

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 442/2004
of 10 March 2004

fixing the unit amounts in respect of the production levies in the sugar sector for the 2002/2003 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⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 15(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 6 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⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 38/2004⁽⁴⁾, provides for the fixing before 1 April of the unit amounts to be paid by sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup producers as advance payments of the production levies for the current marketing year.
- (2) The estimate of the basic levy gives an amount which is more than 60 % of the maximum indicated in Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 while the estimate of the B levy gives an amount below 60 % of the maximum indicated in Article 15(5) of that Regulation. In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 314/2002, the unit amounts for sugar and inulin syrup should therefore be fixed at 50 % of the maximum amounts concerned, while the unit amount of the advance payments for the B levy should be fixed at 80 % of the estimated B levy for sugar and inulin syrup. The advance payment for isoglucose is fixed at 40 % of the unit amount of the basic production levy estimated for sugar, in accordance with Article 7(3) of that Regulation.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The unit amounts referred to in Article 6(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 314/2002 in respect of the 2002/2003 marketing year are hereby fixed as follows:

- (a) the advance payment on the production levy for A sugar and B sugar shall be EUR 6,32 per tonne of white sugar;
- (b) the advance payment on the B levy for B sugar shall be EUR 86,50 per tonne of white sugar;
- (c) the advance payment on the basic production levy for A isoglucose and B isoglucose shall be EUR 5,06 per tonne of dry matter;
- (d) the advance payment on the basic production levy for A inulin syrup and B inulin syrup shall be EUR 6,32 per tonne of dry matter sugar/isoglucose equivalent;
- (e) the advance payment on the B levy for B inulin syrup shall be EUR 86,50 per tonne of dry matter sugar/isoglucose equivalent.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 10 March 2004.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 50, 21.2.2002, p. 40.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 13.