COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 744/1999

of 8 April 1999

on the issue of import licences for garlic originating in China

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 amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2520/97 [2],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1137/98 of 29 May 1998 concerning a protective measure applicable to imports of garlic from China [3], and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Whereas pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1859/93 [4], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/94 [5], the release for free circulation in the Community of garlic imported from third countries is subject to presentation of an import licence;

Whereas Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1137/98, restricts the issue of import licences for garlic originating in China to a maximum monthly quantity in the case of applications lodged from 1 June 1998 to 31 May 1999;

Whereas, given the criteria laid down in Article 1(2) of that Regulation and the import licences already issued, the quantity applied for since 1 April 1999 is in excess of the maximum monthly quantity given in the Annex to that Regulation for the month of April 1999; whereas it is therefore necessary to determine to what extent import licences may be issued in response to these applications; whereas the issue of licences in response to applications lodged after 6 April 1999 and before 6 May 1999 should be refused,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences applied for from 1 April to 6 April 1999 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1859/93 for garlic falling within CN code 0703 20 00 originating in China shall be issued for 2,5 % of the quantity applied for, having regard to the information available to the Commission on 7 April 1999.

For the abovementioned products applications for import licences lodged after 6 April 1999 and before 6 May 1999 shall be refused.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 April 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 April 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 41.
[3] OJ L 157, 30.5.1998, p. 107.
[4] OJ L 170, 13.7.1993, p. 10.
[5] OJ L 176, 9.7.1994, p. 1.