COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 496/2006

of 27 March 2006

determining the extent to which applications lodged in March 2006 for import licences for certain poultrymeat products under the regime provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for poultrymeat and certain other agricultural products can be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1431/94 of 22 June 1994, laying down detailed rules for the application in the poultrymeat sector of the import arrangements provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for poultrymeat and certain other agricultural products [1] and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

The applications for import licences lodged for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2006 are greater than the quantities available and must therefore be reduced by a fixed percentage to ensure a fair distribution,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Applications for import licences for the period 1 April to 30 June 2006 submitted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1431/94 shall be met as referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.

2. Applications for import licences for the period 1 July to 30 September 2006 may be lodged pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1431/94 for the total quantity as referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2006.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 156, 23.6.1994, p. 9. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1043/2001 (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 24).

ANNEX

Group No	Percentage of acceptance of import certificates submitted for the period 1 April to 30 June 2006	Total quantity available for the period 1 July to 30 September 2006 (t)
1	1,044932	1 775,00
2	—	3 825,00
3	1,082251	825,00
4	1,428571	450,00
5	2,096436	175,00