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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007[(1)],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2006 of 30 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 as regards trade with third countries in the sugar sector[(2)], and in particular Article 7e in conjunction with Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) According to point (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 139(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 the sugar produced during a marketing year in excess of the quota referred to in Article 136 of that Regulation may be exported only within the quantitative limit fixed by the Commission.

(2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1164[(3)] sets such quantitative limits.

(3) The quantities of sugar covered by applications for export licences exceed the quantitative limit fixed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1164. An acceptance percentage should therefore be set for quantities applied for from 15 to 19 February 2016. All export-licence applications for sugar lodged after 19 February 2016 should accordingly be rejected and the lodging of export-licence applications should be suspended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1 Export licences for out-of-quota sugar for which applications were lodged from 15 to 19 February 2016 shall be issued for the quantities applied for, multiplied by an acceptance percentage of 84,388187 %.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/259. (See end of Document for details)*

2 Applications for export licences for out-of-quota sugar submitted on 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 February 2016 are hereby rejected.

3 The lodging of applications for export licences for out-of-quota sugar shall be suspended for the period 29 February 2016 to 30 September 2016.

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, 24 February 2016.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Jerzy PLEWA

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development