COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 603/2002
of 5 April 2002
on the issuing of system B export licences for fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2000 [2], and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2427/2001 [3] fixed the indicative quantities laid down for the issue of export licences other than those requested in the context of food aid.

(2) In the light of information now available to the Commission, the indicative quantities have been exceeded in the case of tomatoes, oranges, lemons and apples.

(3) Those overruns are without prejudice to compliance with the limits resulting from the agreements concluded in accordance with Article 300 of the Treaty. The rate of refund for all products covered by licences applied for under system B from 15 January to 14 March 2002 should be the indicative rate,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The percentages for the issuing of system B export licences, as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, and applied for between 15 January and 14 March 2002, by which the quantities applied for and the rates of refund applicable must be multiplied, are as fixed in the Annex hereto.

The above subparagraph does not apply to licences applied for in connection with food-aid operations as provided for in Article 10(4) of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 April 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 April 2002.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.
[2] OJ L 34, 9.2.2000, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 328, 13.12.2001, p. 22.