COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 585/2001

of 26 March 2001

providing for compensation to producer organisations for tuna delivered to the processing industry between 1 January and 31 March 2000

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the market in fishery and aquaculture products [1], and in particular Article 27(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Until 31 December 2000, Article 18 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organisation of the market in fishery and aquaculture products [2], which was repealed by Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, provided for a compensatory allowance to be granted under certain conditions to Community tuna producer organisations for quantities of tuna delivered to the processing industry during the calendar quarter for which prices had been recorded, where both the average quarterly selling price recorded on the Community market and the free-at-frontier price plus any applicable countervailing charge were lower than 91 % of the Community producer price for the product concerned.

(2) An examination of the situation on the Community market in the year 2000 has shown that between 1 January and 31 March of that year both the average quarterly selling price and the free-at-frontier price as referred to in Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) weighing more than 10 kg each, yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) weighing not more than 10 kg each, bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) and skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*) were lower than 91 % of the Community producer price in force, as laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 2748/1999 [3].

(3) The conditions laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 should be retained in order to take a decision on granting the compensatory allowance on the products in question for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2000.

(4) Entitlement to the compensatory allowance should be determined on the basis of sales covered by invoices bearing a date falling within the quarter concerned and which have been used to calculate the average monthly selling price referred to in Article 7(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2210/93 [4], which was repealed with effect from 1 January 2001 by Commission Regulation (EC) No 80/2001 [5].

(5) The level of the compensation provided for in Article 18(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 may not in any case exceed either the difference between the triggering threshold and the average selling price of the product in question on the Community market or a flat-rate amount equivalent to 12 % of that threshold.

(6) The quantities on which compensation as provided for in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 is payable may under no circumstances exceed the limits laid down in paragraph 3 of that Article for the quarter concerned.

(7) The quantities of yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) weighing more than 10 kg each, yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) weighing not more than 10 kg each, bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) and skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*) sold and delivered to the processing industry established in the customs territory of the Community were higher during the quarter concerned than the quantities sold and delivered during the same quarter of the three previous fishing years. Since those quantities exceed the limit set in Article 18(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92, the total quantities of those products on which compensation is payable should therefore be limited.

[1] OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22.
[2] OJ L 388, 31.12.1992, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 331, 23.12.1999, p. 28.
[4] OJ L 197, 6.8.1993, p. 8.
[5] OJ L 13, 17.1.2001, p. 3.

(8) In accordance with the ceilings laid down in Article 18(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for the purpose of calculating the allowance to be granted to each producer organisation, the quantities on which the allowance is payable should be allocated among the producer organisations concerned in proportion to the quantities produced by them in the same quarter of the 1997, 1998 and 1999 fishing years.

(9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The compensatory allowance to producer organisations for tuna delivered to the processing industry shall be granted for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2000 in respect of the following products:

(EUR/tonne)

Product	Maximum allowance
Yellowfin tuna *(Thunnus albacares)* weighing more than 10 kg each	8
Yellowfin tuna *(Thunnus albacares)* weighing not more than 10 kg each	104
Bigeye tuna *(Thunnus obesus)*	13
Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito *(Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis)*	83

Article 2

1. The total quantities on which the allowance for these species is payable shall be:

— yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) weighing more than 10 kg each: 11 739,039 tonnes

— yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) weighing not more than 10 kg each: 6 148,861 tonnes

— bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*): 684,420 tonnes

— skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*): 10 040,996 tonnes.

2. The allocation of the total quantity among the producer organisations concerned shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following 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, 26 March 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Allocation among producer organisations of quantities of tuna on which the compensatory allowance is payable for the period 1 January to 31 March 2000, broken down by compensation percentage band

1. *(tonnes)*

Yellowfin tuna *(Thunnus albacares)* weighing more than 10 kg each	Quantities 100 % of which is eligible for compensation	Quantities 50 % of which is eligible for compensation	Total quantities on which compensation is payable
Opagac	3 091,113	0	3 091,113
OPTUC	4 697,777	0	4 697,777
OP 42 (Can.)	0	0	0
Orthongel	3 950,149	0	3 950,149
APASA	0	0	0
Madeira	0	0	0
EU — Total	11 739,039	0	11 739,039

2. *(tonnes)*

Yellowfin tuna *(Thunnus albacares)* not weighing more than 10 kg each	Quantities 100 % of which is eligible for compensation	Quantities 50 % of which is eligible for compensation	Total quantities on which compensation is payable
Opagac	3 067,739	0	3 067,739
OPTUC	3 004,708	0	3 004,708
OP 42 (Can.)	0	0	0
Orthongel	76,414	0	76,414
APASA	0	0	0
Madeira	0	0	0
EU — Total	6 148,861	0	6 148,861

3. *(tonnes)*

Bigeye tuna *(Thunnus obesus)*	Quantities 100 % of which is eligible for compensation	Quantities 50 % of which is eligible for compensation	Total quantities on which compensation is payable
Opagac	326,997	1,262	328,259
OPTUC	293,932	1,135	295,067
OP 42 (Can.)	0	0	0
Orthongel	60,859	0,235	61,094
APASA	0	0	0
Madeira	0	0	0
EU — Total	681,788	2,632	684,420

4. *(tonnes)*

Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito *(Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis)*	Quantities 100 % of which is eligible for compensation	Quantities 50 % of which is eligible for compensation	Total quantities on which compensation is payable
Opagac	5 432,346	398,364	5 830,710
OPTUC	4 204,620	0	4 204,620
OP 42 (Can.)	0	0	0
Orthongel	5,279	0,387	5,666
APASA	0	0	0
Madeira	0	0	0
EU — Total	9 642,245	398,751	10 040,996