COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2496/2000

of 14 November 2000

suspending the issuing of import licences for certain sugar-sector products qualifying as EC/OCT originating products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 91/482/EEC of 25 July 1991 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community [1], as last amended by Decision 97/803/EC [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000 of 29 September 2000 providing for the continued application of safeguard measures for imports from the overseas countries and territories of sugar-sector products with EC/OCT cumulation of origin [3], and in particular Article 2(2) thereof, in conjunction with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2553/97 of 17 December 1997 on rules for issuing import licences for certain products covered by CN codes 1701, 1702, 1703 and 1704 and qualifying as ACP/OCT originating products [4], and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 1 or Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000 allows EC/OCT cumulation of origin for products covered by CN codes 1701, 1806 10 30 and 1806 10 90 for up to 4 848 tonnes of sugar during the period of validity of that Regulation. An import licence was issued for 4 848 tonnes of sugar in October 2000.

(2) Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000, in conjunction with Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2553/97, provides that where licence applications cover quantities in excess of 4 848 tonnes of sugar, the Commission is to suspend the submission of further applications during the period of validity of that Regulation.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The submission of further applications during the period of validity of Regulation (EC) No 2081/2000 is hereby suspended.

Article 2

This regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2000.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 329, 29.11.1997, p. 50.
[3] OJ L 246, 30.9.2000, p. 64.
[4] OJ L 349, 19.12.1997, p. 26.