REGULATION (EEC) No 538/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 21 February 1973

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2196/71 of the Commission as regards the period of validity of import 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 [2] annexed to the Treaty concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, 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 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 as regards the period of validity of import licences for cereals and rice, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1167/72 [6] of 5 June 1972, limited the period of validity of import licences for certain products ;

Whereas because of the special circumstances of supply and demand on the world market at the present time it is necessary, so as to guarantee stability of the supply of rice to the Community, to extend the period of validity of import licences at present in force ; whereas the required result can be secured by extending the period of validity to sixty days and the disturbance caused by persistent instability in the world market can at the same time thereby be limited ;

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

Paragraph 1 of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2196/71 is replaced by the following :

'1. In derogation from Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 an import licence which is applied for after the entry into force of this Regulation shall be valid from its date of issue within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1373/70 :

— For 30 days for the products listed in Article 1 (a) (b) and (c) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC ;

— For 60 days for the products listed in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC other than those listed in paragraph 2.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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 February 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 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 32.
(4) OJ No L 262, 30. 11. 1970, p. 3.
(5) OJ No L 231, 15. 10. 1971, p. 28.
(6) OJ No L 129, 6. 6. 1972, p. 8.