REGULATION (EEC) No 3149/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 21 November 1973

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

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 organization of the markets in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1346/73 [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 organization of the market in rice, as last amended by the Act of Accession [4], and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof ;

Whereas under Article 1 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 [5] 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 2856/73 [6] the export licence for products referred to in Article 1 (a) and 1 (b) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC is valid for 30 days from the date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70; whereas this provision had been added to Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 by Regulation (EEC) No 1455/73 [7] ; whereas such a period of validity is especially justified in that it helps to avoid as far as possible the present instability of the world market affecting the marketing of the new harvest in the Community ;

Whereas the tendency on the world market has, for some time, been for the situation to correct itself ; whereas it seems that, in the present state of the internal market of the Community, certain quantities of cereals are available for export ; whereas the validity period of 30 days of export licences for the products concerned only allows for a limited flow of exports ; whereas it is consequently necessary to increase the period of validity so as to facilitate the conclusion of important business transactions ; whereas, nevertheless, care must be taken in view of the situation on the world market, which is not yet entirely stable ; whereas it is not now opportune to re-adopt the period of validity of export licences as laid down in Article 21 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 [8] ; whereas, therefore, a period of validity should be laid down which is adapted to the situation and takes account on the one hand of Community interests generally and on the other hand of the particular nature of different products ;

Whereas the second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 was amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2856/73 as regards the period of validity of export licences for rice ; whereas in the interests of clarity this amendment should be applied to this Regulation ;

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

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

'1. By way of derogation from Article 21 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70, export licences for products referred to in this paragraph shall be valid from the date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70 until the end of the second following month.

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 thirty days following their date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70'.

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1973, p. 8.
(3) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(5) OJ No L 17, 20. 1. 1973, p. 22.
(6) OJ No L 293, 20. 10. 1973, p. 24.
(7) OJ No L 144, 31. 5. 1973, p. 73.
(8) OJ No L 283, 29. 12. 1970, p. 15.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) Nos 1455/73 and 2856/73 are repealed.

Article 3

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, 21 November 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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