COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 599/2000

of 17 March 2000

concerning applications for import licences for durum wheat under tariff quotas provided for in Regulation (EC) No 778/1999

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 of 18 June 1996 on the implementation of the concessions set out in Schedule CXL drawn up in the wake of the conclusion of the GATT XXIV:6 negotiations [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Whereas:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 778/1999 of 15 April 1999 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for 300 000 tonnes of quality wheat and 50 000 tonnes of durum wheat and repealing Regulations (EC) No 529/97 and (EC) No 2228/96 [2], lays down special provisions on the organisation of imports under the quota. Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 778/1999 provides that the Commission is to fix a uniform percentage reduction in the quantities if applications for import licences exceed the quantities that may be imported. Applications for licences for durum wheat submitted between 29 January and 14 March 2000 relate to 159 034 tonnes of quality durum wheat. The maximum quantity to be allocated is 50 000 tonnes. The appropriate percentage of reduction for import licence applications submitted between 29 January and 14 March 2000 qualifying for the conditions provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 must therefore be set,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for import licences for durum wheat qualifying for the conditions provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 submitted between 29 January and 14 March 2000 and notified to the Commission shall be accepted for the tonnages indicated therein multiplied by a coefficient of 0,314. Applications not notified to the Commission shall be refused.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 march 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 146, 20.6.1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 101, 16.4.1999, p. 36.