

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1155/97  
of 25 June 1997**

**fixing the reduction coefficients for the determination of the quantity of  
bananas to be allocated to each operator in categories A and B from the tariff  
quota for 1997**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 of 13 February 1993 on the common organization of the market in bananas <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93 of 10 June 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of the arrangements for importing bananas into the Community <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1409/96 <sup>(4)</sup>, the Commission, depending on the annual tariff quota and the total reference quantities of operators determined pursuant to Articles 3 and following of that Regulation, is to fix, where appropriate, a single reduction coefficient for each category of operators to be applied to operators' reference quantities to determine the quantity to be allocated to each for the year in question;

Whereas, pending the adaptation of the volume of the tariff quota as a result of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden and the results of additional verifications concerning certain information communicated by Member States, Commission Regulation (EC) No 2035/96 <sup>(5)</sup>, for the purposes of implementing Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93, provisionally fixes the reduction coefficients to be applied to the reference quantity of each operator in categories A and B, on the basis of a tariff quota volume of 2 200 000 tonnes for 1997;

Whereas the volume of the tariff quota was subsequently fixed at 2 553 000 tonnes for 1997 by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/97 <sup>(6)</sup>; whereas, however, the special quantity of 10 000 tonnes reserved for cases of extreme

hardship must not be taken into account for the calculation of the reduction coefficients in question;

Whereas, on that basis and taking account of the additional verifications carried out since the adoption of Regulation (EC) No 2035/96, the new coefficients for 1997 should be determined; whereas, for the sake of clarity, Regulation (EC) No 2035/96 should be repealed;

Whereas the provisions of this Regulation must enter into force immediately, given the time limits laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93;

Whereas the Management Committee for Bananas has failed to deliver an opinion within the time limit laid down by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The quantity to be allocated to each operator in categories A and B in respect of the period from 1 January to 31 December 1997 within the tariff quota provided for in Articles 18 and 19 of Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 shall be calculated by applying to the operator's reference quantity, determined in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/93, the following single reduction coefficients:

- for each category A operator: 0,732550
- for each category B operator: 0,540459

*Article 2*

Regulation (EC) No 2035/96 is hereby repealed.

*Article 3*

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 47, 25. 2. 1993, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 142, 12. 6. 1993, p. 6.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 181, 20. 7. 1996, p. 13.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 272, 25. 10. 1996, p. 6.

<sup>(6)</sup> See page 65 of this Official Journal.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 June 1997.

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

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