COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2488/98

of 18 November 1998

fixing the coefficients applicable to cereals exported in the form of Scotch whisky for the period 1998/99

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2825/93 of 15 October 1993 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards the fixing and granting of adjusted refunds in respect of cereals exported in the form of certain spirit drinks [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3098/94 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2825/93 provides that the quantities of cereals eligible for the refund are to be the quantities placed under control and distilled, weighted by a coefficient to be fixed annually for each Member State concerned; whereas that coefficient expresses the ratio between the total quantities exported and the total quantities marketed of the spirituous beverage concerned on the basis of the trend noted in those quantities during the number of years corresponding to the average ageing period of the spirituous beverage in question; whereas, in view of the information provided by the United Kingdom on the period 1 January to 31 December 1997, the average ageing period in 1997 was eight years for Scotch whisky; whereas the coefficients for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 should be fixed;

Whereas Article 10 of Protocol 3 to the Agreement on the European Economic Area [3] precludes the grant of refunds for exports to Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway; whereas, therefore, pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2825/93, account should be taken of this in the calculation of the coefficient for 1998/99;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, the coefficients provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2825/93 applying to cereals used in the United Kingdom for manufacturing Scotch whisky shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 July 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 November 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 258, 16. 10. 1993, p. 6.
[2] OJ L 328, 20. 12. 1994, p. 12.
[3] OJ L 1, 3. 1. 1994, p. 1.

ANNEX

Coefficients applicable in the United Kingdom

Period of application	Coefficient applicable	
	to barley processed into malt used in the manufacture of malt whisky	to cereals used in the manufacture of grain whisky
1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999	0,562	0,648