COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 304/2012

of 4 April 2012

fixing the allocation coefficient to be applied to applications for import licences lodged from 23 to 30 March 2012 under subquota I in the context of the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 for common wheat of a quality other than high quality

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 of 31 August 2006 laying down common rules for the administration of import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences [2], and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 [3] opens an overall annual import tariff quota of 3 112 030 tonnes of common wheat of a quality other than high quality. That quota is divided into four subquotas.

(2) Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 sets subquota I (order number 09.4123) at 572 000 tonnes for the period 1 January to 31 December 2012.

(3) The notification made in accordance with Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 shows that the applications lodged from 23 March 2012 at 13.00 to 30 March 2012 at 13.00 (Brussels time) in accordance with Article 4(1), subparagraph 2, of that Regulation exceed the quantities available. The extent to which import licences may be issued should therefore be determined and the allocation coefficient to be applied to the quantities applied for should be fixed.

(4) No further import licences should be issued under subquota I as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 for the current quota period.

(5) In order to ensure sound management of the procedure of issuing import licences, the present Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Each import licence application under subquota I referred to in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 and lodged from 23 March 2012 at 13.00 to 30 March 2012 at 13.00 (Brussels time) shall give rise to the issue of a licence for the quantities applied for, multiplied by an allocation coefficient of 16,678529 %.

2. The issue of licences for the quantities applied for from 30 March 2012 at 13.00 (Brussels time) falling within subquota I as referred to in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1067/2008 is hereby suspended for the current quota period.

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, 4 April 2012.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
José Manuel SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

[1] OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13.
[3] OJ L 290, 31.10.2008, p. 3.