

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1152/1999**  
**of 1 June 1999**  
**fixing the intervention threshold for lemons for the 1999/2000 marketing year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 857/1999<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 27(1) and (2) thereof,

(1) Whereas Article 27(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides for an intervention threshold to be fixed if the market in a product listed in Annex II is suffering or is at risk of suffering from widespread structural imbalances giving or liable to give rise to too large a volume of withdrawals; whereas such a development might cause budget problems for the Community;

(2) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1068/98<sup>(3)</sup> has fixed an intervention threshold for lemons for the 1998/1999 marketing year; whereas the conditions laid down by the abovementioned Article 27 have been met for this product; whereas an intervention threshold must therefore be set for lemons for the 1999/2000 marketing year;

(3) Whereas the intervention threshold for each product has to be fixed on the basis of a percentage of the average production intended for consumption in the natural state over the last five marketing years for which data are available; whereas the period to be taken into account for assessing the overrun of the intervention threshold must also be established for this product;

(4) Whereas, under the abovementioned Article 27, an overrun of the intervention threshold gives rise to a reduction in the Community withdrawal

compensation in the marketing year following the overrun; whereas the implications of this overrun for the product in question should be determined and a reduction proportional to the size of the overrun should be fixed, up to a certain percentage;

(5) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. The intervention threshold for the 1999/2000 marketing year shall be fixed at 73 100 tonnes.

2. The overrun of the intervention threshold shall be assessed on the basis of the withdrawals carried out between 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000.

*Article 2*

If the quantity subject to withdrawals in the period laid down in Article 1(2) exceeds the threshold fixed in Article 1(1), the Community withdrawal compensation fixed pursuant to Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 shall be reduced in the following marketing year in proportion to the size of the overrun, based on the production used to calculate the threshold in question.

The Community withdrawal compensation shall not, however, be reduced by more than 30 %.

*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 L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 7.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 153, 27.5.1998, p. 9.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 June 1999.

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

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