COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 114/2003

of 22 January 2003

on the issue of import licences for rice against applications submitted during the first 10 working days of January 2003 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 327/98

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 327/98 of 10 February 1998 opening and providing for the administration of certain tariff quotas for imports of rice and broken rice [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2458/2001 [2], and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 327/98, within 10 days of the closing date for notification by the Member States of licence applications, the Commission must decide to what extent the applications may be accepted and must fix the available quantities for the following tranche.

(2) Examination of the quantities for which applications have been submitted for under the January 2003 additional tranche shows that licences should be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Import licences for rice against applications submitted during the first 10 working days of January 2003 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 327/98 and notified to the Commission shall be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto.

2. The available quantities for the subsequent tranche are set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 January 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 January 2003.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 37, 11.2.1998, p. 5.
[2] OJ L 331, 15.12.2001, p. 10.