

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/259**of 24 February 2016****fixing an acceptance percentage for the issuing of export licences, rejecting export-licence applications and suspending the lodging of export-licence applications for out-of-quota sugar**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2006 of 30 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 as regards trade with third countries in the sugar sector ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 7e in conjunction with Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) According to point (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 139(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 the sugar produced during a marketing year in excess of the quota referred to in Article 136 of that Regulation may be exported only within the quantitative limit fixed by the Commission.
- (2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1164 ⁽³⁾ sets such quantitative limits.
- (3) The quantities of sugar covered by applications for export licences exceed the quantitative limit fixed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1164. An acceptance percentage should therefore be set for quantities applied for from 15 to 19 February 2016. All export-licence applications for sugar lodged after 19 February 2016 should accordingly be rejected and the lodging of export-licence applications should be suspended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Export licences for out-of-quota sugar for which applications were lodged from 15 to 19 February 2016 shall be issued for the quantities applied for, multiplied by an acceptance percentage of 84,388187 %.
2. Applications for export licences for out-of-quota sugar submitted on 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 February 2016 are hereby rejected.
3. The lodging of applications for export licences for out-of-quota sugar shall be suspended for the period 29 February 2016 to 30 September 2016.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 178, 1.7.2006, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1164 of 15 July 2015 fixing the quantitative limit for the exports of out-of-quota sugar and isoglucose until the end of the 2015/2016 marketing year (OJ L 188, 16.7.2015, p. 28).

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

Done at Brussels, 24 February 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
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Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*
