COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 851/97

of 13 May 1997

temporarily suspending the issuing of export licences for certain milk products and determining what proportion of the amounts covered by pending applications for export licences may be allocated

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1587/96 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1466/95 of 27 June 1995 laying down special detailed rules of application for export refunds on milk and milk products [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 417/97 [4], and in particular Article 8 (3) thereof,

Whereas the market in certain milk products is currently subject to uncertainty; whereas licence applications of a speculative nature should be avoided which may lead to distortions of competition between operators and potentially disrupt the continuity of exports of these products for the remainder of the period in question; whereas the issue of export licences for the products involved should be temporarily suspended and licences for some of these products should not be issued in respect of applications pending,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The issue of export licences for milk products falling within CN code 0406 is hereby suspended for the period 14 May to 20 May 1997.

2. Licences shall be issued for products falling within CN code 0406 submitted before 12 May 1997 for which applications are still pending.

3. No licences shall be issued for products falling within CN code 0406 for which applications submitted from 12 May 1997 are still pending and against which licences would have been issued from 19 May 1997.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 May 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 May 1997.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 21.
[3] OJ No L 144, 28. 6. 1995, p. 22.
[4] OJ No L 64, 5. 3. 1997, p. 1.