COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1066/2000
of 19 May 2000
suspending the issue of refund certificates for goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 of 6 December 1993 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2491/98 [2], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 8(3) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1222/94 of 30 May 1994 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex II to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 701/2000 [4], and in particular Article 6b(6) and (8) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The cumulated amounts of the refunds requested for the certificates already issued come to EUR 311 804 543. This sum, when added to the amounts for applications made from 8 to 12 May 2000 and taken on an annual basis, might prevent the Commission from meeting its commitments under Article 6b(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1222/94.

(2) The issue of the certificates should be suspended, as provided for in Article 6b(8),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The issue of certificates requested since 8 May 2000 is suspended.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 May 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 May 2000.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 318, 20.12.1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 309, 19.11.1998, p. 28.
[3] OJ L 136, 31.5.1994, p. 5.
[4] OJ L 83, 4.4.2000, p. 6.