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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 462/97

of 11 March 1997

suspending the preferential customs duties and re-establishing the Common Customs Tariff duty on imports of small-flowered roses originating in Israel

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 of 21 December 1987 fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Morocco⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 539/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 (2) (b) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 lays down the conditions for applying a preferential duty on large-flowered roses, small-flowered roses, uniflorous (bloom) carnations and multiflorous (spray) carnations within the limit of tariff quotas opened annually for imports into the Community of fresh cut flowers;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 1981/94⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2397/96⁽⁴⁾, opens and provides for the administration of Community tariff quotas for cut flowers and flower buds, fresh, originating in Cyprus, Jordan, Morocco and Israel respectively;

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 provides, on the one hand, that for a given product of a given origin, the preferential customs duty is to be applicable only if the price of the imported product is at least equal to 85 % of the Community producer price; whereas, on the other hand, the preferential customs duty is, except in exceptional cases, suspended and the Common Customs Tariff duty introduced for a given product of a given origin:

(a) if, on two successive market days, the prices of the imported product are less than 85 % of the Community producer price in respect of at least 30 % of the quantities for which prices are available on representative import markets;

or

(b) if, over a period of five to seven successive market days, the prices of the imported product are alternatively above and below 85 % of the Community producer price in respect of at least 30 % of the quantities for which prices are available on the representative import markets and if, for three days during that period, the prices of the import product have been below that level;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1985/96⁽⁵⁾ fixes the Community producer prices for carnations and roses for the application of the import arrangements;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 700/88⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2917/93⁽⁷⁾, lays down the detailed rules for the application of the arrangements;

Whereas the representative market rates defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95⁽⁹⁾, are used to convert amounts expressed in third country currencies and are used as the basis for determining the agricultural conversion rates of the Member States' currencies; whereas detailed rules on the application and determination of these conversions were set by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1482/96⁽¹¹⁾;

Whereas, on the basis of prices recorded pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 4088/87 and (EEC) No 700/88, it must be concluded that the conditions laid down in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4088/87 for suspension of the preferential customs duty are met for small-flowered roses originating in Israel; whereas the Common Customs Tariff duty should be re-established;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 382, 31. 12. 1987, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 79, 29. 3. 1996, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 199, 2. 8. 1994, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 327, 18. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 264, 17. 10. 1996, p. 14.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 72, 18. 3. 1988, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 264, 23. 10. 1993, p. 33.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 22.

Whereas the quota for the products in question covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1997; whereas, as a result, the suspension of the preferential duty and the reintroduction of the Common Customs Tariff duty apply up to the end of that period at the latest,

preferential customs duty fixed by Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 is hereby suspended and the Common Customs Tariff duty is hereby re-established.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 2

Article 1

For imports of small-flowered roses (CN codes ex 0603 10 11 and ex 0603 10 51) originating in Israel, the

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 1997 and is applicable until 31 December 1997 at the latest.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 463/97**of 11 March 1997****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of
certain 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
3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the
application of the import arrangements for fruit and vege-
tables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No
2375/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92
of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the
conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the
common agricultural policy ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regu-
lation (EC) No 150/95 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3)
thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down,
pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multila-
teral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commis-

sion fixes the standard values for imports from third
countries, in respect of the products and periods stipu-
lated in the Annex thereto;

Whereas, in compliance with the above criteria, the
standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out
in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of
Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in
the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 325, 14. 12. 1996, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 11 March 1997 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(ECU/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 15	204	51,6
	212	95,7
	624	248,9
	999	132,1
0707 00 15	068	60,9
	999	60,9
0709 10 10	220	197,0
	999	197,0
0709 90 73	052	93,1
	204	70,0
	999	81,5
0805 10 01, 0805 10 05, 0805 10 09	052	48,7
	204	45,0
	212	49,0
	220	22,3
	448	24,4
	464	42,3
	600	54,4
	624	54,7
	999	42,6
0805 30 20	052	54,6
	400	65,3
	600	77,7
	999	65,9
0808 10 51, 0808 10 53, 0808 10 59	060	63,0
	388	105,7
	400	95,6
	404	92,9
	508	74,2
	512	89,0
	528	85,6
	999	86,6
0808 20 31	039	97,7
	388	65,2
	400	89,6
	512	59,9
	528	62,9
	999	75,1

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 68/96 (OJ No L 14, 19. 1. 1996, p. 6). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 464/97

of 11 March 1997

amending representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the sugar sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1599/96⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed implementing rules for the import of products in the sugar sector other than molasses⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1127/96⁽⁴⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 1 (2), and Article 3 (1) thereof,

Whereas the amounts of the representative prices and additional duties applicable to the import of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1195/96⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 459/97⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas it follows from applying the general and detailed fixing rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 to the information known to the Commission that the representative prices and additional duties at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 177, 1. 7. 1981, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 43.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 141, 24. 6. 1995, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 150, 25. 6. 1996, p. 12.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 161, 29. 6. 1996, p. 3.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 69, 11. 3. 1997, p. 17.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 11 March 1997 amending representative prices and the amounts of additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99

(ECU)

CN code	Amount of representative prices per 100 kg net of product concerned	Amount of additional duty per 100 kg net of product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	23,97	4,32
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	23,97	9,55
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	23,97	4,12
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	23,97	9,12
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	26,37	12,05
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	26,37	7,53
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	26,37	7,53
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,26	0,39

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 (OJ No L 89, 10. 4. 1968, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 (OJ No L 94, 21. 4. 1972, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ By 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 465/97

of 11 March 1997

determining the world market price for unginned cotton and the rate for the aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular paragraphs 3 and 10 of Protocol 4 on cotton, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995⁽²⁾ laying down general rules for the system of aid for cotton and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1584/96⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 3, 4 and 5 thereof,

