COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1707/2000

of 31 July 2000

fixing the rates of refunds applicable to certain products from the sugar sector exported in the form of 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 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the market in sugar [1], as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 [2], and in particular Article 18(5)(a) and (15),

Whereas:

(1) Article 18(1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 provides that the differences between the prices in international trade for the products listed in Article 1(1)(a), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h) of that Regulation and prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in the Annex to that Regulation. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 of 13 July 2000 laying down common implementing rules for granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty and the criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds [3] specifies the products for which a rate of refund should be fixed, to be applied where these products are exported in the form of goods listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999.

(2) In accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000, the rate of the refund per 100 kilograms for each of the basic products in question must be fixed for each month.

(3) Article 18(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 and Article 11 of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded under the Uruguay Round lay down that the export refund for a product contained in a good may not exceed the refund applicable to that product when exported without further processing.

(4) The refunds fixed under this Regulation may be fixed in advance as the market situation over the next few months cannot be established at the moment.

(5) The commitments entered into with regard to refunds which may be granted for the export of agricultural products contained in goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty may be jeopardized by the fixing in advance of high refund rates. It is therefore necessary to take precautionary measures in such situations without, however, preventing the conclusion of long-term contracts. The fixing of a specific refund rate for the advance fixing of refunds is a measure which enables these various objectives to be met.

(6) Pursuant to Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 a reduced rate of export refund has to be fixed, taking account of the amount of the production refund applicable, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 [4], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1148/98 [5], for the basic product in question, used during the assumed period of manufacture of the goods.

(7) It is necessary to ensure continuity of strict management taking account of expenditure forecasts and funds available in the budget.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The rates of the refunds applicable to the basic products appearing in Annex A to Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000 and listed in Article 1(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, exported in the form of goods listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, are fixed as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Where a refund certificate issued before 15 July 2000 is used, and with regard to the goods listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86, a reduced rate of refund which takes account of the amount of the production refund shall apply.

[1] OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.
[3] OJ L 177, 15.7.2000, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 94, 9.4.1986, p. 9.
[5] OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 8.

However, if, at the time the export declaration is accepted and, in support of his application for payment of the export refund, the operator provides proof that, with regard to the basic products used to manufacture the goods to be exported, the production refund provided for under Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 has not been and will not be applied for, the rate of refund which does not take account of the amount of the production refund shall apply.

The proof referred to in the previous paragraph shall consist of the presentation by the exporter of a declaration by the processor of the basic product in question which attests that, with regard to this product, the production refund provided for under Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 has not been and will not be applied for. This declaration shall be verified in accordance with Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1520/2000.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 August 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 July 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 31 July 2000 amending the rates of the refunds applicable to certain products in the sugar sector exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

Product	Rate of refund in EUR/100 kg	
	In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
White sugar:		
— where the first paragraph of Article 2 applies	—	—
— in all other cases	39,20	39,20