COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1646/98

of 27 July 1998

fixing the quantities of banana imports for supply to the Community for the fourth quarter of 1998

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 of 13 February 1993 on the common organisation of the market in bananas [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 [2], and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas Article 9(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1409/96 [4], provides that indicative quantities, expressed where necessary as percentages of the shares allocated to the various countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 478/95 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 702/95 [6], or of the quantities of those quotas available are to be fixed using data and forecasts relating to the Community market, for the purposes of issuing import licences for each quarter;

Whereas the tariff quota quantities available for imports from the countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 478/95 for the fourth quarter of 1998 should be determined taking account on the one hand of the import licences issued during the first three quarters and on the other hand of the tariff quota provided for in Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 plus the quantity laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1645/98 [7];

Whereas, with a view to achieving the same objectives, the indicative quantities provided for in Article 14(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 should be fixed for the purposes of issuing licences for traditional banana imports from the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States;

Whereas this Regulation must enter into force immediately so that licence applications can be lodged in respect of the fourth quarter of 1998;

Whereas the Management Committee for Bananas has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The quantities available for import in respect of the fourth quarter of 1998 under the tariff quota arrangements for banana imports from the countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 478/95 shall be as set out in Annex I hereto.

2. Applications for import licences in respect of the fourth quarter of 1998 from individual operators may not cover a quantity exceeding the difference between the quantity allocated to the operator pursuant to Article 4(4) and Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 and the total quantity covered by import licences issued to him in respect of the first three quarters. Import licence applications shall be accompanied by copies of any import licences issued to the operator in respect of the preceding quarters.

Article 2

Pursuant to Article 14(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93, quantities available for traditional imports of bananas from the ACP States for the fourth quarter of 1998 shall be as set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

[1] OJ L 47, 25. 2. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.
[3] OJ L 142, 12. 6. 1993, p. 6.
[4] OJ L 181, 20. 7. 1996, p. 13.
[5] OJ L 49, 4. 3. 1995, p. 13.
[6] OJ L 71, 31. 3. 1995, p. 84.
[7] See page 53 of this Official Journal.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 July 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Tariff quota quantities available for bananas imports from the countries or groups of countries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 478/95 in respect of the fourth quarter of 1998

TABLE 1

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity
Colombia	116 298,190
Costa Rica	135 490,207
Nicaragua	48 536,916
Venezuela	27 338,679

TABLE 2

(tonnes en weight)

Country	Quantity
Non-traditional imports from ACP States:	
Dominican Republic	9 228,302
Belize	7 950,000
Côte d'Ivoire	1 105,513
Cameroon	4 950,000
Other ACP States	853,664

TABLE 3

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity
Other	272 517,342

ANNEX II

Quantities available for traditional imports of bananas from the ACP States in respect of the fourth quarter of 1998

(tonnes net weight)

Country	Quantity
Traditional imports from ACP States:	
Côte d'Ivoire	26 750
Cameroon	38 206
Suriname	14 915
Somalia	52 724
Jamaica	54 619
Windward Islands	189 309
Belize	8 272
Cape Verde	4 800
Madagascar	5 900