COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 677/97

of 17 April 1997

limiting the term of validity of export licences for certain products processed from cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96 [2], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 of 23 May 1995 laying down special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences for cereals and rice [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1527/96 [4], and in particular Article 7 (1) thereof,

Whereas Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95 fixes the term of validity of export licences, in particular for products falling within CN codes 1702 30, 1702 40, 1702 90 and 2106 90; whereas that term of validity extends to the end of the fourth month following that of issue of the licence; whereas the term of validity is fixed in accordance with market requirements and the need for sound management;

Whereas current export commitments for certain products processed from cereals for the 1996/97 marketing year make it desirable to limit the issuing of licences in order to avoid committing quantities from the new marketing year; whereas licences to be issued in forthcoming weeks must be reserved for exports in May and June 1997; whereas, to that end, the term of validity of export licences to be issued for execution up to 30 June 1997 must be limited; whereas a temporary derogation should accordingly be introduced from Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95;

Whereas, in order to ensure sound management of the market and to prevent speculation, provision should be made for customs export formalities for certain export licences for certain end-of-marketing-year products processed from cereals to be completed by 30 June 1997 at the latest either as direct exports or exports under the arrangements laid down in Articles 4 and 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 of 4 March 1980 on the advance payment of export refunds in respect of agricultural products [5], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2026/83 [6]; whereas such limiting of the term of validity of export licences entails a derogation from Articles 27 (5) and 28 (5) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87 of 27 November 1987 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of export refunds on agricultural products [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 495/97 [8];

Whereas the application of the measures provided for in this Regulation must coincide with its entry into force in order to avoid risks of market disturbance;

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

1. Notwithstanding Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1162/95, export licences for products falling within CN codes 1702 30, 1702 40, 1702 90 and 2106 90, and applied for from the date of entry into force of this Regulation to 30 June 1997 shall be valid until 30 June 1997 only.

2. Customs export formalities for the above licences must be completed by 30 June 1997 at the latest.

That deadline shall also apply to the formalities referred to in Article 30 of Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87 in respect of products placed under the arrangements referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 under cover of such licences.

One of the following shall be entered in Section 22 of the licences:

Limitación establecida en el apartado 2 del artículo 1 del Reglamento (CE) No 677/97

Begrænsning, jf. artikel 1, stk 2, i forordning (EF) No 677/97

Kürzung der Gültigkeitsdauer gemäß Artikel 1 Absatz 2 der Verordnung (EG) No 677/97

(1) OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.
(2) OJ No L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.
(3) OJ No L 117, 24. 5. 1995, p. 2.
(4) OJ No L 190, 31. 7. 1996, p. 23.
(5) OJ No L 62, 7. 3. 1980, p. 5.
(6) OJ No L 199, 22. 7. 1983, p. 12.
(7) OJ No L 351, 14. 12. 1987, p. 1.
(8) OJ No L 77, 19. 3. 1997, p. 12.

Περιορισμός που προβλέπεται στο άρθρο 1 παράγραφος 2 του κανονισμού (ΕΚ) No 677/97	Begränsning enligt artikel 1.2 i förordning (EG) No 677/97.
Limitation provided for in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 677/97	
Limitation prévue à l'article 1er paragraphe 2 du règlement (CE) No 677/97	
Limitazione prevista all'articolo 1, paragrafo 2 del regolamento (CE) No 677/97	
Beperking als bepaald in artikel 1, lid 2, van Verordening (EG) No 677/97	
Limitação estabelecida no No 2 do artigo 1º do Regulamento (CE) No 677/97	
Asetuksen (EY) No 677/97 1 artiklan 2 kohdassa säädetty rajoitus	

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 to licences applied for from the date of its entry into force.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 April 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission