COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 278/2007

of 15 March 2007

on the issue of system B export licences in the fruit and vegetables sector (oranges)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1961/2001 of 8 October 2001 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables [2], and in particular Article 6(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 134/2007 [3] fixes the indicative quantities for which system B export licences may be issued.

(2) In the light of the information available to the Commission today, there is a risk that the indicative quantities laid down for the current export period for oranges will shortly be exceeded. This overrun will prejudice the proper working of the export refund scheme in the fruit and vegetables sector.

(3) To avoid this situation, applications for system B licences for oranges after 15 March 2007 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B export licences for oranges submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 134/2007, export declarations for which are accepted after 15 March and before 1 July 2007, are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 March 2007.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 2007.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 47/2003 (OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 64).

[2] OJ L 268, 9.10.2001, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

[3] OJ L 42, 14.2.2007, p. 16, as corrected by OJ L 52, 21.2.2007, p. 12.