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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 August 1996

on applications for import licenses for rice and broken rice submitted in the first five working days of August 1996 under the arrangements provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1522/96

(96/525/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1522/96 of 24 July 1996 opening and providing for the administration of certain tariff quotas for imports of rice and broken rice [1], and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

Whereas, under Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1522/96, the Commission must decide within 10 days of the closing date for the submission of licences the extent to which the applications can be entertained and must fix the available quantities for the following tranche; whereas the Commission must notify the Member States of its decision as soon as possible;

Whereas, in the light of the quantities for which applications have been submitted and the quantities available in the first five working days of August 1996, licences can be issued in some cases for all the quantities applied for and in others by applying a standard percentage reduction,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Import licences may be issued in respect of licence applications for rice submitted under the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1522/96 in the first five working days of August 1996 and which were the subject of a communication to the Commission, subject to the application of a percentage reduction to the quantities concerned of:

— 98,2862 % in the case of applications for rice originating in 'other countries' under the quota referred to in Article 2 (2) (a) of that Regulation,

— 89,2994 % in the case of applications for rice originating in 'other countries' under the quota referred to in Article 2 (2) (b) of that Regulation.

Article 2

Applications for import licences for rice from Australia under the quota referred to in Article 2 (2) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1522/96 and those for broken rice from the United States and Australia under the quota referred to in Article 2 (2) (c) shall be granted in full.

Article 3

The quantities to be carried over to the tranche for September 1996 shall be:

— 21 455 tonnes from Thailand and 1 019 tonnes from Australia for the quota laid down in Article 2 (2) (a) of Regulation (EC) No 1522/96,

— 1 812 tonnes from Thailand for the quota laid down in Article 2 (2) (b) of that Regulation,

— 31 200 tonnes from Thailand, 1 912 tonnes from Australia, 6 377 tonnes from Guyana and 7 277 tonnes from other countries for the quota referred to in Article 2 (2) (c).

[1] OJ No L 190, 31. 7. 1996, p. 1.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 August 1996.

For the Commission
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