COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1024/2000

of 16 May 2000

determining the percentage of quantities covered by applications for export licences for pigmeat which may be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1370/95 of 16 June 1995 laying down detailed rules for implementing the system of export licences in the pigmeat sector [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2399/1999 [2], and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1370/95 provides for specific measures where applications for export licences concern quantities and/or expenditure which exceed the normal trade patterns or where there is a risk that they will be exceeded, taking account of the limit referred to in Article 13(11) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 [4], and/or the corresponding expenditure during the period in question.

(2) Uncertainty is a feature of the market in certain pigmeat products. The impending adjustment of the refunds applicable to those products has led to the submission of applications for export licences for speculative ends. There is a risk that the issue of licences for the quantities applied for from 8 to 12 May and from 15 to 16 May 2000 may lead to an overrun in the quantities of the products concerned normally disposed of by way of trade. Applications covering the products concerned in respect of which export licences have not yet been granted should be rejected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No further action shall be taken in respect of applications submitted for export licences for pigmeat pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1370/95 in respect of all categories of Annex I to that Regulation which should have been issued from 17 May and 24 May 2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 17 May 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2000.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 133, 17.6.1995, p. 26.
[2] OJ L 290, 12.11.1999, p. 18.
[3] OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.