COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2280/2002
of 19 December 2002
temporarily suspending the lodging of applications for export licences for certain milk products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 509/2002 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 174/1999 of 26 January 1999 laying down special detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 as regards export licences and export refunds in the case of milk and milk products [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1472/2002 [4], and in particular Article 10(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Uncertainty is a feature of the market in certain milk products. It is necessary to prevent speculative applications that may lead to a distortion in competition between traders. Applications for export licences for the products concerned should be rejected.

(2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for export licences for milk products falling within CN codes 0402 10, 0402 21 and 0402 29 are suspended for the period 20 December 2002 to 1 January 2003.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 December 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2002.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.
[2] OJ L 79, 22.3.2002, p. 15.
[3] OJ L 20, 27.1.1999, p. 8.
[4] OJ L 219, 14.8.2002, p. 4.