COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 571/2000

of 16 March 2000

temporarily suspending the issuing of export licences for certain milk products and determining what proportion of the amounts covered by pending applications for export licences may be allocated

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 174/1999 of 26 January 1999 laying down special detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 as regards export licences and export refunds in the case of milk and milk products [2], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1596/1999 [3], and in particular Article 10(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Uncertainty is a feature of the market in certain milk products; It is necessary to prevent speculative applications that may lead to a distortion in competition between traders, threatening the continuity of exports of those products for the remainder of the current period; The issuing of export licences for the products concerned should be temporarily suspended, and licences for some of these products should not be issued in respect of applications pending.

(2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The issuing of export licences for products falling within CN codes 0402 21 and 0402 29 is hereby suspended from 17 March 2000.

2. No further action shall be taken in respect of applications for licences pending for products falling within CN codes 0402 21 and 0402 29 which would have been issued from 17 March 2000 with the exception of those referred to in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 174/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 17 March 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 March 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.
[2] OJ L 20, 27.1.1999, p. 8.
[3] OJ L 188, 21.7.1999, p. 39.