Agenda 2000: milk and milk products, reform of the common organisation of the market COM

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ACT : Commission Regulation 562/2005/EC laying down rules for the implementation of Council Regulation 1255/1999/EC as regards communications between the Member States and the Commission in the milk and milk products sector.

CONTENT : appraisal of the production and market situation in the milk and milk products sector necessitates a regular exchange of information:

- on the operation of the intervention measures provided for in Regulation 1255/1999/EC, particularly with regard to changes in stocks of the products concerned, held by intervention agencies and in private storage;

- on aid for skimmed milk processed into casein and refunds can be fixed only on the basis of information on changes in prices both on the internal market and in international trade;

- on trade, the accurate and regular monitoring of trade flows to assess the effect of refunds requires information on exports of products for which refunds are fixed, particularly the quantities awarded under tendering procedures;

- in view of the implementation of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade, it requires a wide range of detailed information to be provided on imports and exports, in particular with regard to licence applications and the way licences are used, in order to ensure compliance with undertakings under the Agreement on Agriculture.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 21/04/2005.

APPLICATION : from 01/07/2005. Article 6.3 states that Member States shall take the necessary steps to ensure that their communications on the prices applied in the Community are representative, accurate and complete. To this end, the Member States shall notify the Commission annually by 31 May at the latest a report following the standard questionnaire in Annex XII.