COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2431/97

of 8 December 1997

replacing the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2177/92 concerning the forecast supply balance for sugar for the Azores and Madeira for the period 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 as provided for in 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 Article 10 thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92, the forecast supply balance for sugar in respect of the 1997/98 marketing year for the Azores and Madeira was originally established for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997 in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1270/97 [3] pending a notification from the competent authorities updating the requirements of the regions concerned and in order to avoid interrupting the application of the specific supply arrangements; whereas, following the presentation of the data for those regions by the Portuguese authorities, the supply balance for the whole of the 1997/98 marketing year has been drawn up; whereas the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2177/92 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1270/97, should accordingly be replaced;

Whereas the supply balances provided for under the specific arrangements are to be drawn up for the period 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998; whereas the definitive forecast supply balance should accordingly be made applicable from 1 July 1997;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2177/92 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

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 with effect from 1 July 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.
[2] OJ L 320, 11. 12. 1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 174, 2. 7. 1997, p. 37.
[4] OJ L 217, 31. 7. 1992, p. 71.

ANNEX

Quantities of sugar expressed in terms of tonnes of white sugar, referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2177/92

Region	Quantity
I. Period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998	
Canary Islands	60 000
II. Period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998	
— Azores	6 500
— Madeira	10 000