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires a world market price for unginned cotton to be periodically determined from the world market price determined for ginned cotton, using the historical relationship between the two prices as specified in Article 1 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89 of 3 May 1989 laying down rules for implementing the system of aid for cotton⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1645/96⁽⁵⁾; whereas if it cannot be determined in this way it is to be based on the last price determined;

Whereas Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires the world market price for ginned cotton to be determined for a product of specific characteristics using the most favourable offers and quotations on the world market of those considered representative of the real market trend; whereas to this end an average is to be calculated of offers and quotations on one or more European exchanges for a cif product to a North European port from the supplier countries considered most representative as regards international trade; whereas these rules for determination of the world market price for ginned cotton provide for adjustments to reflect dif-

ferences in product quality and the nature of offers and quotations; whereas these adjustments are specified in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1201/89;

Whereas application of the above rules gives the world market price for unginned cotton indicated hereunder;

Whereas Article 5 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 stipulates that the advance payment rate for the aid is to be the guide price less the world market price and less a further amount calculated by the formula applicable when the guaranteed maximum quantity is overrun but with a 15 % increase in the estimate for unginned cotton production; whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1683/96⁽⁶⁾ determined estimated production for the 1996/97 marketing year; whereas application of these rules gives the advance payment rates for each Member State indicated hereunder,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The world market price for unginned cotton as indicated in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 is set at ECU 38,636 per 100 kilograms.

2. Advance payment of the aid as indicated in Article 5 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 shall be at the rate of:

- ECU 55,971 per 100 kilograms in Spain,
- ECU 25,463 per 100 kilograms in Greece,
- ECU 67,664 per 100 kilograms in other Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 1997.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 48.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 123, 4. 5. 1989, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 207, 17. 8. 1996, p. 3.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 217, 28. 8. 1996, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1997.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 466/97**of 11 March 1997****on the issuing of A1 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 (EEC) No 1035/72 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 324/97⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 (3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 351/97⁽³⁾ sets the quantities for which A1 export licences, other than those requested in the context of food aid, may be issued;

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 sets the conditions under which special measures may be taken by the Commission with a view to avoiding an overrun of the quantities for which A1 licences may be issued;

Whereas the Commission has received information which indicates that those quantities, reduced or increased by the quantities referred to in Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 2190/96, would be exceeded if A1 licences were issued without restriction for tomatoes and lemons in

response to applications submitted since 6 March 1997; whereas, therefore, a percentage should be fixed for the issuing of licences for quantities applied for on 6 March 1997 and applications for A1 licences submitted later in that application period should be rejected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A1 export licences for tomatoes and lemons for which applications are submitted on 6 March 1997 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 351/97 shall be issued at the percentage for quantities applied for indicated in the Annex to this Regulation.

Applications for A1 export licences submitted after 6 March 1997 and before 29 April 1997 for those products shall be rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 292, 15. 11. 1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 52, 22. 2. 1997, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 59, 28. 2. 1997, p. 4.

ANNEX

Products	Percentage of licences issued for quantities applied for
Tomatoes	7,39 %
Lemons	0,99 %

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 February 1997

amending Decision 94/652/EC establishing the inventory and distribution of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/174/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 94/458/EC ⁽²⁾ has laid down rules on the administrative management of co-operation in the scientific examination of questions relating to food;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/652/EC ⁽³⁾ has established the inventory and distribution of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food;

Whereas Article 3 of Directive 93/5/EEC provides for the updating at least every six months of the inventory and distribution of tasks;

Whereas the inventory of tasks should be established and updated having regard to the need for the protection of

public health within the Community and the requirements of Community legislation in the foodstuffs sector;

Whereas the tasks should be distributed having regard to the scientific expertise and resources available within the Member States and in particular, within the institutes which will be participating in the scientific cooperation;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Food,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 94/652/EC is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1997.

For the Commission

Martin BANGEMANN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 52, 4. 3. 1993, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 189, 23. 7. 1994, p. 84.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 253, 29. 9. 1994, p. 29.

ANNEX

Inventory of tasks to be undertaken by Member States within the framework of cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food

Subject, nature and extent of the task	Member States to which the task is distributed	Time limit for completion
1. Flavouring substances		
1.1. Chemically defined flavouring substances To prepare reports for the safety evaluation of chemically defined flavouring substances; to establish and maintain a physical and electronic archive of the available toxicological and exposure data for the substances concerned.	Denmark (coordinator) Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 2000
2. Microbiology		
2.3. Microbiological risk assessment Collection from participating Member States of information on methodology and data to underpin a process for microbiological risk assessment at European level.	France (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 1998
3. Contaminants		
3.1. General questions	Italy, United Kingdom (overall coordinators)	31 December 1999
3.1.1. Unscheduled and urgent questions To coordinate the collection of data in the Member States required for risk assessment by the Scientific Committee for Food in response to unscheduled and urgent questions related to food contaminants.	All the Member States	
4. Intake and exposure assessments		
4.2. Development of methodologies for the assessment of the dietary intake of food additives Development of systems for the monitoring of food additive consumption and usage in the Member States in support of the requirement of Directive 89/107/EEC and its specific directives on colours, sweeteners and miscellaneous additives.	United Kingdom (coordinator) Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden	31 March 1997
7. Nutrition, allergies and health		
7.2. Consideration of the epidemiological basis for appropriate measures for the protection of public health in respect of food allergy.	United Kingdom (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden	31 December 1997
8. Packaging materials		
8.1. Preparation of summary data sheets or reports for the risk assessment of the substances used for or present in food contact materials.	Netherlands (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 2002