COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1273/97

of 1 July 1997

establishing a forecast balance for the supply to the Azores and Madeira of cereal products covered by the specific measures provided for in Articles 2 to 10 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 of 15 June 1992 concerning specific measures for the Azores and Madeira with regard to certain agricultural products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2348/96 [2], and in particular Articles 3 (3) and 10 thereof,

Whereas the measures, introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92, intended to offset as regards the supply of certain cereal products, the geographical situation of the Azores and Madeira, consist of exemption from import duties (customs duties and agricultural levies), and the grant of aid to encourage the delivery of cereal products from the Community;

Whereas in accordance with Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 these arrangements include requirements for direct human consumption, and for processing and packaging in the Islands of products listed in the Annex to the aforementioned Regulation; whereas an assessment of these requirements is made annually in the context of a forecast supply balance which can be revised in the course of the year in the light of developments in the requirements of the Islands; whereas the assessment of the requirements of the processing and packaging industries, as regards products intended for the local market or traditionally dispatched to the rest of the Community, may result in the establishment of a separate forecast supply balance;

Whereas, in order to facilitate administration of the supply balance, a certain margin of flexibility in the allocation of the quantities fixed in the supply balance should be permitted;

Whereas, pending a communication from the competent bodies updating the needs of the concerned regions and in order not to interrupt the application of the specific supply regime, a forecast supply balance sheet should be established for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1998;

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

For the purposes of Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 the quantities in the forecast supply balance which shall benefit, as appropriate, from exemption from import charges in the case of products coming from third countries, or from payment of Community aid in the case of products coming from the Community market, are as indicated in the Annex.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 July 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 10.
[2] OJ No L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.

ANNEX

Forecast supply balance for the Azores and Madeira for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1998

(tonnes)

Region	Breadmaking wheat	Feed wheat	Durum wheat	Barley	Maize	Malt	Total
Azores	17 000	—	250	20 500	36 500	500	74 750
Madeira	10 000	—	2 500	2 500	15 000	1 100	31 100
Total	27 000	—	2 750	23 000	51 500	1 600	105 850