COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2441/2000
of 3 November 2000
on the issuing of export licences for wine-sector products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 of 11 July 1995 on arrangements for issuing export licences for wine-sector products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2739/1999 [2], and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 63(7) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine [3] limits the grant of export refunds for wine-sector products to the volumes and expenditure contained in the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations.

(2) Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 lays down the conditions under which the Commission may take specific measures to prevent an overrun of the quantity laid down or the budget available under the said Agreement.

(3) On the basis of information on export licence applications available to the Commission on 3 November 2000, the quantity still available for the period until 15 November 2000, for zone (2) Asia referred to in Article 3(4a) of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95, could be exceeded unless the issue of export licences with advance fixing of the refund is restricted. Therefore, a single percentage for the acceptance of applications submitted between 25 and 31 October 2000 should be applied and the submission of applications and the issue of licences suspended until 15 November 2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export licences with advance fixing of the refund for wine-sector products for which applications are submitted between 25 and 31 October 2000 under Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 shall be issued for 62,70 % of the quantities requested for zone (2) Asia.

2. The issue of export licences for wine-sector products referred to in paragraph 1 for which applications are submitted from 1 November 2000 and the submission of export licence applications from 4 November 2000 shall be suspended until 15 November 2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 November 2000.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 161, 12.7.1995, p. 2.
[2] OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 60.
[3] OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.