# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1716/2000

## of 1 August 2000

## suspending from 14 to 30 September 2000 the lodging of export licence applications for products in the sugar sector

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 markets in the sugar sector [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1464/95 of 27 June 1995 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences in the sugar sector [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1148/98 [4], and in particular Article 9a(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement on Agriculture resulting from the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty, contains limits on the quantity and value of exports subsidised by the Community. The issue of export licences requested for products in the sugar sector for the second half of September 2000 is likely to result in the value limits agreed in Article 9 of the Agreement on Agriculture being exceeded for the 1999/2000 marketing year. The lodging of licence applications for that period should therefore be suspended.

(2) Since the above limit could also be exceeded as a result of the export of sugars used in certain products processed from fruit and vegetables, the issue of export licences conferring entitlement to refunds on those products should also be suspended.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The lodging of applications for export licences for the products listed in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 conferring entitlement to payment of a refund fixed in accordance with Article 18(5)(a) of that Regulation is hereby suspended from 14 to 30 September 2000.

The first paragraph shall also apply to licence applications lodged in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2315/95 [5].

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 August 2000.

*For the Commission*

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[1] OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.
[3] OJ L 144, 28.6.1995, p. 14.
[4] OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 38.
[5] OJ L 233, 30.9.1995, p. 70.