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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 October 1996

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

(96/638/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 licence applications the extent to which applications can be granted 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 are submitted during the first five working days of October 1996 and the quantities available, licences may be issued subject to the application of 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 October 1996 and notified to the Commission, subject to the application of a standard percentage reduction to the quantities applied for of 99,244871 %.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 October 1996.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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