COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2782/1999

of 27 December 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 2420/1999 on the issuing of A1 export licences for fruit and vegetables and fixing export refunds for apples

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 [2], and in particular Article 35(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) some difficulties are currently being experienced on the export market for apples, in particular as regards distant destinations;

(2) the indicative quantities of apples eligible for export subsidy should be increased;

(3) for exports to distant destinations this should be done without delay since certain licences are only valid until the end of February;

(4) the date in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2420/1999 [3] from which new applications may be submitted for A1 export licences for apples should be amended;

(5) the Management Committee for fresh Fruit and Vegetables has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds for apples shall be as laid down in the Annex hereto.

Licences issued for food aid, as referred to in Article 14a of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 [4], shall not count against the eligible quantities laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2420/1999, the date 17 January 2000 is replaced by 4 January 2000.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 December 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.
[3] OJ L 291, 13.11.1999, p. 27.
[4] OJ L 331, 2.12.1988, p. 1.

ANNEX

EXPORT REFUNDS FOR APPLES

Product (full definitions of eligible products are given in the 'Fruit and vegetables' sector of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 amended)	Product code	Destination or destination group (1)	System Application periods					
			A1 4.1.2000 to 9.3.2000		A2 18 to 20.1.2000		B 24.1.2000 to 16.3.2000	
			Refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/t net weight)	Scheduled quantity (t)
Apples	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F01	40		40	4 266	40	4 266
	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F02	40		40	5 486	40	5 487
	0808 10 20 9100 0808 10 50 9100 0808 10 90 9100	F03, F04	40	4 500			40	2 500

(1) The destination codes are defined as follows:

F01: Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroes, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Malta.

F02: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, destinations referred to in Article 34 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3665/87, as amended.

F03: African countries and territories except South Africa, countries of the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qalwain, Ras al Khaimah, Fujairah), Kuwait, Yemen), Syria, Iran, Jordan, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia.

F04: Sri Lanka, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Tailand, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Japan.