COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 17/2004

of 7 January 2004

laying down the reduction coefficient to be applied under the Community tariff quota for barley provided for by Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003

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 Regulation (EC) No 1104/2003 ([2]),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003 of 29 December 2003 opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for barley from third countries ([3]), and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003 opened an annual tariff quota for the import of 300 000 tonnes of barley falling within CN code 1003 00.

(2) The quantities applied for on 5 January 2004 in accordance with Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003 exceed the quantities available. The extent to which licences may be issued should therefore be determined and a reduction coefficient laid down to be applied to the quantities applied for,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Each application for import licences for the tariff quota for barley lodged and forwarded to the Commission on 5 January 2004 in accordance with Article 3(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 2305/2003 shall be accepted at a rate of 0,015590 of the quantity applied for.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 January 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2004.

For the Commission
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([1]) OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
([2]) OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 342, 30.12.2003, p. 7.