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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 332/97**of 25 February 1997****on the issuing of export licences for products processed from fruit and vegetables**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1429/95 of 23 June 1995 on implementing rules for export refunds on products processed from fruit and vegetables other than those granted for added sugars⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 341/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2031/96⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2327/96⁽⁴⁾, specifies the quantities which may be covered by applications submitted for export licences with advance fixing of the refund other than those applied for in connection with food aid;

Whereas Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1429/95 lays down the conditions under which special measures may be taken by the Commission to prevent an overrun in the quantities for which export licence applications may be submitted;

Whereas, in view of the information available to the Commission as of today, the quantity of 356,053 tonnes

of orange juice with a sugar content of 55° Brix or more in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2031/96, reduced or increased by the quantities referred to in Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1429/95, would be exceeded if licences were issued with advanced fixing of refunds without restriction in response to applications submitted on 21 February 1997; whereas a reducing factor should accordingly be applied to the quantities applied for on 21 February 1997,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Export licences with advance fixing of the refund for orange juice with a sugar content of 55° Brix or more, for which applications have been submitted on 21 February 1997 under Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2031/96 shall be issued for 27,14 % of the quantities applied for.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 26 February 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1997.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 141, 24. 6. 1995, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 48, 27. 2. 1996, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 271, 24. 10. 1996, p. 25.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 316, 4. 12. 1996, p. 15.