COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 610/2001

of 29 March 2001

amending Regulation (EC) No 708/98 on the taking over of paddy rice by the intervention agencies and fixing the corrective amounts and the price increases and reductions to be applied

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 [2], and in particular Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The conditions for the taking over of paddy rice by the intervention agencies are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 708/98 [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 691/1999 [4]. Article 2 of that Regulation lays down the conditions under which rice may be accepted for intervention and Article 3 lays down the criteria for applying price increases and reductions, in particular as regards the yield after processing.

(2) Experience in recent marketing years has shown that yields after processing of rice offered for intervention are generally above the basic yields listed in Part B of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 708/98.

(3) In order to strengthen the role of intervention as a safety net and to encourage the production of high-quality rice, the intervention criteria should be tightened up.

(4) Adjustment of the yields after processing listed in Part B of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 708/98, together with a reduction in the current price increases and a reduction in the tolerances for divergence from the basic yield, would appear to be the most effective ways of promoting the production of high-quality rice and, at the same time, ensuring the high quality of rice stored by the intervention agencies.

(5) The Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 708/98 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The second indent of Article 2(2) is replaced by:

   '— the yield after processing is not less than 7 points below the basic yields listed in Part B of Annex II,'.

2. Annex II is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 April 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 March 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 98, 31.3.1998, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 87, 31.3.1999, p. 8.

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

A. **Price increases and reduction related to yield after processing**

Yield from paddy rice in the form of whole grains of milled rice	Price increases and reductions per unit of yield
Above the basic yield	Price increase of 0,75 %
Below the basic yield	Price reduction of 1 %
Total yield from paddy rice in the form of milled rice	Price increases and reductions per unit of yield
Above the basic yield	Price increase of 0,60 %
Below the basic yield	Price reduction of 0,80 %

B. **Basic yield after processing**

Description of quality of rice	Yield in whole grains (%)	Total yield (%)
Carillon	66	70
Argo, Selenio, Couachi	65	72
Alpe, Arco, Balilla, Balilla GG, Balilla Sollana, Bomba, Bombon, Colina, Elio, Flipper, Frances, Lido, Riso, Matusaka, Monticili, Pegoni, Sara, Strella, Thainato, Thaiperla, Ticinese, Veta, Leda, Mareny, Clot, Albada, Guadiamar	64	72
Ispaniko A, Makedonia	63	72
Bravo, Europa, Loto, Riva, Rosa Marchetti, Savio, Veneria	62	71
Tolima	62	70
Inca	62	69
Arôme	61	72
Alfa, Ariete, Bahia, Carola, Cigalon, Corallo, Cripto, Cristal, Drago, Eolo, Girona, Gladio, Graldo, Indio, Italico, Jucar, Koral, Lago, Lemont, Mercurio, Miara, Molo, Navile, Niva, Onda, Padano, Panda, Pierina, Marchetti, Ribe, Ringo, Rio S. Andrea, Saturno, Senia, Sequial, Smeraldo, Star, Stirpe, Vela, Vitro, Calca, Dion, Zeus	61	71
Strymonas	61	70
Anseatico, Arlesienne, Baldo, Belgioioso, Betis, Euribe, Italpatna, Marathon, Redi, Ribello, Rizzotto, Rocca, Roma, romanico, Romeo, Tebre, Volano	60	71

Description of quality of rice	Yield in whole grains (%)	Total yield (%)
Bonnet Bell, Rita, Silla, Thaibonnet, L 202, Puntal	59	71
Evropi, Melas	59	69
Arborio, Arlatan, Blue Belle, Blue Belle "E", Blue Bonnet, Calendal, Razza 82, Rea	57	71
Cesariot, Maratelli, Precoce Rossi	57	69
Carnaroli, Elba, Vialone Nano	56	71
Delta	56	69
Axios	56	66
Roxani	56	65
Irat 348, Mana	46	66
Pygmalion	51	70
Varieties not specified	63	71'