COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 222/97

of 5 February 1997

fixing, for January 1997, the specific agricultural conversion rate for the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs in the sugar sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1599/96 [2],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 [4],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1713/93 of 30 July 1993 establishing special detailed rules for applying the agricultural conversion rate in the sugar sector [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 59/97 [6], and in particular Article 1 (3) thereof,

Whereas Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1713/93 provides that the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 is to be converted into national currency using a specific agricultural conversion rate equal to the average, calculated *pro rata temporis*, of the agricultural conversion rates applicable during the month of storage; whereas that specific rate must be fixed each month for the previous month;

Whereas application of these provisions will lead to the fixing, for January 1997, of the specific agricultural conversion rate for the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs in the various national currencies as indicated in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specific agricultural conversion rate to be used to convert the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 into each of the national currencies for January 1997 shall be as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 February 1997.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 February 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 177, 1. 7. 1981, p. 4.
[2] OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 43.
[3] OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 159, 1. 7. 1993, p. 94.
[6] OJ No L 14, 17. 1. 1997, p. 25.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 5 February 1997 fixing, for January 97, the specific agricultural conversion rate for the amount of the reimbursement of storage costs in the sugar sector

Agricultural conversion rates		
ECU 1 =	40,1551	Belgian and Luxembourg francs
	7,49997	Danish kroner
	1,94849	German marks
	311,761	Greek drachmas
	165,198	Spanish pesetas
	6,61023	French francs
	0,789378	Irish punt
	1 973,93	Italian lire
	2,18752	Dutch guilders
	13,7095	Austrian schillings
	198,202	Portuguese escudos
	6,02811	Finnish marks
	8,64446	Swedish kroner
	0,795105	Pound sterling