COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 448/2003
of 11 March 2003
fixing the export refunds on eggs

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in eggs [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 493/2002 [2], and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) The present market situation in certain third countries and that regarding competition on particular third country markets make it necessary to fix a refund differentiated by destination for certain products in the egg sector.

(3) It follows from applying these rules and criteria to the present situation on the market in eggs that the refund should be fixed at an amount which would permit Community participation in world trade and would also take account of the nature of these exports and their importance at the present time.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of codes of products for which, when they are exported, the export refund referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 is granted, and the amount of that refund shall be as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 2003.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 49.
[2] OJ L 77, 20.3.2002, p. 7.