COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 682/2000
of 31 March 2000
fixing the production refund for white sugar used in the chemical industry

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 organization of the markets in the sugar sector [1], and in particular Article 9(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 9(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 it may be decided to grant production refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) and (f) and on the syrups listed in Article 1(1)(d) thereof which are in one of the situations referred to in Article 9(2) of the Treaty and which are used in the manufacture of certain products of the chemical industry.

(2) Council Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 of 25 March 1986 laying down general rules for the production refund on certain sugar products used in the chemical industry [2], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1148/98 [3], establishes the framework within which the production refunds may be determined and lists the chemical products of which the manufacture makes it possible to grant a production refund for the basic products used in their manufacture. Articles 5, 6 and 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 provide that the production refund granted for raw sugar, sucrose syrups and unprocessed isoglucose shall be derived from the refund fixed for white sugar according to a method of calculation peculiar to each of these basic products.

(3) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1729/78 of 24 July 1978 laying down detailed rules of application in respect of the production refund for sugar used in the chemical industry [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1148/98, specifies the method to be used for establishing the production refund; whereas Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1729/78 provides that the production refund for white sugar shall be fixed at three-monthly intervals for the periods beginning 1 July, 1 October, 1 January and 1 April. The application of the abovementioned method entails fixing the production refund as stated in Article 1 for the period referred to therein.

(4) The amendment of the definition of white sugar and raw sugar referred to in Article 1(2)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 has the consequence that flavoured sugars or sugars containing added colouring agents or other substances are no longer considered as falling within these definitions but are to be considered as 'other sugars'. Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 provides for these sugars to be eligible as basic products to the production refund. A method of calculation based on their sucrose content should be laid down for establishing the production refund applicable to these products.

(5) 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 production refund per 100 kilograms of white sugar referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 is hereby fixed at EUR 45,823 for the quarter 1 April to 30 June 2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 94, 9.4.1986, p. 9.
[3] OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 38.
[4] OJ L 201, 25.7.1978, p. 26.