COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1505/77

of 5 July 1977

amending for the 12th time Regulation (EEC) No 2042/75 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences for cereals and rice

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1151/77 [2], and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2042/75 of 25 July 1975 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences for cereals and rice [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1125/77 [4], fixed the period of validity of import licences for feed grain at 60 days in order to take account of the drought raging in several regions of the Community which had led to a drop in fodder supplies and a rise in prices ;

Whereas the reasons which led to the fixing of this period of validity no longer apply ; whereas it is therefore desirable to limit the validity of import licences for certain cereals to 45 days again, in order to reduce the risks to the normal development of the market from seasonal falls in prices ;

Whereas harmonization of the periods of validity of export licences for all cereals is desirable ;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 2042/75 fixed the period of validity of export licences at 30 days for common wheat, barley and maize and 90 days for other cereals ; whereas the period of 30 days was introduced for the three main cereals at a time when prices on the world market were fluctuating considerably and the supply situation in the various importing countries was uncertain because of the forecast for world harvests ;

Whereas the overall world situation has become more stable as a result of the favourable harvest forecasts from many countries ; whereas this more balanced situation on the world market permits a return to a longer period of validity of export licences for common wheat, barley and maize, in order to facilitate commercial transactions without affecting the internal Community market ; whereas, however, a certain caution must be used when prolonging this period of validity ; whereas a period of validity of two months following the month of issue in the case of export licences for common wheat, barley and maize meets the above requirements ;

Whereas harmonization of the periods of validity of export licences for all cereals is desirable ;

Whereas the Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2042/75 is replaced by Annex I to this Regulation.

2. Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2042/75 is replaced by Annex II to this Regulation.

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, 5 July 1977.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 136, 2. 6. 1977, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 213, 11. 8. 1975, p. 5.
[4] OJ No L 134, 28. 5. 1977, p. 56.

ANNEX I

PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF IMPORT LICENCES

A. For cereals

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Period of validity
10.01 A	Common wheat and meslin	45 days
10.02	Rye	
10.03	Barley	
10.04	Oats	
10.05 B	Maize other than hybrid maize for sowing	
10.07	Buckwheat, millet, canary seed and grain sorghum ; other cereals	
10.01 B	Durum wheat	
11.01 A	Wheat or meslin flour	60 days
11.01 B	Rye flour	
11.02 A I	Wheat groats and meal (common wheat and durum wheat)	
	Other products listed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75	Until the end of the fourth month following that of issue

B. For rice

10.06 A I a)	Round grain paddy rice	45 days (1)
10.06 A II a)	Round grain husked rice	
10.06 B I a)	Round grain semi-milled rice	
10.06 B II a)	Round grain wholly milled rice	
10.06 A I b)	Long grain paddy rice	45 days (1)
10.06 A II b)	Long grain husked rice	
10.06 B I b)	Long grain semi-milled rice	
10.06 B II b)	Long grain wholly milled rice	
10.06 C	Broken rice	Until the end of the third month following that of issue
11.01 F	Rice flour	Until the end of the fourth month following that of issue
11.02 A VI	Rice groats and meal	
11.02 E II e) 1	Flaked rice	
11.02 F VI	Rice pellets	
11.08 A II	Rice starch	

(1) For imports originating in and coming from Zone VII, as specified in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1124/77 (OJ No L 134, 28. 5. 1977, p. 53), the period of validity of the licence shall extend until the end of the second month following that of issue.

ANNEX II

PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF EXPORT LICENCES

A. For cereals

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Period of validity
10.01 A	Common wheat and meslin	Until the end of the second month following that of issue
10.02	Rye	
10.03	Barley	
10.04	Oats	
10.05 B	Maize, other than hybrid maize for sowing	
10.07	Buckwheat, millet, canary seed and grain sorghum ; other cereals	
10.01 B	Durum wheat	
11.01 A	Wheat or meslin flour	Until the end of the fourth month following that of issue
11.01 B	Rye flour	
11.02 A I	Wheat groats and meal (common wheat and durum wheat)	
11.01 E	Maize flour	Until the end of the second month following that of issue
11.02 A V	Maize groats and meal	
11.07	Malt	Until the end of the fourth month following that of issue
	Other products listed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75	Until the end of the third month following that of issue

B. For rice

10.06 A I	Paddy rice	90 days
10.06 A II	Husked rice	
10.06 B	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	
10.06 C	Broken rice	30 days
11.01 F	Rice flour	Until the end of the third month following that of issue
11.02 A VI	Rice groats and meal	
11.02 E II e) 1	Flaked rice	
11.02 F VI	Rice pellets	
11.08 A II	Rice starch	