

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2105/2001
of 26 October 2001
amending Regulation (EC) No 1093/2001 as regards hemp imports**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000 of 27 July 2000 on the common organisation of the markets in flax and hemp grown for fibre ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 9 and 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) New rules relating to hemp imports are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1093/2001 ⁽²⁾, amending Regulation (EC) No 245/2001 ⁽³⁾ laying down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000. Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1093/2001 stipulates that those rules must apply from 1 November 2001.
- (2) The creation of national measures corresponding to the new rules on hemp imports requires major national legislative, administrative and practical changes. As a result, some Member States may not be able to guarantee application of the new rules on the envisaged date, 1 November 2001. The Member States should be

granted sufficient extra time to ensure that the rules enter into force at the same time and in the same way, so a new date of 1 May 2002 should be set for application of the new rules. As a consequence, the control measures in force prior to the former date must continue in application until 30 April 2002.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Natural Fibres,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1093/2001, the date '1 November 2001' is replaced by '1 May 2002' and the date '31 October 2001' is replaced by '30 April 2002'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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.

Done at Brussels, 26 October 2001.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 16.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 150, 6.6.2001, p. 17.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 35, 6.2.2001, p. 18.