COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 923/2004

of 29 April 2004

on granting import licences for cane sugar for the purposes of certain tariff quotas and preferential agreements

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector [1],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1095/96 of 18 June 1996 on the implementation of the concessions set out in Schedule CXL drawn up in the wake of the conclusion of the GATT XXIV.6 negotiations [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1159/2003 of 30 June 2003 laying down detailed rules of application for the 2003/2004, 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 marketing years for the import of cane sugar under certain tariff quotas and preferential agreements and amending Regulations (EC) No 1464/95 and (EC) No 779/96 [3], and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1159/2003 lays down detailed rules on determining the delivery obligations at zero duty for products falling within CN code 1701 expressed as white sugar equivalent for imports originating in countries which are parties to the ACP Protocol and the India Agreement.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 919/2004 of 29 April 2004 amending the delivery obligations for cane sugar to be imported under the ACP Protocol and the India Agreement for the 2003/2004 delivery period [4] fixed a delivery obligation for Mauritius higher than all the import licence applications submitted to date for the 2003/2004 delivery period.

(3) A check on import licence applications submitted for the 2003/2004 delivery period for Malawi has shown that in the case of the delivery obligation for cane sugar originating in Malawi quantities of sugar are still available.

(4) In these circumstances and in the interests of clarity, it should be indicated that the maximum quantities of the delivery obligations for Mauritius and Malawi for the delivery period concerned have not been reached,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For import licence applications submitted in the period from 19 to 23 April 2004 under Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1159/2003, licences shall be issued up to the maximum quantities indicated in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 30 April 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 April 2004.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16).
[2] OJ L 146, 20.6.1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 162, 1.7.2003, p. 25.
[4] See page 90 of this Official Journal.