COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1468/98

of 9 July 1998

on the issuing of export licences for wine-sector products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 of 11 July 1995 on arrangements for issuing export licences for wine-sector products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1354/97 [2], and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Whereas Article 55(7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2087/97 [4], limits the grant of export refunds for wine-sector products to the volumes and expenditure contained in the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 lays down the conditions under which the Commission may take specific measures to prevent an overrun of the quantity laid down or the budget available under the said Agreement;

Whereas, on the basis of information on export licence applications available to the Commission on 8 July 1998, the quantity still available for the period until 31 August 1998 referred to in Article 1a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95, could be exceeded unless the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund is restricted; whereas, therefore, a single percentage for the acceptance of applications submitted between 1 July and 7 July 1998 should be applied and the submission of applications and the issue of licences suspended until 15 September 1998,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export licences with advance fixing of the refund for wine-sector products for which applications are submitted between 1 July and 7 July 1998 under Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 shall be issued for 16,5 % of the quantities requested.

2. The issue of export licences for wine-sector products for which applications are submitted from 8 July 1998 and the submission of export licence applications from 10 July 1998 shall be suspended until 15 September 1998.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 July 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 July 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 161, 12. 7. 1995, p. 2.
[2] OJ L 186, 16. 7. 1997, p. 9.
[3] OJ L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 1.