COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 449/2004

of 10 March 2004

on granting of 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 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 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 stipulates how the delivery obligations at zero duty of products of CN code 1701, expressed in white sugar equivalent, are to be determined for imports originating in signatory countries to the ACP Protocol and the Agreement with India.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 443/2004 of 10 March 2004 fixing the quantities of the delivery obligations for sugar cane to be imported under the ACP Protocol and the India Agreement for the 2003/04 delivery period [4] fixed a delivery obligation for Tanzania higher than all the import licence applications submitted to date for the 2003/04 delivery period.

(3) In these circumstances, in the interests of clarity, it should be indicated that the maximum quantity of the delivery obligation for Tanzania for the delivery period concerned has not been reached,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the case of import licence applications presented from 1 to 5 March 2004 in line with Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1159/2003 licences shall be issued for the quantities indicated in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 March 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 March 2004.

For the Commission
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Agriculture Director-General

[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. 2).
[2] OJ L 146, 20.6.1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 162, 1.7.2003, p. 25.
[4] See page 52 of this Official Journal.