COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1561/2000
of 17 July 2000
on the issuing of system B 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 298/2000 [2], and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 888/2000 [3] fixed the indicative quantities laid down for the issue of export licences other than those requested in the context of food aid.

(2) In the light of information now available to the Commission, the indicative quantities have been exceeded in the case of oranges, apples, peaches and nectarines.

(3) Those overruns are without prejudice to compliance with the limits resulting from the agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty. The rate of refund for all products covered by licences applied for under system B from 17 May to 30 June 2000 should be the indicative rate,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The percentages for the issuing of system B export licences, as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, and applied for between 17 May and 30 June 2000, by which the quantities applied for and the rates of refund applicable must be multiplied, shall be as fixed in the Annex hereto.

The above subparagraph shall not apply to licences applied for in connection with food-aid operations as provided for in Article 10(4) of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 July 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.
[2] OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 104, 29.4.2000, p. 50.

ANNEX

Percentages for the issuing of licences and rates of refund applicable to system B licences applied for between 17 May and 30 June 2000

Product	Percentage for the issuing of licences	Rate of refund (EUR/tonne net)
Tomatoes	100 %	20,0
Shelled almonds	100 %	50,0
Shelled hazelnuts	100 %	114,0
Oranges	100 %	50,0
Lemons	100 %	50,0
Apples	100 %	40,0
Peaches and nectarines	100 %	27,0