COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 260/2000
of 2 February 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 1303/1999 [2], and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2331/1999 [3] fixes 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 tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes and apples,

(3) As a consequence, for system B licences applied for between 16 November 1999 and 23 January 2000, a rate of refund which is lower than the indicative rate should be fixed for tomatoes, oranges, lemons, table grapes and apples,

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 16 November 1999 and 23 January 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 3 February 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 February 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.
[2] OJ L 155, 22.6.1999, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 281, 4.11.1999, p. 3.

ANNEX

Percentages for the issuing of licences and rates of refund applicable to system B licences applied for between 16 November 1999 and 23 January 2000

Product	Destination or group of destinations	Percentage for the issuing of licences	Rate of refund (EUR/tonne net)
Tomatoes	A00	100 %	17,2
Shelled almonds	A00	100 %	50,0
Hazelnuts in shell	A00	100 %	59,0
Shelled hazelnuts	A00	100 %	114,0
Walnuts in shell	A00	100 %	73,0
Oranges	F01, F02, F05	100 %	50,0
Lemons	A00	100 %	30,8
Table grapes	A00	100 %	22,4
Apples	F01	100 %	38,2
	F02	100 %	36,2
	F03, F04	100 %	30,9