COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 558/2000
of 15 March 2000
fixing the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

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], and in particular point (a) of the second subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 provides that when refunds on white and raw sugar, undenatured and exported in its unaltered state, are being fixed account must be taken of the situation on the Community and world markets in sugar and in particular of the price and cost factors set out in Article 19 of that Regulation; whereas the same Article provides that the economic aspect of the proposed exports should also be taken into account.

(3) The refund on raw sugar must be fixed in respect of the standard quality; the latter is defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EC) No 431/68 of 9 April 1968 determining the standard quality for raw sugar and fixing the Community frontier crossing point for calculating cif prices for sugar [2], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 [3]; furthermore, this refund should be fixed in accordance with Article 19(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999; candy sugar is defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2135/95 of 7 September 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for the grant of export refunds in the sugar sector [4]; the refund thus calculated for sugar containing added flavouring or colouring matter must apply to their sucrose content and, accordingly, be fixed per 1 % of the said content.

(4) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for sugar according to destination.

(5) In special cases, the amount of the refund may be fixed by other legal instruments.

(6) The refund must be fixed every two weeks; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period.

(7) It follows from applying the rules set out above to the present situation on the market in sugar and in particular to quotations or prices for sugar within the Community and on the world market that the refund should be as set out in the Annex hereto.

(8) 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 export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, undenatured and exported in the natural state, are hereby fixed to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 89, 10.4.1968, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105.
[4] OJ L 214, 8.9.1995, p. 16.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 15 March 2000 fixing the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

Product code	Amount of refund
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 11 90 9100	43,23 (1)
1701 11 90 9910	42,69 (1)
1701 11 90 9950	(2)
1701 12 90 9100	43,23 (1)
1701 12 90 9910	42,69 (1)
1701 12 90 9950	(2)
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 91 00 9000	0,4699
	— EUR/100 kg —
1701 99 10 9100	46,99
1701 99 10 9910	48,62
1701 99 10 9950	46,41
	— EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg —
1701 99 90 9100	0,4699

(1) Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %; if the yield is other than 92 %, the refund applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999.

(2) Fixing suspended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2689/85 (OJ L 255, 26.9.1985, p. 12), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3251/85 (OJ L 309, 21.11.1985, p. 14).