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REGULATION (EEC) No 2196/71 OF THE COMMISSION

of 13 October 1971

on a derogation from Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 as regards the period of validity of import licences for cereals and rice

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC[1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organisation of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1550/71,[2] and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC[3] of 25 July 1967 on the common organisation of the market in rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1553/71[4] and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 140/67/EEC[5] of 21 June 1967 on rules for the advance fixing of levies on cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2435/70[6] and in particular Article 8 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 365/67/EEC[7] of 25 July 1967 on rules for the advance fixing of levies on rice and broken rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2435/70, and in particular Article 8 thereof;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 20 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70[8] of 23 December 1970 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1614/71[9] an import licence for products listed in Article 1 (a) and (b) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC or in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC is valid from its date of issue until the end of the third month following that of issue; whereas, also in accordance with Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70, an import licence for the products listed in Article 1 (c) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC is valid from its date of issue until the end of the fourth month following that of issue;

Whereas the actual world market prices resulting from the international situation which made it necessary to suspend the advance fixing of the levy for the products in question are still somewhat unstable, and whereas the effect of the abnormal conditions which made it seem likely that imported products might reach the Community market at prices lower than the threshold prices is less marked but has not entirely disappeared;

Whereas the international situation has not returned to normal and whereas the pressure of the new cereal harvest in major producer countries creates on the world market a situation characterised in particular by substantial price variations the trend of which cannot yet be adequately assessed; whereas the resulting instability might prevent the common organisation of the markets in cereals and in rice from functioning properly; whereas, indeed, the period of validity of import licences laid down in Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 is likely to prolong unduly the effect on the Community market of the abnormal world market situation;

Whereas in these circumstances the suspension of the advance fixing of levies may be ended by repealing Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1793/71[10] of 17 August 1971 on the suspension of the advance fixing of the levy on cereals and rice, and the period of validity of the import licences for those products may temporarily be shortened to a period appropriate to the situation and reflecting the commercial interests involved;

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[1] OJ No 117, 19.6.1967, p. 2269/67.
[2] OJ No L 164, 22.7.1971, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 174, 31.7.1967, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 164, 22.7.1971, p. 5.
[5] OJ No 125, 26.6.1967, p. 2456/67.
[6] OJ No L 262, 3.12.1970, p. 3.
[7] OJ No 174, 31.7.1967, p. 32.
[8] OJ No L 283, 29.12.1970, p. 15.
[9] OJ No L 168, 27.7.1971, p. 13.
[10] OJ No L 186, 18.8.1971, p. 11.

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70, an import licence for the products listed in Article 1 (a) (b) and (c) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC or in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC which is applied for after the entry into force of this Regulation shall be valid for thirty days from its date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 1793/71 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 October 1971.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 October 1971.

For the Commission

The President

Franco M. MALFATTI