COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 76/1999

of 12 January 1999

on the issuing of A1 export licences for 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 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1287/98 [2], and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2776/98 [3] sets the quantities for which A1 export licences, other than those requested in the context of food aid, may be issued;

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 sets the conditions under which special measures may be taken by the Commission with a view to avoiding an overrun of the quantities for which A1 licences may be issued;

Whereas the Commission has received information which indicates that those quantities, reduced or increased by the quantities referred to in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, would be exceeded if A1 licences were issued without restriction for apples in response to applications submitted since 8 January 1999 whereas, therefore, a percentage should be fixed for the issuing of licences for quantities applied for on 8 January 1999 and applications for A1 licences submitted later in that application period should be rejected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A1 export licences for apples for which applications were submitted on 8 January 1999 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2776/98 shall be issued for 76,7 % of the quantities applied for.

Applications for A1 export licences submitted after 8 January 1999 and before 10 March 1999 for that product shall be rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 January 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 January 1999.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 292, 15. 11. 1996, p. 12.
[2] OJ L 178, 23. 6. 1998, p. 11.
[3] OJ L 346, 22. 12. 1998, p. 44.