COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1433/97

of 23 July 1997

fixing the quantities of banana imports for supply to the Community for the fourth quarter of 1997

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 of 13 February 1993 on the common organization of the market in bananas [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 [2], and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas Article 9 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1409/96 [4], provides that indicative quantities, expressed where necessary as percentages of the shares allocated to the various countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 478/95 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 702/95 [6], or of the quantities of those quotas available are to be fixed using data and forecasts relating to the Community market, for the purposes of issuing import licences for each quarter;

Whereas the tariff quota quantities available for imports from the countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 478/95 for the fourth quarter of 1997 should be determined taking account on the one hand of the import licences issued during the first three quarters and on the other hand of the tariff quota provided for in Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 plus the quantity laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/97 [7];

Whereas, with a view to achieving the same objectives, the indicative quantities provided for in Article 14 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 should be fixed for the purposes of issuing licences for traditional banana imports from the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States;

Whereas this Regulation must enter into force immediately so that licence applications can be lodged in respect of the fourth quarter of 1997;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The quantities available for import in respect of the fourth quarter of 1997 under the tariff quota arrangements for banana imports from the countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 478/95 shall be as set out in Annex I hereto.

2. Applications for import licences in respect of the fourth quarter of 1997 from individual operators may not cover a quantity exceeding the difference between the quantity allocated to the operator pursuant to Article 4 (4) and Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 and the total quantity covered by import licences issued to him in respect of the first three quarters. Import licence applications shall be accompanied by copies of any import licences issued to the operator in respect of the preceding quarters.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 14 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93, quantities available for traditional imports of bananas from the ACP States for the fourth quarter of 1997 shall be as set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 3

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

[1] OJ No L 47, 25. 2. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.
[3] OJ No L 142, 12. 6. 1993, p. 6.
[4] OJ No L 181, 20. 7. 1996, p. 13.
[5] OJ No L 49, 4. 3. 1995, p. 13.
[6] OJ No L 71, 31. 3. 1995, p. 84.
[7] OJ No L 168, 26. 6. 1997, p. 65.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 July 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Tariff quota quantities available for bananas imports from the countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 478/95 in respect of the fourth quarter of 1997

TABLE 1

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity	
	Categories A and C	Category B
Colombia	83 305,639	30 495,609
Costa Rica	109 083,569	34 047,311
Nicaragua	29 351,222	21 864,542
Venezuela	26 863,424	

TABLE 2

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity
Non-traditional imports from ACP States:	
Dominican Republic	11 415,836
Belize	4 279,984
Côte d'Ivoire	2 387,884
Cameroon	7 500,000
Other ACP States	2 422,954

TABLE 3

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity
Other	240 641,060

ANNEX II

Quantities available for traditional imports of bananas from the ACP States in respect of the fourth quarter of 1997

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity
Traditional imports from ACP States:	
Côte d'Ivoire	34 723,000
Cameroon	36 144,000
Suriname	11 900,000
Somalia	35 300,000
Jamaica	38 000,000
Windward Islands	164 729,000
Belize	9 500,000
Cape Verde	4 800,000
Madagascar	5 900,000