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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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,

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[(3)], and in particular the first paragraph of Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 327/98 opened and provided 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 with Commission Regulation (EC) No 60/2008[(4)] (Regulation (EC) No 60/2008 opened 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).

(2) The September subperiod is the third subperiod for the rice quotas laid down in Article 1(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 327/98, the fourth subperiod for the quotas of rice originating in Thailand, Australia and origins other than Thailand, Australia and the United States laid down in Article 1(1)(a) and the fifth subperiod for the quota of rice originating in the United States laid down in Article 1(1)(a).

(3) The notifications presented under Article 8(a) of Regulation (EC) No 327/98 show that, for the quotas with order numbers 09.4116 — 09.4117 — 09.4119 — 09.4168, the applications lodged in the first 10 working days of September 2008 under Article 4(1) of the Regulation cover a quantity greater than that available. The extent to which import licences may be issued should therefore be determined by establishing the allocation coefficient to be applied to the quantities requested.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 950/2008. (See end of Document for details)*

(4) It is also clear from the notifications that, for the quotas with order numbers 09.4127 — 09.4128 — 09.4129 — 09.4112 , the applications lodged in the first 10 working days of September 2008 under Article 4(1) of the Regulation cover a quantity less than or equal to that available.

(5) The quantities not used for the September subperiod of the quotas with order numbers 09.4127 — 09.4129 — 09.4130 are transferred to the quota bearing the order number 09.4138 for the following subperiod under Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 327/98.

(6) The total quantities available for the following subperiod should therefore be fixed for the quotas with order numbers 09.4138 and 09.4168, in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 327/98,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1 For import licence applications for rice under the quotas with order numbers 09.4116 — 09.4117 — 09.4119 — 09.4168 as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 327/98 lodged in the first 10 working days of September 2008, licences shall be issued for the quantities requested, multiplied by the allocation coefficients set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

2 The total quantities available under the quotas with order numbers 09.4138 and 09.4168 as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 327/98 for the following subperiod are 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, 25 September 2008.

For the Commission

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