COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2668/98
of 10 December 1998
fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96 [2], and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 [4], and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provide that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of those Regulations and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund;

Whereas Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provides that when refunds are being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of cereals, rice and broken rice on the Community market on the one hand and prices for cereals, rice, broken rice and cereal products on the world market on the other; whereas the same Articles provide that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on the markets in cereals and rice and, furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports, and the need to avoid disturbances on the Community market;

Whereas Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 [5], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2993/95 [6], on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and from rice defines the specific criteria to be taken into account when the refund on these products is being calculated;

Whereas the refund to be granted in respect of certain processed products should be graduated on the basis of the ash, crude fibre, tegument, protein, fat and starch content of the individual product concerned, this content being a particularly good indicator of the quantity of basic product actually incorporated in the processed product;

Whereas there is no need at present to fix an export refund for manioc, other tropical roots and tubers or flours obtained therefrom, given the economic aspect of potential exports and in particular the nature and origin of these products; whereas, for certain products processed from cereals, the insignificance of Community participation in world trade makes it unnecessary to fix an export refund at the present time;

Whereas the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination;

Whereas the refund must be fixed once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period;

Whereas certain processed maize products may undergo a heat treatment following which a refund might be granted that does not correspond to the quality of the product; whereas it should therefore be specified that on these products, containing pregelatinized starch, no export refund is to be granted;

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1103/97 of 17 June 1997 on certain provisions relating to the introduction of the euro [7] provides that, as from 1 January 1999, all references to the ecu in legal instruments are to be replaced by references to the euro at the rate of EUR 1 to ECU 1;

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

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 (1) (d) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 1 (1) (c) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and subject to Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

[1] OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.
[3] OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.
[4] OJ L 265, 30. 9. 1998, p. 4.
[5] OJ L 147, 30. 6. 1995, p. 55.
[6] OJ L 312, 23. 12. 1995, p. 25.
[7] OJ L 162, 19. 6. 1997, p. 1.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 December 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 December 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 10 December 1998 fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

(ECU/tonne)

Product code	Refund
1102 20 10 9200 (1)	75,45
1102 20 10 9400 (1)	64,67
1102 20 90 9200 (1)	64,67
1102 90 10 9100	75,35
1102 90 10 9900	51,23
1102 90 30 9100	80,91
1103 12 00 9100	80,91
1103 13 10 9100 (1)	97,00
1103 13 10 9300 (1)	75,45
1103 13 10 9500 (1)	64,67
1103 13 90 9100 (1)	64,67
1103 19 10 9000	47,61
1103 19 30 9100	77,86
1103 21 00 9000	29,57
1103 29 20 9000	51,23
1104 11 90 9100	75,35
1104 12 90 9100	89,90
1104 12 90 9300	71,92
1104 19 10 9000	29,57
1104 19 50 9110	86,22
1104 19 50 9130	70,06
1104 21 10 9100	75,35
1104 21 30 9100	75,35
1104 21 50 9100	100,46
1104 21 50 9300	80,37
1104 22 20 9100	71,92
1104 22 30 9100	76,42
1104 23 10 9100	80,84
1104 23 10 9300	61,97
1104 29 11 9000	29,57
1104 29 51 9000	28,99
1104 29 55 9000	28,99
1104 30 10 9000	7,25
1104 30 90 9000	13,47
1107 10 11 9000	51,60
1107 10 91 9000	89,41
1108 11 00 9200	57,98
1108 11 00 9300	57,98
1108 12 00 9200	86,22
1108 12 00 9300	86,22
1108 13 00 9200	86,22
1108 13 00 9300	86,22
1108 19 10 9200	41,04
1108 19 10 9300	41,04
1109 00 00 9100	0,00
1702 30 51 9000 (2)	99,62
1702 30 59 9000 (2)	76,26
1702 30 91 9000	99,62
1702 30 99 9000	76,26
1702 40 90 9000	76,26
1702 90 50 9100	99,62
1702 90 50 9900	76,26
1702 90 75 9000	104,39
1702 90 79 9000	72,45
2106 90 55 9000	76,26

(1) No refund shall be granted on products given a heat treatment resulting in pregelatinization of the starch.

(2) Refunds are granted in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2730/75 (OJ L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 20), amended.

NB: The product codes and the footnotes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24. 12. 1987, p. 1), amended.