COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1727/2006

of 23 November 2006

fixing the export refunds on white and raw sugar exported without further processing

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 of 20 February 2006 on the common organisation of the market in the sugar sector [1], and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 33(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1)(b) of that Regulation and prices for those products on the Community market may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Given the present situation on the sugar market, export refunds should therefore be fixed in accordance with the rules and certain criteria provided for in Articles 32 and 33 of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.

(3) The first subparagraph of Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 provides that the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund according to destination.

(4) Refunds should be granted only on products that are allowed to move freely in the Community and that comply with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.

(5) The negotiations within the framework of the Europe Agreements between the European Community and Romania and Bulgaria aim in particular to liberalise trade in products covered by the common organisation of the market concerned. For those two countries export refunds should therefore be abolished.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Export refunds as provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 shall be granted on the products and for the amounts set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 November 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 November 2006.

For the Commission

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

[1] OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1585/2006 (OJ L 294, 25.10.2006, p. 19).

ANNEX

Export refunds on white and raw sugar exported without further processing applicable from 24 November 2006 [a]

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1701 11 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	18,23 [1]
1701 11 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	18,23 [1]
1701 12 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	18,23 [1]
1701 12 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	18,23 [1]
1701 91 00 9000	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,1982
1701 99 10 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	19,82
1701 99 10 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	19,82
1701 99 10 9950	S00	EUR/100 kg	19,82
1701 99 90 9100	S00	EUR/1 % sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,1982

NB: The destinations are defined as follows:

S00: all destinations except Albania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

[a] The amounts set out in this Annex are not applicable with effect from 1 February 2005 pursuant to Council Decision 2005/45/EC of 22 December 2004 concerning the conclusion and application of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 as regards the provisions applicable to processed agricultural products (OJ L 23, 26.1.2005, p. 17).

[1] This amount is applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %. Where the yield for exported raw sugar differs from 92 % the refund amount applicable shall be multiplied, for each exporting operation concerned, by a conversion factor obtained by dividing by 92 the yield of the raw sugar exported, calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 of Point III of the Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 318/2006.