
Italy	9 698 399	231 661
Luxembourg	268 098	951
Netherlands	10 988 594	86 098
Austria	2 383 182	366 195
Portugal	1 835 461	37 000
Finland	2 388 183	10 000
Sweden	3 300 000	3 000
United Kingdom	14 354 321	235 726

<sup>(1)</sup> Of which 6 243 080 tonnes for deliveries by producers in the new *Länder* and 10 287 tonnes for direct sales in the new *Länder*.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 405, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 73, 12. 3. 1998, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 70, 30. 3. 1995, p. 2.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 135, 21. 6. 1995, p. 4.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 21.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ L 57, 10. 3. 1993, p. 12.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ L 292, 15. 11. 1996, p. 6.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 April 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 April 1998.

*For the Commission*

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