REGULATION (EEC) No 3451/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 21 December 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 market 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 the period of validity of export licences for the products referred to in Article 1 (a) and (b) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC was extended from 30 days to a period covering the remainder of the current month and the two following months by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3149/73 of 21 November 1973, amending Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 [5] as regards the period of validity of export licences for cereals; whereas this increase was justified on the one hand by the tendency of the world market and on the other hand by the existence on the internal market of quantities available for export;

Whereas since that time the world market price has reached new peaks following increased demand; whereas this results in a recurrence of market instablility;

Whereas this situation requires, for the reference products, the provision of measures to prevent, as far as possible, the current situation on the world market affecting the Community market; whereas to this end the period of validity of export licences for these products should be limited to 30 days;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3281/73 [6] of 5 December 1973, on an invitation to tender for the export levy for common wheat, provides for the fixing of the levy by means of a tendering procedure; whereas the quantity for which the levy can be fixed is about 200 000 metric tons; whereas in order to allow tenderers to take part in this tender under the conditions applicable when it was published, the period of validity referred to in Article 1 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 133/73 of 19 January 1973, derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 [7] as regards the period of validity of export licences for cereals and rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3149/73, should be maintained for licences issued under this invitation to tender;

Whereas, in the interest of clarity, it is desirable to re-enact the provisions of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/73 concerning the period of validity of licences for rice and to repeal that 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 the products referred to in that paragraph shall be valid for 30 days following their date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70. However, licences issued under the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 3281/73 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 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70, export licences for the products referred to in those paragraphs shall be valid for 30 days following their date of issue

[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 321, 22. 11. 1973, p. 14.
[6] OJ No L 337, 6. 12. 1973, p. 17.
[7] OJ No L 17, 20. 1. 1973, p. 22.

within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70.'

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 3149/73 is 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 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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