COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1282/1999

of 18 June 1999

providing for the granting of compensation to producers' organisations in respect of tuna delivered to the processing industry from 1 October to 31 December 1998

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organisation of the market in fishery and aquaculture products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3318/94 [2], and in particular Article 18(6) thereof,

(1) Whereas the compensatory allowance provided for in Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 is to be granted under certain conditions to Community tuna producers' organisations in respect of quantities of tuna delivered to the processing industry during the calendar quarter for which prices have been recorded, where both the average quarterly selling price recorded on the Community market and the free-at-frontier price plus any applicable countervailing charge are lower than 91 % of the Community producer price for the product concerned;

(2) Whereas an examination of the situation on the Community market has shown that in the period 1 October to 31 December 1998, both the average quarterly selling price and the free-at-frontier price as referred to in Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for albacore and skipjack tuna were lower than 91 % of the Community producer price in force laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 2447/97 of 8 December 1997 fixing, for the 1998 fixing year, the Community producer price for tuna intended for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604 [3];

(3) Whereas the quantities on which compensation provided for in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 is payable may under no circumstances exceed the limits laid down in paragraph 3 of that Article for the quarter concerned;

(4) Whereas the quantities of skipjack tuna sold and delivered to the processing industry established in the customs territory of the Community were higher during the quarter concerned than the quantities sold and delivered during the same quarter of the three previous fishing years; whereas, since those quantities exceed the limit set in Article 18(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92, the total quantities of that product on which compensation is payable should therefore be limited;

(5) Whereas, in accordance with the ceilings laid down in Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for the purpose of calculating the allowance to be granted to each producers' organisation, the quantities on which the allowance is payable should be allocated among the producers' organisations concerned in proportion to the quantities produced by them in the same quarter of the 1995, 1996 and 1997 fishing years;

(6) Whereas a decision should therefore be taken to grant the allowance on the products in question for the period 1 October to 31 December 1998;

(7) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The compensatory allowance provided for in Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 shall be granted for the period 1 October to 31 December 1998 in respect of the following products.

(EUR/t)

Product	Maximum allowance in accordance with first and second indents of Article 18(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92
Albacore	159
Skipjack	3

[1] OJ L 388, 31.12.1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 350, 31.12.1994, p. 15.
[3] OJ L 340, 11.12.1997, p. 8.

Article 2

1. The total quantities on which the allowance for these species is payable are:

— Albacore: 403,388 t

— Skipjack: 10 462,604 t.

2. The allocation of those total quantities among the producer's organisations concerned shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 3

Entitlement to the compensatory allowance shall be determined on the basis of sales covered by invoices the date of which falls within the quarter concerned and used to calculate the average monthly selling price referred to in Article 7(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2210/93 [1].

Article 4

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, 18 June 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 197, 6.8.1993, p. 8.

ANNEX

Allocation among producers' organisations of quantities of tuna on which the compensatory allowance is payable for the period 1 October to 31 December 1998 in accordance with Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92, broken down by compensation percentage band

(tonnes)

Albacore	Quantities 100 % of which is eligible for compensation (first indent of Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92)	Quantities 50 % of which is eligible for compensation (second indent of Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92)	Total quantities on which compensation is payable (first and second indents of Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92)
OPAGAC	42,700	39,540	82,240
OPTUC	31,353	29,667	61,020
OP 42 (CAN.)	0,000	71,926	71,926
ORTHONGEL	95,062	93,140	188,202
APASA	0,000	0,000	0,000
MADEIRA	0,000	0,000	0,000
EU - Total	169,115	234,273	403,388

(tonnes)

Skipjack	Quantities 100 % of which is eligible for compensation (first indent of Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92)	Quantities 50 % of which is eligible for compensation (second indent of Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92)	Total quantities on which compensation is payable (first and second indents of Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92)
OPAGAC	4 623,156	315,822	4 938,978
OPTUC	4 835,298	330,314	5 165,612
OP 42 (CAN.)	213,318	14,572	227,890
ORTHONGEL	20,747	0,000	20,747
APASA	102,383	6,994	109,377
MADEIRA	0,000	0,000	0,000
EU - Total	9 794,902	667,702	10 462,604