COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2437/98

of 12 November 1998

fixing the definitive aid for mandarins, clementines and satsumas for the 1997/98 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 of 28 October 1996 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits [1], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 establishes a processing threshold of 320 000 tonnes for mandarins, clementines and satsumas; whereas Article 5(2) of that Regulation provides that, for each marketing year, overrunning of the processing thresholds is to be assessed on the basis of the average quantity processed with benefit of the aid during the last three marketing years, including the current marketing year; whereas Article 5(3) of that Regulation provides that where an overrun has been established, the aid fixed for the current marketing year in the Annex to that Regulation is to be reduced by 1 % per 3 200 tonnes of the overrun;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 22(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1169/97 of 26 June 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain fruits [2], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1145/98 [3], the Member States have notified the Commission of the quantities of mandarins, clementines and satsumas delivered for processing in respect of the 1997/98 marketing year pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2202/96; whereas, on the basis of those figures and of the quantities processed with benefit of the aid in the 1995/96 and 1996/97 marketing years, an overrun in the processing threshold of 23 024 tonnes has been established; whereas the aid for mandarins, clementines and satsumas fixed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 for the 1997/98 marketing year should accordingly be reduced by 7 %;

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

For the 1997/98 marketing year, the aid for mandarins, clementines and satsumas fixed in the tables in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 shall be reduced by 7 %.

When the aid is paid, account shall be taken of advances paid in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1169/97.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 12 November 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 297, 21. 11. 1996, p. 49.
[2] OJ L 169, 27. 6. 1997, p. 15.
[3] OJ L 159, 3. 6. 1998, p. 29.