COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 April 1993

on the release of securities relating to certain licences and certificates issued under the supply arrangements for the Canary Islands introduced by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92

(93/233/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Canary Islands with regard to certain agricultural products [1], and in particular Articles 3 (4), 4 (4), 5 (2) and 6 (2) thereof,

Whereas the entry into force of the supply arrangements for the Canary Islands was achieved by centralizing the administrative procedures relating to the submission of applications and the issue of licences and certificates; whereas such centralization of the procedures is justified by the need to verify that the supply system is being correctly administered; whereas, however, the transition from the former to the new arrangements has created certain problems of assessment of the needs of Canarian importers; whereas such importers have, on occasion, applied for the issue of import licences, exemption certificates and aid certificates in respect of quantities exceeding realistic utilization levels;

Whereas the issue of licences, and certificates shall be conditional upon the lodging of a security; whereas that security shall be forfeit in the event of non-observance of the obligation to use the licence or certificate;

Whereas a temporary provision derogating from a strict application of the rules governing such licences and certificates is warranted in order to facilitate the transition from the former to the new supply arrangements for the Canary Islands;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the relevant Management Committees,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Securities lodged for the import licences, the exemption certificates and the aid certificates:

— which have been issued during the period 1 July to 30 September 1992 pursuant to Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Regulation No 1601/92, and

— which have been used only partly or not at all,

shall be released in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85 [2].

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 1993.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.

[2] OJ No L 205, 3. 8. 1985, p. 5.