

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1815/2003
of 15 October 2003**

on the issue of import licences for rice originating in the ACP States and the overseas countries and territories against applications submitted in the first five working days of October 2003 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 638/2003

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision (EC) No 2286/2002 of 10 December 2002 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community (Overseas Association Decision) ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 638/2003 of 9 April 2003 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 2286/2002 and Council Decision 2001/822/EC as regards the arrangements applicable to imports of rice originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and the overseas countries and territories (OCT) ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas:

Examination of the quantities for which applications have been submitted shows that licences for the October 2003 tranche should be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages not covered,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences for rice against applications submitted during the first five working days of October 2003 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 638/2003 and notified to the Commission shall be issued for the quantities applied for reduced, where appropriate, by the percentages set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 October 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 October 2003.

For the Commission
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 93, 10.4.2003, p. 3.

ANNEX

Reduction percentages to be applied to quantities applied for under the tranche for October 2003 and quota use in 2003

Origin/Product	Reduction percentage for the October 2003 tranche		Final use of the quota for 2003 in percentage terms	
	Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	Least-developed OCTs	Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	Least-developed OCTs
OCT (Article 10) — CN code 1006	33,4336	—	100	100

Origin/product	Final use of the quota for 2003 in percentage terms
ACP (Article 3(1)) — CN codes 1006 10 21 to 1006 10 98, 1006 20 and 1006 30	100
ACP (Article 5) — CN code 1006 40 00	100