COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1758/2003

of 3 October 2003

laying down the reduction coefficient to be applied under tariff subquota II for common wheat of a quality other than high quality opened by Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1104/2003 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002 of 27 December 2002 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for common wheat of a quality other than high quality from third countries and derogating from Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1111/2003 [4], and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002 opens an annual tariff quota of 2 981 600 tonnes of common wheat of a quality other than high quality. That quota is divided into three subquotas.

(2) Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002 fixes a quantity of 38 000 tonnes for subquota II for the period 1 January to 31 December 2003.

(3) The quantities applied for on 29 September 2003, in accordance with Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002, exceed the quantities available. The extent to which licences may be issued should therefore be determined and a reduction coefficient laid down to be applied to the quantities applied for,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Each application for an import licence for subquota II for common wheat of a quality other than high quality lodged and forwarded to the Commission on 29 September 2003 in accordance with Article 5(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 2375/2002 shall be accepted at a rate of 50,0115 % of the quantity applied for.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 October 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 October 2003.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 88.
[4] OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 21.