COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 120/2001

of 19 January 2001

on the issue of import licences for rice originating in the ACP States and the overseas countries and territories against applications submitted in the first five working days of January 2001 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2603/97

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2603/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down the detailed rules of application for the import of rice from the ACP States and for the import of rice from the overseas countries and territories (OCT) [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2731/1999 [2], and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2603/97, the Commission must decide within 10 days of the final date for notification by the Member States the extent to which applications can be granted and must fix the available quantities for the following tranche.

(2) Examination of the quantities for which applications have been submitted shows that licences for the January 2001 tranche should be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Import licences for rice against applications submitted during the first five working days of January 2001 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2603/97 and notified to the Commission shall be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto.

2. The available quantities for the following tranche are set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 January 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 January 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 135, 23.12.1997, p. 22.
[2] OJ L 328, 22.12.1999, p. 39.

ANNEX

Regulation (EC) No 2603/97

Reduction percentages to be applied to quantities applied for under the tranche for January 2001 and quantities available for the following tranche:

Origin	Reduction (%)	Quantity available for the tranche for May 2001 (t)
OCT (Article 6) — CN code 1006	—	26 753
ACP (Article 2(1)) — CN codes 1006 10 21 to 1006 10 98, 1006 20 and 1006 30	13,1544	41 666
ACP (Article 3) — CN code 1006 40 00	90,7210	10 000