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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 September 1996

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

(96/583/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 were submitted during the first five working days of September 1996 and the quantities available, licences can be issued for all the quantities applied for,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Applications for import licences for rice under the quotas referred to in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1522/96 shall be granted in full.

Article 2

The quantity available under the quota laid down in Article 2 (2) (a) of Regulation (EC) No 1522/96 for October 1996 shall be 753,657 tonnes for all countries.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 September 1996.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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