COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2591/98

of 1 December 1998

determining the revised estimate of production of unginned cotton for the 1998/99 marketing year and the relevant percentage increase

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Protocol 4 on cotton, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95 [1],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down general rules for the system of aid for cotton and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1419/98 [3], and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

Whereas in accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1844/98 [4] lays down the estimated production of unginned cotton for the 1998/99 marketing year;

Whereas Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 lays down that the revised estimate of production of unginned cotton and the percentage increase used in calculating the advance applicable from 16 December of the current marketing year must be determined by 1 December of each marketing year, account being taken of the progress of the harvest; whereas, those figures should be fixed for the 1998/99 marketing year as indicated below on the basis of the information available; whereas, in order to ensure that the new level of advance may be applied from the deadline laid down, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following its publication;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1998/99 marketing year, the revised estimate of production of unginned cotton is:

— 1 170 000 tonnes for Greece,

— 328 000 tonnes for Spain,

— 120 tonnes for other Member States.

2. For the 1998/99 marketing year, the percentage increase referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 5(3a) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 shall be 7,5 %.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 1 December 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 45.
[2] OJ L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 48.
[3] OJ L 190, 4. 7. 1998, p. 4.
[4] OJ L 240, 28. 8. 1998, p. 3.