COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1775/2004

of 14 October 2004

setting the production levies in the sugar sector for the 2003/04 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector [1], and in particular the first indent of Article 15(8) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 314/2002 of 20 February 2002 laying down detailed rules for the application of the quota system in the sugar sector [2], provides that the basic production levy and the B levy together with, if required, the coefficient referred to in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 for sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup are to be set before 15 October in respect of the previous marketing year.

(2) For the 2003/04 marketing year, the estimate of the overall loss recorded in accordance with Article 15(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 requires, in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of that Article, the adoption of 2 % for the basic levy and 27,050 % for the B levy.

(3) The overall loss recorded on the basis of known data and in accordance with Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 is covered in its entirety by the receipts from the basic production levy and the B levy. As a result, there is no need to set the coefficient referred to in Article 16(2) of that Regulation for the 2003/04 marketing year.

(4) The Management Committee for Sugar has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The production levies in the sugar sector for the 2003/04 marketing year shall be as follows:

(a) EUR 12,638 per tonne of white sugar as the basic production levy on A sugar and B sugar;

(b) EUR 170,929 per tonne of white sugar as the B levy on B sugar;

(c) EUR 5,330 per tonne of dry matter as the basic production levy on A isoglucose and B isoglucose;

(d) EUR 73,014 per tonne of dry matter as the B levy on B isoglucose;

(e) EUR 12,638 per tonne of dry matter sugar/isoglucose equivalent as the basic production levy on A inulin syrup and B inulin syrup;

(f) EUR 170,929 per tonne of dry matter sugar/isoglucose equivalent as the B levy on B inulin syrup.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 14 October 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16).

[2] OJ L 50, 21.2.2002, p. 40. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 38/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 13).