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REGULATION (EEC) No 280/72 OF THE COMMISSION

of 8 February 1972

amending Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2196/71 of 13 October 1971 on a derogation from Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 as regards the period of validity of import licences for rice originating in and coming from certain distant countries

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC[1] of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2726/71,[2] and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 365/67/EEC[3] 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,[4] and in particular Article 8 thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2196/71[5] 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 restricted the period of validity of the import licence for certain products, including those listed in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC, to thirty days from its date of issue;

Whereas the export market in the products in question is particularly sensitive in certain countries distant from the Community; whereas to solve any difficulties which such countries might experience as a result of the time limit mentioned above, provision should be made for a special period of validity for import licences for products coming from these countries;

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

The following shall be substituted for Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2196/71:

'*Article 1*

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 and for products listed in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC, other than those mentioned in paragraph 2, for which the application is lodged 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.

2. By way of derogation from Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70, an import licence for the products listed in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC originating in and coming from countries in zone V (c) listed in Annex A to Commission Regulation No 694/67/EEC[6] of 10 October 1967 redefining the destination zones for export refunds on cereals shall be valid for sixty days from its date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70.

Sections 13 and 14 of the application for a licence and of the licence itself shall state the country or countries of export and of origin. The licence shall make it obligatory to import from that country or those countries.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

[1] OJ No 174, 31.7.1967, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 282, 23.12.1971, p. 6.
[3] OJ No 174, 31.7.1967, p. 32.
[4] OJ No L 262, 30.11.1970, p. 3.
[5] OJ No L 231, 14.10.1971, p. 28.
[6] OJ No 245, 11.10.1967, p. 6.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 February 1972.

For the Commission

The President

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