COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 683/1999

of 29 March 1999

fixing, for the 1998/99 marketing year, the amounts to be paid to producer organisations and associations thereof recognised under Regulation No 136/66/EEC

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1638/98 [2], and in particular Article 20d(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro [3], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas Article 20d of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides for a percentage of production aid to be withheld to help finance the work of recognised producer organisations and associations thereof;

Whereas Article 21(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 of 30 October 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of production aid for olive oil for the 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/01 marketing years [4] provides that the unit amounts to be paid to producer organisations and associations thereof are to be fixed on the basis of forecasts of the overall sum to be distributed; whereas the amount to be withheld for the 1998/99 marketing year was fixed by Regulation No 136/66/EEC; whereas the funds that will become available in each Member State as a result of the amount withheld as referred to above must be suitably distributed among those eligible;

Whereas the work generated in particular by the administration of aid applications has a relatively stable minimum cost; whereas the ceiling on the total financing for certain Member States may prove too low; whereas the amounts to be paid to beneficiaries in France may consequently lead to an overrun in the ceiling, to be charged to the Member State in question;

Whereas, in order to ensure that the funds are distributed uniformly among producer organisations and associations, an operative event should be established for the conversion into national currency of the amounts fixed; whereas, given the nature of the measure and in order to facilitate its administration, 1 February 1999 is a suitable date for the operative event;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Management Committee for Oils and Fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1998/99 marketing year, the amounts provided for in Article 21(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 2366/98 shall be as follows:

— for Greece: EUR 2,2 and EUR 2,2 respectively,

— for Spain: EUR 5 and EUR 2 respectively,

— for France: EUR 1,5 and EUR 1,5 respectively,

— for Italy: EUR 2 and EUR 2 respectively,

— for Portugal: EUR 0 and EUR 6 respectively.

Article 2

The amounts fixed in Article 1 shall be converted into national currency at the exchange rate applicable on 1 February 1999.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

[1] OJ 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
[2] OJ L 210, 28. 7. 1998, p. 32.
[3] OJ L 349, 24. 12. 1998, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 293, 31. 10. 1998, p. 50.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 March 1999.

For the Commission

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