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GRAINS TRADE CONVENTION, 1995

LONDON, 7 DECEMBER 1994

ADDITION OF RICE UNDER ARTICLE 2(1)(e)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its 27th session, held in London on 9 June 2009, the International Grains Council, pursuant to article 2 (1) (e) of the Convention, decided to include rice and its products in the definition of “grain” or “grains”, with effect from 1 July 2009.

..... The text of the Decision by the International Grains Council is annexed herewith.

29 June 2009



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Decision by the Council at its 27th Session on 9 June 2008 regarding rice, in accordance with Article 2(1)(e) of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 (to take effect on 1 July 2009)

The INTERNATIONAL GRAINS COUNCIL

Noting that Article 2(1)(e) of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 defines "grain or "grains" as

"barley, maize, millet, oats, rye, sorghum, triticale and wheat, and their products, and such other grains and products as the Council may decide",

Having regard to the importance of rice production, use and trade to many countries, and the interrelationship between markets of rice and those of wheat and coarse grains,

DECIDES

That, with effect from 1 July 2009, rice and its products shall be included in the definition of "grain" or "grains" in Article 2(1)(e) of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995,

And that, with effect from 1 July 2009, Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995, concerning the review and adjustment of votes under Article 11, shall be amended to include the following paragraph (b):

(b) Whenever the Council decides to add another grain or grain product to the definition of grain or grains under Article 2(1)(e), the trade in this grain or grain product shall be included in the totals used to calculate the shares of trade, as set out in paragraph (a) of this Rule.