COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 165/1999

of 22 January 1999

on the issue of import licences for rice originating in the ACP States and the overseas countries and territories against applications submitted in the first five working days of January 1999 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2603/97

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2603/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down the detailed rules of application for the import of rice from the ACP States and for the import of rice from the overseas countries and territories (OCT) [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1595/98 [2], and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2603/97, the Commission must decide within 10 days of the final date for notification by the Member States the extent to which applications can be granted and must fix the available quantities for the following tranche and, where necessary, for the additional tranche for October;

Whereas examination of the quantities for which applications have been submitted shows that licences should be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences for rice against applications submitted during the first five working days of January 1999 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2603/97 and notified to the Commission shall be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 January 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 January 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 351, 23. 12. 1997, p. 22.
[2] OJ L 208, 24. 7. 1998, p. 21.

ANNEX

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Reduction percentages to be applied to quantities applied for under the tranche for January 1999 and quantities available for the following tranche:

Origin	Reduction (%)	Quantity available for the tranche for May 1999 (tonnes)
OCT (Article 6) — CN code 1006	61,08	—
ACP (Article 2(1)) — CN codes 1006 10 21 to 1006 10 98, 1006 20 and 1006 30	78,1219	41 666
ACP (Article 3) — CN code 1006 40 00	94,7366	10 000
ACP + OCT (Article 7) — ACP: CN codes 1006 10 21 to 1006 10 98, 1006 20 and 1006 30 — OCT: CN code 1006	—	—