REGULATION (EEC) No 2856/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 19 October 1973

amending Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 as regards the period of validity of export licences for rice

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 the Act of Accession [2], and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof;

Whereas under Article 1 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 [3] of 19 January 1973 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 as regards the period of validity of export licences for cereals and rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1455/73 [4], an export licence for the products specified in Article 1 (a) and (b) of Regulation 359/67/EEC is to be valid from its date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70 until the end of the second following month;

Whereas the last harvest has now been put on the market, increasing Community rice availabilities to such an extent that it has become possible to authorize exportation once again; whereas world market prices till show an upward trend however; whereas in order to limit the effect of the chase rising prices on the marketing of the last harvest, the quantity likely to be placed on the export market should be regulated by reducing the period of validity of export licences;

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 second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 is replaced by the following:

'By way of derogation from Article 22 (1) and 22 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70, export licences for products referred to in those paragraphs shall be valid for 30 days following their date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70.'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 19 October 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 17, 20. 1. 1973, p. 22.
(4) OJ No L 144, 31. 5. 1973, p. 73.