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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Regulation altering the abbreviation used to denote Greece in agricultural legislation

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas the Act of Accession of Greece uses the letter 'E' to denote the Hellenic Republic;

Whereas the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal uses the letters 'GR' to denote the Hellenic Republic;

Whereas, in order to standardize the abbreviation used to denote Greece in agricultural legislation and to reinforce the cultural and linguistic significance of the abbreviation used to denote Greece, the letters 'E' and 'GR' should be replaced by 'EL' and legislation on agriculture should be amended accordingly;

Whereas, in view of the administrative problems linked to changing the abbreviation for Greece on existing forms provided for by certain provisions, a period of six months should be allowed, from the entry into force of this Regulation, for making the necessary changes;

Whereas it is for the Commission, in accordance with a simplified procedure, to alter the abbreviation in the legislation within its field of competence,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The regulations and directives listed in the Annex are hereby amended in accordance with the provisions set out therein.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Regulation not later than six months after its entry into force.

2. Member States shall communicate immediately to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 3

The Commission shall adopt the necessary amendments to the legislation in the agricultural sector which is within its field of competence.

Article 4

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

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

ANNEX

The following amendments must be made to the instruments listed below, respecting alphabetical order where necessary.

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1469/70 of 20 July 1970 fixing the percentages and quantities of tobacco taken over by the intervention agencies and the percentage of Community tobacco production above which the procedure laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 applies (OJ No L 164, 27. 7. 1970, p. 35), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1578/86 of 23 May 1986 (OJ No L 139, 24. 5. 1986, p. 26):

   in the Annex, under number 25, 'Burley GR' is replaced by 'Burley EL', and under number 26, 'Virginia GR' is replaced by 'Virginia EL'.

2. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1505/85 of 23 May 1985 fixing, for the 1985 harvest, the norm and intervention prices and the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, and derived intervention prices for baled tobacco and the reference qualities:

   in Annexes I, II and III, under number 25, 'Burley GR' is replaced by 'Burley EL', and under number 26, 'Virginia GR' is replaced by 'Virginia EL'.

3. Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 of 20 December 1985 (OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8):

   in Annex I, Chapter X, point 49 (a), 'GR' is replaced by 'EL'.

4. Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 of 20 December 1985 (OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8):

   in Annex A, Chapter VII, point 33 (a), 'E' in the first indent is replaced by 'EL'.

5. Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 of 20 December 1985 (OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8):

   in Annex I, Chapter X, point 44 (a), the first indent is replaced by the following:

   'on the upper part, the initial letter or letters in capitals of the name of the exporting country: B — D — DK — EL — ESP — F — IRL — I — L — NL — P or UK'.