COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 459/96

of 13 March 1996

amending Regulation (EC) No 2921/95 laying down detailed rules for compensation for reductions in certain agricultural conversion rates

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2990/95 of 18 December 1995 regulating compensation for appreciable reductions in the agricultural conversion rates before 1 July 1996 [1], and in particular Article 2 (4) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 2990/95 establishes the Member States may grant aid to farmers to compensate for a reduction in the agricultural conversion rate for certain currencies; whereas the conditions for granting that aid are the same as those laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 [2] for which the detailed rules of application are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2921/95 [3]; whereas Regulation (EC) No 2921/95 should be adjusted to make it applicable in analogous conditions for aid granted under Regulation (EC) No 2990/95 in Sweden and Finland;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committees concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2921/95 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, the words 'pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1527/95' are replaced by the words 'pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 and Council Regulation (EC) No 2990/95 (*)...

(*) OJ No L 312, 23. 12. 1995, p. 7.'

2. Article 2 (2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The amounts in ecu set in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 or Regulation (EC) No 2990/95 shall be converted into national currency with the agricultural conversion rate valid immediately preceding the first reduction in the rate covered by one of the Regulations in question.'

3. Article 3 (1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The amount of aid granted to each beneficiary must be linked to the farm size during a period prior to:

— 1 July 1995 in the case of aid granted under Regulation (EC) No 1527/95,

— 1 January 1996 in the case of aid granted under Regulation (EC) No 2990/95.'

4. In the second subparagraph of Article 4, the words 'of Regulation (EC) No 1527/95' are replaced by the words 'of Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 and Regulation (EC) No 2990/95.'

5. The first sentence of Article 5 (1) is replaced by the following:

'1. Requests for authorization to grant aid must be made by a Member State to the Commission by 30 June 1996 in the case of those covered by Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 and by 31 December 1996 in the case of those covered by Regulation (EC) No 2990/95.'

6. In Article 5 (3), the words 'and with Regulation (EC) No 1527/95' are replaced by the words 'and, according to the case concerned, with Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 or Regulation (EC) No 2990/95.'

Article 2

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

(1) OJ No L 312, 23. 12. 1995, p. 7.
(2) OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 305, 19. 12. 1995, p. 60.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 March 1996.

For the Commission

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