COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 446/81

of 20 February 1981

prolonging the temporary suspension of the advance fixing of the import levy for rice

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 of 21 June 1976 on the common organization of the market in rice [1], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Greece [2], and in particular the first paragraph of Article 13 (7) thereof,

Whereas Article 13 (7) of Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 provides that the provisions concerning advance fixing of the levy may be suspended if the market situation shows that the application of such provisions is causing, or is likely to cause, difficulties ;

Whereas there is a danger, having regard to the monetary situation on the world rice market, that, if existing arrangements are adhered to, levies could be fixed in advance in the short term for quantities considerably greater than the quantities which might be expected under more normal conditions ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 415/81 of 18 February 1981 [3] temporarily suspended advance fixing of the import levy for rice ; whereas the reasons which led to that suspension still exist ; whereas it is important, therefore, to continue that measure for a limited period, which will make it possible to monitor the situation ;

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

In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 415/81, '23 February 1981' is hereby replaced by '25 February 1981'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 February 1981.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1981.

For the Commission

Poul DALSAGER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 166, 25. 6. 1976, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 291, 19. 11. 1979, p. 17.
[3] OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1981, p. 28.