COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2241/2003

of 19 December 2003

determining the extent to which applications lodged in December 2003 for import licences for certain egg sector products and poultrymeat pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 1474/95 and (EC) No 1251/96 can be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1474/95 [1] opening and providing for the administration of the tariff quotas in the egg sector and for egg albumin, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1043/2001 [2], and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/96 of 28 June 1996 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas in the poultrymeat sector and albumin [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1043/2001 and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

The applications for import licences lodged for the first quarter of 2004 are, in the case of certain products, for quantities less than or equal to the quantities available and can therefore be met in full, but in the case of other products the said applications are for quantities greater than the quantities available and must therefore be reduced by a fixed percentage to ensure a fair distribution,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Applications for import licences for the period 1 January to 31 March 2004 submitted pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 1474/95 and (EC) No 1251/96 shall be met as referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.

2. Applications for import licences for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004 may be lodged pursuant to Regulations (EC) No 1474/95 and (EC) No 1251/96 for the total quantity as referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2003.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 145, 29.6.1995, p. 19.
[2] OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 24.
[3] OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 136.