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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 Article 22(2)(b) and Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 of 18 September 2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1763/1999 and (EC) No 6/2000 [3], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2487/2001 [4], Council Decision 2001/330/EC of 9 April 2001 on the conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part [5], and Council Decision 2001/868/EC of 29 October 2001 concerning the signing on behalf of the Community and the provisional application of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part [6], provide for the import of sugar sector products into the Community without quantity restrictions and exempt from customs duties. Given the particular sensitivity of the market in the sugar sector and its regulatory mechanisms, special rules should be laid down on the issue of import licences and on their uses.

(2) Consequently, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1464/95 of 27 June 1995 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences in the sugar sector [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1148/98 [8], and Commission Regulation (EC) No 779/96 of 29 April 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 as regards communications in the sugar sector [9] should be amended.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1464/95 is replaced by the following:

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[1] OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.
[3] OJ L 240, 23.9.2000, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 335, 19.12.2001, p. 9.
[5] OJ L 124, 4.5.2001, p. 1.
[6] OJ L 330, 14.12.2001, p. 1.
[7] OJ L 144, 28.6.1995, p. 14.
[8] OJ L 159, 3.6.1998, p. 38.
[9] OJ L 106, 30.4.1996, p. 9.