# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 115/2000

## of 19 January 2000

## on the issue of import licences for certain products falling within CN codes 1701, 1702, 1703 and 1704 and qualifying as ACP/OCT originating products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 91/482/EEC of 25 July 1991 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community [1], (hereinafter referred to as 'OCT Decision'), as last amended by Decision 97/803/EC [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2553/97 of 17 December on rules for issuing import licences for certain products covered by CN-Codes 1701, 1702, 1703 and 1704 and qualifying as ACP/OCT [3], originating products, and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 108b(1) of the OCT Decision allows ACP/OCT cumulation of origin in the case of products falling within CN codes 1701, 1702, 1703 and 1704 up to an annual quantity of 3 000 tonnes of sugar;

(2) two applications have been submitted to the national authorities in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2553/97 for the issue of import licences covering a total quantity exceeding the 3 000 tonnes allowed under the OCT Decision;

(3) Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2553/97 provides that, where licence applications cover annual quantities in excess of 3 000 tonnes of sugar, the Commission is to adopt a regulation fixing a single reducing coefficient to be applied to each application submitted and suspend the submission of further applications during the year in progress;

(4) the Commission must therefore fix the reducing coefficient for the issue of import licences and suspend submission of further licence applications for 2000,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Import licences covered by applications submitted under Artile 108b of the OCT Decision on 3 January 2000 for a quantity of 732,300 tonnes of sugar falling within CN code 1701 11 90 and on 6 January for a quantity of 3 000 tonnes of sugar falling within CN code 1701 99 10 shall be issued for 80,37939 % of the quantity applied for.

*Article 2*

The submission of further applications for 2000 is suspended.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 January 2000.

*For the Commission*

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[1] OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 329, 29.11.1997, p. 50.
[3] OJ L 349, 19.12.1997, p. 26.