COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 304/1999

of 10 February 1999

on the issuing of export licences for products processed from fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1429/95 of 23 June 1995 on implementing rules for export refunds on products processed from fruit and vegetables other than those granted for added sugars [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1007/97 [2], and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2260/98 [3] specifies the quantities which may be covered by applications submitted for export licences with advance fixing of the refund other than those applied for in connection with food aid;

Whereas Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1429/95 lays down the conditions under which special measures may be taken by the Commission to prevent an overrun in the quantities for which export licence applications may be submitted;

Whereas, in view of the information available to the Commission as of today, the quantity of 354 tonnes of orange juice with a sugar content of not less than 55° Brix in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1275/98, reduced or increased by the quantities referred to in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1429/95, would be exceeded if licences were issued with advanced fixing of refunds without restriction in response to applications submitted since 5 February 1999; whereas a reducing factor should accordingly be applied to the quantities applied for on 5 February 1999, and applications for export licences with advance fixing of refunds submitted subsequently with a view to such licences being issued during the current period should be rejected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Export licences with advance fixing of the refund for orange juice with a sugar content of not less than 55° Brix for which applications were submitted on 5 February 1999 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2260/98 shall be issued for 82,4 % of the quantities applied for.

Applications for export licences with advance fixing of refunds for the above product submitted after 5 February 1999 and before 20 February 1999 shall be rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 February 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 February 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 141, 24. 6. 1995, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 145, 5. 6. 1997, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 283, 21. 10. 1998, p. 16.