COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2150/94

of 31 August 1994

fixing, for unginned cotton, the actual production for the 1993/94 marketing year, the estimated production and the provisional reduction in the aid for the 1994/95 marketing year and the amount by which the guide price is to be reduced for the 1995/96 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Protocol 4 on cotton, as amended by the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Protocol 14 annexed thereto,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 of 27 July 1981 laying down the general rules for the system of aid for cotton [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1554/93 [2], and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 provides that the actual production in each marketing year is to be determined each year, taking account of the quantities for which the aid has been applied for; whereas the application of that criterion gives the actual production for the 1993/94 marketing year indicated below;

Whereas Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 provides that the estimated production of cotton must be established before the beginning of each marketing year; whereas, on the basis of the figures available, the estimated production for the 1994/95 marketing year should be fixed at the figure given below;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1964/87 of 2 July 1987 adjusting the system of aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4 annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1553/93 [4], where the maximum guaranteed quantity is exceeded by the estimated production, the aid should be reduced in accordance with the criteria laid down in that paragraph; whereas, however, the reduction in aid for the 1994/95 marketing year is limited to 20 % of the guide price but any reduction exceeding that limit is deducted from the guide price of the following marketing year up to a maximum of 7 %; whereas the application of the abovementioned provisions leads to the fixing of a reduction in the aid for the 1994/95 marketing year and a reduction of the guide price for 1995/96 as indicated below;

Whereas the Council recently undertook to reduce the maximum percentage reduction in the aid from 20 % to 18,5 %; whereas, pending formal amendment of the maximum percentage reduction, the reduction for 1994/95 should be fixed provisionally on the basis of the existing maximum reduction; whereas the carryover of the reduction for 1995/96 can, on the other hand, be fixed definitively, having regard to the extent by which the maximum guaranteed quantity is exceeded;

Whereas this Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Flax and Hemp,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1993/94 marketing year, actual production of unginned cotton is hereby determined at 1 084 559 tonnes.

2. For the 1994/95 marketing year:

— the estimated production is hereby fixed at 1 170 070 tonnes,

— the provisional reduction in the amount of the aid is hereby fixed at ECU 25,365 per 100 kilograms.

3. For the 1995/96 marketing year, the guide price shall be reduced by ECU 7,102 per 100 kilograms.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 September 1994.

[1] OJ No L 211, 31. 7. 1981, p. 2.
[2] OJ No L 154, 25. 6. 1993, p. 23.
[3] OJ No L 184, 3. 7. 1987, p. 14.
[4] OJ No L 154, 25. 6. 1993, p. 21.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 August 1994.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission