COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 729/2003

of 25 April 2003

fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/2000 [2], and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 13(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice [3], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 [4], and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2681/74 of 21 October 1974 on Community financing of expenditure incurred in respect of the supply of agricultural products as food aid [5] lays down that the portion of the expenditure corresponding to the export refunds on the products in question fixed under Community rules is to be charged to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.

(2) In order to make it easier to draw up and manage the budget for Community food aid actions and to enable the Member States to know the extent of Community participation in the financing of national food aid actions, the level of the refunds granted for these actions should be determined.

(3) The general and implementing rules provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on export refunds are applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the abovementioned operations.

(4) The specific criteria to be used for calculating the export refund on rice are set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For Community and national food aid operations under international agreements or other supplementary programmes, and other Community free supply measures, the refunds applicable to cereals and rice sector products shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 May 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 April 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[4] OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27.
[5] OJ L 288, 25.10.1974, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 25 April 2003 fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

(EUR/t)

Product code	Refund
1001 10 00 9400	0,00
1001 90 99 9000	16,00
1002 00 00 9000	28,00
1003 00 90 9000	13,00
1005 90 00 9000	23,00
1006 30 92 9100	153,00
1006 30 92 9900	153,00
1006 30 94 9100	153,00
1006 30 94 9900	153,00
1006 30 96 9100	153,00
1006 30 96 9900	153,00
1006 30 98 9100	153,00
1006 30 98 9900	153,00
1006 30 65 9900	153,00
1007 00 90 9000	23,00
1101 00 15 9100	21,90
1101 00 15 9130	20,50
1102 10 00 9500	38,25
1102 20 10 9200	35,35
1102 20 10 9400	30,30
1103 11 10 9200	0,00
1103 13 10 9100	45,45
1104 12 90 9100	0,00

NB: The product codes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), amended.