COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 337/2004
of 26 February 2004
fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

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 organization of the market in cereals [1], and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice [2], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 [3], and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provide that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of those Regulations and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 provides that when refunds are being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of cereals, rice and broken rice on the Community market on the one hand and prices for cereals, rice, broken rice and cereal products on the world market on the other. The same Articles provide that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on the markets in cereals and rice and, furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports, and the need to avoid disturbances on the Community market.

(3) Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 [4] on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and from rice defines the specific criteria to be taken into account when the refund on these products is being calculated.

(4) The refund to be granted in respect of certain processed products should be graduated on the basis of the ash, crude fibre, tegument, protein, fat and starch content of the individual product concerned, this content being a particularly good indicator of the quantity of basic product actually incorporated in the processed product.

(5) There is no need at present to fix an export refund for manioc, other tropical roots and tubers or flours obtained therefrom, given the economic aspect of potential exports and in particular the nature and origin of these products. For certain products processed from cereals, the insignificance of Community participation in world trade makes it unnecessary to fix an export refund at the present time.

(6) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination.

(7) The refund must be fixed once a month. It may be altered in the intervening period.

(8) Certain processed maize products may undergo a heat treatment following which a refund might be granted that does not correspond to the quality of the product; whereas it should therefore be specified that on these products, containing pregelatinized starch, no export refund is to be granted.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(d) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and in Article 1(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and subject to Regulation (EC) No 1518/95 are hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 February 2004.

[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1104/2003 (OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[3] OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27.
[4] OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 55. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2993/95 (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 25).

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

Done at Brussels, 26 February 2004.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 26 February 2004 fixing the export refunds on products processed from cereals and rice

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds
1102 20 10 9200 (1)	C10	EUR/t	35,70
1102 20 10 9400 (1)	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1102 20 90 9200 (1)	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1102 90 10 9100	C11	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 10 9900	C11	EUR/t	0,00
1102 90 30 9100	C11	EUR/t	0,00
1103 19 40 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1103 13 10 9100 (1)	C10	EUR/t	45,90
1103 13 10 9300 (1)	C10	EUR/t	35,70
1103 13 10 9500 (1)	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1103 13 90 9100 (1)	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1103 19 10 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1103 19 30 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1103 20 60 9000	C12	EUR/t	0,00
1103 20 20 9000	C11	EUR/t	0,00
1104 19 69 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 12 90 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 12 90 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 19 10 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 19 50 9110	C10	EUR/t	40,80
1104 19 50 9130	C10	EUR/t	33,15
1104 29 01 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 29 03 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 29 05 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 29 05 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 22 20 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 22 30 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 23 10 9100	C10	EUR/t	38,25
1104 23 10 9300	C10	EUR/t	29,33
1104 29 11 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 29 51 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 29 55 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 30 10 9000	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1104 30 90 9000	C10	EUR/t	6,38
1107 10 11 9000	C13	EUR/t	0,00
1107 10 91 9000	C13	EUR/t	0,00
1108 11 00 9200	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1108 11 00 9300	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1108 12 00 9200	C10	EUR/t	40,80
1108 12 00 9300	C10	EUR/t	40,80
1108 13 00 9200	C10	EUR/t	40,80
1108 13 00 9300	C10	EUR/t	40,80
1108 19 10 9200	C10	EUR/t	36,48
1108 19 10 9300	C10	EUR/t	36,48
1109 00 00 9100	C10	EUR/t	0,00
1702 30 51 9000 (2)	C10	EUR/t	39,97
1702 30 59 9000 (2)	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1702 30 91 9000	C10	EUR/t	39,97
1702 30 99 9000	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1702 40 90 9000	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1702 90 50 9100	C10	EUR/t	39,97
1702 90 50 9900	C10	EUR/t	30,60
1702 90 75 9000	C10	EUR/t	41,88
1702 90 79 9000	C10	EUR/t	29,07
2106 90 55 9000	C10	EUR/t	30,60

(1) No refund shall be granted on products given a heat treatment resulting in pregelatinisation of the starch.
(2) Refunds are granted in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2730/75 (OJ L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 20), as amended.

NB The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

The other destinations are as follows:

C10 All destinations except for Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.
C11 All destinations except for Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.
C12 All destinations except for Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.
C13 All destinations except for Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.