COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 710/98

of 30 March 1998

fixing advance payments in respect of the production levies in the sugar sector 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 (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1599/96 [2], and in particular Article 28(8) thereof,

Whereas Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1443/82 of 8 June 1982 laying down detailed rules for the application of the quota system in the sugar sector [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 392/94 [4], provides for the fixing before 1 April and the collection before the following 1 June, of the unit amounts to be paid by sugar producers, isoglucose producers and inulin syrup producers as advance payments of the production levies for the current marketing year; whereas the estimate of the basic production levy and of the B levy, referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1443/82, gives an amount which is more than 60 % of the maximum amounts indicated in Article 28(3), (4) and (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81; whereas, in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1443/82, the unit amounts for sugar and inulin syrup should therefore be fixed at 50 % of the maximum amounts concerned and for isoglucose the unit amount of the advance payment should therefore be fixed at 40 % of the unit amount of the basic production levy estimated for sugar;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The unit amounts referred to in Article 5(1)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1443/82 in respect of the 1997/98 marketing year are hereby fixed as follows:

(a) the advance payment of the basic production levy for A sugar and B sugar shall be ECU 0,632 per 100 kilograms of white sugar;

(b) the advance payment of the B levy for B sugar shall be ECU 11,848 per 100 kilograms of white sugar;

(c) the advance payment of the basic production levy for A isoglucose and B isoglucose shall be ECU 0,506 per 100 kilograms of dry matter;

(d) the advance payment of the basic production levy for A inulin syrup and B inulin syrup shall be ECU 0,632 per 100 kilograms of dry matter equivalent sugar/isoglucose;

(e) the advance payment of the B levy for B inulin syrup shall be ECU 11,848 per 100 kilograms of dry matter equivalent sugar/isoglucose.

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, 30 March 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 177, 1. 7. 1981, p. 4.
[2] OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 43.
[3] OJ L 158, 9. 6. 1982, p. 17.
[4] OJ L 53, 24. 2. 1994, p. 7.