COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 661/76

of 25 March 1976

fixing for purposes of application of the system of import licences for preserved mushrooms the percentage applicable to the reference quantity

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 865/68 of 28 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1420/75 (2),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1927/75 of 22 July 1975 concerning the system of trade with third countries in the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables (3), and in particular Article 7 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2107/74 of 8 August 1974 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2501/75 (5), laid down protective measures applicable to imports of preserved mushrooms from third countries; whereas for this purpose the Regulation set up machinery for restricting imports by means of a system of import licences;

Whereas by Article 2 (2) of the said Regulation the Commission is responsible for assessing the situation and for deciding on the quantities of products for which import licences are to be issued, by fixing a percentage to be applied to the reference quantity of each applicant;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 467/76 of 1 March 1976 (6), fixed the percentage applicable to the reference quantity for imports from third countries which do not fulfil the conditions of Article 1 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2107/74 at 40 % and 100 % respectively of the reference quantity as defined in Article 3 of the Regulation, according to whether the preserves are of cultivated or wild mushrooms;

Whereas the application of the protective measures under the conditions defined in the Regulations referred to has led, in the case of cultivated mushrooms, to a certain recovery in the prices of Community and third country products and to a marked decrease within the Community;

Whereas in this situation the percentage applicable to the reference quantity for imports of preserved cultivated mushrooms from third countries should be increased while ensuring that the Community market does not undergo serious disturbances due to these imports,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 January 1976 applications for import licences made in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2107/74 shall be granted up to the amount specified in the application without however exceeding, in the case of preserved wild mushrooms, the reference quantity as defined in Article 3 of that Regulation, or in the case of preserved cultivated mushrooms, 55 % of that reference quantity.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 467/76 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 April 1976.

(1) OJ No L 153, 1. 7. 1968, p. 8.
(2) OJ No L 141, 3. 6. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 198, 29. 7. 1975, p. 7.
(4) OJ No L 218, 9. 8. 1974, p. 54.
(5) OJ No L 254, 1. 10. 1975, p. 42.
(6) OJ No L 54, 2. 3. 1976, p. 5.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 March 1976.

For the Commission

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