COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2418/96
of 18 December 1996
fixing the export refunds on olive oil

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1581/96 [2], and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that, where prices within the Community are higher than world market prices, the difference between these prices may be covered by a refund when olive oil is exported to third countries;

Whereas the detailed rules for fixing and granting export refunds on olive oil are contained in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 616/72 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2962/77 [4];

Whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that the refund must be the same for the whole Community;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (4) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the refund for olive oil must be fixed in the light of the existing situation and outlook in relation to olive oil prices and availability on the Community market and olive oil prices on the world market; whereas, however, where the world market situation is such that the most favourable olive oil prices cannot be determined, account may be taken of the price of the main competing vegetable oils on the world market and the difference recorded between that price and the price of olive oil during a representative period; whereas the amount of the refund may not exceed the difference between the price of olive oil in the Community and that on the world market, adjusted, where appropriate, to take account of export costs for the products on the world market;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (3) third indent, point (b) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, it may be decided that the refund shall be fixed by tender; whereas the tendering procedure should cover the amount of the refund and may be limited to certain countries of destination, quantities, qualities and presentations;

Whereas the second indent of Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that the refund on olive oil may be varied according to destination where the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets make this necessary;

Whereas the refund must be fixed at least once every month; whereas it may, if necessary, be altered in the intervening period;

Whereas it follows from applying these detailed rules to the present situation on the market in olive oil and in particular to olive oil prices within the Community and on the markets of third countries that the refund should be as set out in the Annex hereto;

Whereas the representative market rates defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 [6], are used to convert amounts expressed in third country currencies and are used as the basis for determining the agricultural conversion rates of the Member States' currencies; whereas detailed rules on the application and determination of these conversions were set by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1482/96 [8];

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 [9], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1380/95 [10], prohibits trade between the European Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro); whereas this prohibition does not apply in certain situations as comprehensively listed in Articles 2, 4, 5 and 7 thereof and in Council Regulation (EC) No 462/96 [11]; whereas account should be taken of this fact when fixing the refunds;

Whereas, in the light of the amendment introduced by Regulation (EC) No 1222/96 [12], the figure 9 after the first eight digits corresponding to the combined nomenclature subheadings should be regarded as forming part of the refund nomenclature code from 1 January 1997;

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

[1] OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
[2] OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 11.
[3] OJ No L 78, 31. 3. 1972, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 348, 30. 12. 1977, p. 53.
[5] OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[6] OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.
[7] OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.
[8] OJ No L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 22.
[9] OJ No L 102, 28. 4. 1993, p. 14.
[10] OJ No L 138, 21. 6. 1995, p. 1.
[11] OJ No L 65, 15. 3. 1996, p. 1.
[12] OJ No L 161, 29. 6. 1996, p. 62.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 (2) (c) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 December 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 December 1996.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 18 December 1996 fixing the export refunds on olive oil

(ECU/100 kg)

Product code	Amount of refund (1) (2)
1509 10 90 100	29,00
1509 10 90 900	0,00
1509 90 00 100	32,50
1509 90 00 900	0,00
1510 00 90 100	2,50
1510 00 90 900	0,00

(1) For destinations mentioned in Article 34 of amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87 (OJ No L 351, 14. 12. 1987, p 1), as well as for exports to third countries.

(2) Refunds on exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) may be granted only where the conditions laid down in amended Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 and Regulation (EC) No 462/96 are observed.

NB: The product codes and the footnotes are defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87.