COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 173/98

of 23 January 1998

determining the extent to which applications lodged in January 1998 for import licences for certain egg sector products and poultrymeat pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 1474/95 and (EC) No 1251/96 can be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1474/95 ([1]) opening and providing for the administration of the tariff quotas in the egg sector and for egg albumin, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1514/97 ([2]), and in particular Article 5 (5) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/96 of 28 June 1996 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas in the poultrymeat sector and albumin ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1514/97 and in particular Article 5 (5) thereof,

Whereas the applications for import licences lodged for the first quarter of 1998 are, in the case of certain products, for quantities less than or equal to the quantities available and can therefore be met in full, but in the case of other products the said applications are for quantities greater than the quantities available and must therefore be reduced by a fixed percentage to ensure a fair distribution,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Applications for import licences for the period 1 January to 31 March 1998 submitted pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 1474/95 and (EC) No 1251/96 shall be met as referred to in Annex I.

2. During the first 10 days of the period 1 April to 30 June 1998 applications may be lodged pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 1474/95 and (EC) No 1251/96 for import licences for the total quantity as referred to in Annex II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 January 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 145, 29. 6. 1995, p. 19.
([2]) OJ L 204, 31. 7. 1997, p. 16.
([3]) OJ L 161, 29. 6. 1996, p. 136.

ANNEX I

Group No	Percentage of acceptance of import licences submitted for the period 1 January to 31 March 1998
E1	100,00
E2	87,99
E3	100,00
P1	—
P2	4,81
P3	3,48
P4	15,63

ANNEX II

(tonnes)

Group No	Total quantity available for the period 1 April to 30 June 1998
E1	95 706,00
E2	1 615,75
E3	7 826,78
P1	2 480,00
P2	400,00
P3	88,00
P4	100,00