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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**Regulamentary Decree No. 2/2002
Of 12 August 2002**

Reference Price and Minimum Price on Chicken Meat

The liberalization of the importation of chicken meat in 1999 contributed to the deterioration of an already difficult situation in which the national chicken growing enterprises found themselves since the mid seventies.

The decision to liberalize was not preceded by an investment and modernization of the national chicken growing enterprises so as to improve their competitive framework vis-à-vis the import products.

To aggravate the situation, Decree-Law No. 32/95 of, of 5 June, whose objective is to take measures, specifically on the matter of market regulation for certain products and protect the national production, was never regulated.

As a consequence, the few larger enterprises the still resist face a grave financial situation.

Thus,

Taking into account the need to regulate the chicken meat market to fix the reference price and the minimum taxable price of imported chicken meat in accordance with article 3 of Decree-Law No. 32/95, of 5 June

The Superior Council of the Chambers of Commerce Industry and Services having been heard

In the use of the faculty conferred by subparagraph b) of article 204 of the Constitution, the Government decrees the following:

Article 1

The price of reference and the minimum taxable price for customs clearance purposes, of a kilogram of chicken meat from the headings 02.07.11.00.00, 02.07.12.00.00, 02.07.13.00.00 and 02.07.14.00.00, from the import tables in effect, are fixed at ecv 235\$00 and ecv 145\$00, respectively.

Article 2

This Regulamentary Decree goes into effect immediately and is valid for a period of two years.

Seen and approved by the Council of Ministers

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Promulgated 5 August 2002

The President of the Republic, PEDRO VARONA RODRIGUES PIRES

Referended 6 August 2002

The Prime Minister, *José Maria Pereira Neves*