COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 644/2002
of 12 April 2002
concerning the issue of licences for the import of garlic

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 565/2002 of 2 April 2002 establishing the method for managing the tariff quotas and introducing a system of certificates of origin for garlic imported from third countries [1],

Whereas:

(1) Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 565/2002 provides that if quantities covered by applications for licences exceed the quantities available, the Commission is to fix a simple reduction percentage and suspend the issue of such licences covered by subsequent applications.

(2) Quantities applied for on 8 and 9 April 2002 under Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 565/2002 for products originating in all third countries other than China and Argentina exceed the quantities available. The extent to which licences can be issued, and whether the issue of those licences should be suspended for any subsequent applications, should therefore be determined,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences covered by applications under Article 3(1), of Regulation (EC) No 565/2002 for products originating in all third countries other than China and Argentina on 8 and 9 April 2002 and forwarded to the Commission on 11 April 2002 shall be issued at the rate of:

— 10,356 % of the quantity applied for, for traditional importers,

— 14,213 % of the quantity applied for, for new importers.

Article 2

The issue of import licences relating to the quarter running from 1 June 2002 to 31 August 2002 covered by applications under Regulation (EC) No 565/2002 for products originating in all third countries other than China and Argentina is hereby suspended for applications lodged after 9 April 2002. Applications for the quarter running from 1 September 2002 to 30 November 2002 may be lodged from 8 July 2002.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 April 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 April 2002.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 86, 3.4.2002, p. 11.