COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1762/2003
of 7 October 2003
fixing the production levies in the sugar sector for the 2002/03 marketing year

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], as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 680/2002 [2], and in particular the first indent of Article 15(8) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 314/2002 of 20 February 2002 laying down detailed rules for the application of the quota system in the sugar sector [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1140/2003 [4], provides that the basic production levy and the B levy together with, if required, the coefficient referred to in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 for sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup shall be fixed for each marketing year before 15 October in respect of the previous marketing year.

(2) For the 2002/03 marketing year, the estimate of the overall loss recorded in accordance with Article 15(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 requires, in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of that Article, the adoption of 2 % for the basic levy and 19,962 for the B levy.

(3) The overall loss recorded on the basis of known data and in accordance with Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 is covered in its entirety by the receipts from the basic production levy and the B levy. So there is no need to fix the coefficient referred to in Article 16(2) of that Regulation for the 2002/03 marketing year.

(4) The Management Committee for Sugar has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The production levies in the sugar sector shall be as follows for the 2002/03 marketing year:

(a) EUR 12,638 per tonne of white sugar as the basic production levy on A sugar and B sugar;

(b) EUR 126,139 per tonne of white sugar as the B levy on B sugar;

(c) EUR 5,330 per tonne of dry matter as the basic production levy on A isoglucose and B isoglucose;

(d) EUR 55,093 per tonne of dry matter as the B levy on B isoglucose;

(e) EUR 12,638 per tonne of dry matter equivalent sugar/isoglucose as the basic production levy on A inulin syrup and B inulin syrup;

(f) EUR 126,139 per tonne of dry matter equivalent sugar/isoglucose as the B levy on B inulin syrup.

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, 7 October 2003.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.
[3] OJ L 50, 21.2.2002, p. 40.
[4] OJ L 160, 28.6.2003, p. 33.