COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2183/98

of 9 October 1998

fixing the intervention thresholds for oranges, satsumas, mandarins and clementines for the 1998/99 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables [1], as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2520/97 [2], and in particular Article 27(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 27(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides for an intervention threshold to be fixed if the market in a product listed in Annex II is suffering or at risk of suffering from imbalances giving or liable to give rise to too large a volume of withdrawals; whereas such a development might cause budget problems for the Community;

Whereas the conditions laid down in the abovementioned Article 27 are met for certain products and intervention thresholds for oranges, satsumas, mandarins and clementines should therefore be fixed;

Whereas this intervention threshold for each of those products should be fixed on the basis of a percentage of the average production intended for consumption in the fresh state over the last five marketing years for which data are available; whereas the period to be taken into account for assessing the over-run of the intervention threshold must also be established for each product in question;

Whereas, under the abovementioned Article 27, an over-run of the intervention threshold gives rise to a reduction in the Community withdrawal compensation in the marketing year following the over-run; whereas the implications of this over-run for each of the products in question should be determined and a reduction proportional to the size of the over-run should be fixed, up to a certain percentage;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following intervention thresholds are fixed for the 1998/99 marketing year:

— oranges:	414 200 tonnes
— satsumas:	22 100 tonnes
— mandarins:	37 900 tonnes
— clementines:	132 800 tonnes.

Article 2

The over-run of the intervention threshold for the products listed in Article 1 shall be assessed on the basis of the withdrawals carried out between 1 August 1998 and 31 July 1999.

Article 3

If the quantity of one of the products listed in Article 1 withdrawn in the period laid down in Article 2 exceeds the threshold fixed in Article 1, the Community withdrawal compensation fixed in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 for the 1999/2000 marketing year shall be reduced in proportion to the size of the over-run compared with the production used to calculate the threshold in question.

The Community withdrawal compensation shall not, however, be reduced by more than 30 %.

Article 4

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

[1] OJ L 297, 21. 11. 1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 346, 17. 12. 1997, p. 41.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 October 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission