COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2424/98

of 10 November 1998

concerning applications for import licences for quality common wheat and durum wheat under tariff quotas provided for in Regulations (EC) No 529/97 and (EC) No 2228/96

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 of 18 June 1996 on the implementation of the concessions set out in Schedule CXL drawn up in the wake of the conclusion of the GATT XXIV:6 negotiations [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 529/97 of 21 March 1997 opening and administering a tariff quota of 300 000 tonnes of quality wheat and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1854/94 [2], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 850/97 [3], lays down special provisions on the organisation of imports under the quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1095/96; wheres Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 529/97 provides that the Commission is to fix a uniform percentage reduction in the quantities if applications for import licences exceed the quantities that may be imported; whereas applications for licences submitted between 5 October and 4 November 1998 relate to 7 570 120 tonnes of quality wheat; whereas the maximum quantity to be allocated is 200 000 tonnes; whereas the appropriate percentage of reduction for import licence applications submitted between 5 October and 4 November 1998 qualifying for the conditions provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 must therefore be set;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2228/96 of 21 November 1996 opening and administering a tariff quota of 50 000 tonnes of durum wheat falling within CN code 1001 10 00 [4], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2410/98 [5], lays down special provisions on the organisation of imports under the quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1095/96; whereas Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2228/96 provides that the Commission is to fix a uniform percentage reduction in the quantities if applications for import licences exceed the quantities that may be imported; whereas applications for licences submitted between 5 October and 4 November 1998 relate to 810 985,831 tonnes of durum wheat; whereas the maximum quantity to be allocated is 50 000 tonnes; whereas the appropriate percentage of reduction for import licence applications submitted between 5 October and 4 November 1998 qualifying for the conditions provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 must therefore be set,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for import licences for quality common wheat qualifying for the conditions provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 submitted between 5 October and 4 November 1998 and notified to the Commission shall be accepted for the tonnages indicated therein multiplied by a coefficient of 0,0264. Applications not notified to the Commission shall be refused.

Article 2

Applications for import licences for durum wheat qualifying for the conditions provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 submitted between 5 October and 4 November 1998 and notified to the Commission shall be accepted for the tonnages indicated therein multiplied by a coefficient of 0,0616. Applications not notified to the Commission shall be refused.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 November 1998.

[1] OJ L 146, 20. 6. 1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 82, 22. 3. 1997, p. 44.
[3] OJ L 122, 14. 5. 1997, p. 10.
[4] OJ L 298, 22. 11. 1996, p. 8.
[5] OJ L 298, 7. 11. 1998, p. 45.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission