REGULATION (EEC) No 552/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 21 February 1973

amending Regulation (EEC) No 473/73 authorizing the United Kingdom to grant aid as a transitional measure for sugar to be consumed in its territory

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to the Treaty [1] 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 63 (1) of the Act [2] annexed thereto ;

Whereas, in order to facilitate the operation of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 473/73 [3] of 31 January 1973 authorizing the United Kingdom to grant aid as a transitional measure for sugar to be consumed in its territory, certain of its provisions should be clarified and further provisions made ; whereas, furthermore, in order to prevent any distortion of competition and any deflection of trade, and in view of the fact that it is impossible to ensure that sugar which is disposed of for human consumption, and for which aid has consequently been granted, is not subsequently exported, it is necessary to provide that white sugar in free ciculation in the United Kingdom may not be exported to third countries under cover of a licence issued under Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1897/72 [4] of 1 September 1972 on a standing invitation to tender to determine the export refund for white sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2847/72 [5] ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 473/73 is replaced by the following :

'2. Aid is granted for quantities of sugar :

— amounting to the estimated human consumption for each of the periods specified in Article 2 (1) in the case of sugar manufactured or refined in the United Kingdom and disposed of for consumption without further processing ;

— amounting to 6 000 metric tons per month in the case of sugar expressed as white sugar imported and disposed of in the United Kingdom, either without being further processed or in the form of products falling within subheadings Nos 18.06 A III and ex 21.07 F ;

— imported and disposed of for consumption in the United Kingdom in the form of products specified in the Annex, excluding products falling within subheadings Nos 18.06 A III and ex 21.07 F.

The United Kingdom shall determine the amount of estimated human consumption referred to in the first indent above.'

Article 2

The following paragraph is added to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 473/73 :

'3. White sugar in free circulation in the United Kingdom shall not be exported under cover of an export licence issued under the standing tendering procedure governed by Regulation (EEC) No 1897/72.'

Article 3

The following Article is added after Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 473/73 :

'*Article 4a*

1. The United Kingdom shall forthwith communicate to the other Member States and to the Commission the quantities of sugar, expressed as white sugar, referred to in the first indent of the first subparagraph of Article 1 (2) which have been determined for each of the periods specified in Article 2 (1).

2. The United Kingdom shall communicate to the other Member States and to the Commis-

[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 53, 26. 2. 1973.
[4] OJ No L 201, 2. 9. 1972, p. 8.
[5] OJ No L 299, 31. 12. 1972, p. 4.

sion by the end of each month at the latest the quantities of sugar which have benefited from aid under Article 1 (2) during the preceding month. This information shall be communicated in terms of white sugar, and shall specify the amounts in respect of each of the divisions contained in that paragraph.'

Article 4

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

2. Articles 1 and 3 shall apply from 1 February 1973.

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

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