COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 175/2008

of 27 February 2008

on the issue of licences for importing rice under the tariff quota opened for the February 2008 subperiod by Regulation (EC) No 327/98

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 327/98 of 10 February 1998 opening and providing for the administration of certain tariff quotas for imports of rice and broken rice [2], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 327/98 opens and provides for the administration of certain import tariff quotas for rice and broken rice, broken down by country of origin and split into several subperiods in accordance with Annex IX to that Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No 60/2008, which opens a specific subperiod in February 2008 for the import tariff quota for wholly milled and semi-milled rice originating in the United States of America [3].

(2) The February subperiod is the second subperiod in 2008 for the quota with the number 09.4127 provided for under Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 327/98.

(3) The notification sent in accordance with Article 8(a) of Regulation (EC) No 327/98 shows that, for the quota with serial number 09.4127, the applications lodged in the first 10 working days of February 2008 under Article 4(1) of the Regulation cover a quantity less than (or equal to) that available.

(4) The total quantity available for the following subperiod should therefore be fixed for the quota with serial number 09.4127, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 327/98,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The total quantity available under the quota with serial number 09.4127 as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 327/98 for the next subperiod shall be as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2008.

For the Commission
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Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

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[1] OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 797/2006 (OJ L 144, 31.5.2006, p. 1). Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 is to be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 September 2008.

[2] OJ L 37, 11.2.1998, p. 5. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1538/2007 (OJ L 337, 21.12.2007, p. 49).

[3] OJ L 22, 25.1.2008, p. 6.

ANNEX

Quantity to be allocated for the February 2008 subperiod and quantity available for the following subperiod under Regulation (EC) No 327/98

Quota for wholly milled or semi-milled rice falling within CN code 1006 30 provided for in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 327/98:

Origin	Serial number	Allocation coefficient for February 2008 subperiod	Total quantity available for April 2008 subperiod (kg)
United States of America	09.4127	— [1]	12 365 684

[1] Applications cover quantities less than or equal to the quantities available: all applications are therefore acceptable.