

SCHEDULE 3

Decisions taken in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No. 1370/2007

PART 2

Standstill period

12. The Department must not enter into the contract before the end of the standstill period.

13. Subject to paragraph 17, where the Department sends a paragraph 1 notice to all the relevant persons by facsimile or electronic means, the standstill period ends at midnight at the end of the 10th day after the relevant sending date.

14. Subject to paragraph 17, where the Department sends a paragraph 1 notice to all the relevant persons only by other means, the standstill period ends at whichever of the following occurs first –

(1) midnight at the end of the 15th day after the relevant sending date;

(2) midnight at the end of the 10th day after the date on which the last of the persons to receive such a notice receives it.

15. In paragraphs 13 and 14, “the relevant sending date” means the date on which the paragraph 1 notices are sent to the relevant persons, and if the notices are sent to different relevant persons on different dates, the relevant sending date is the date on which the last of the notices is sent.

16. Subject to paragraph 17, where the Department sends a paragraph 1 notice to one or more of the relevant persons by facsimile or electronic means and to the others by other means, the standstill period ends at whichever of the following two times occurs latest –

(1) midnight at the end of the 10th day after the date on which the last notice is sent by facsimile or electronic means;

(2) the time when whichever of the following occurs first –

(a) midnight at the end of the 15th day after the date on which the last notice is sent by facsimile or electronic means;

(b) midnight at the end of the 10th day after the date on which the last of the persons to receive a notice sent by any such other means receives it.

17. Where the last day of the standstill period reckoned in accordance with paragraphs 13 to 16 is not a working day, the standstill period is extended to midnight at the end of the next working day.