

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1214/2008**of 5 December 2008****fixing the coefficients applicable to cereals exported in the form of Irish whiskey for the period 2008/2009**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 162(3) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1670/2006 of 10 November 2006 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 as regards the fixing and granting of adjusted refunds in respect of cereals exported in the form of certain spirit drinks ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1670/2006 lays down that the quantities of cereals eligible for the refund are to be the quantities placed under control and distilled, weighted by a coefficient to be fixed annually for each Member State concerned. The coefficient is to express the average ratio between the total quantities exported and the total quantities marketed of the spirit drink concerned, on the basis of the trend noted in those quantities during the number of years corresponding to the average ageing period of the spirit drink in question.
- (2) According to the information provided by Ireland in respect of the period 1 January to 31 December 2007,

the average ageing period for Irish whiskey in 2007 was five years.

- (3) The coefficients for the period 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009 should therefore be fixed accordingly.
- (4) Article 10 of Protocol 3 to the Agreement on the European Economic Area excludes the grant of refunds in respect of exports to Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway. Moreover, the Community has concluded agreements abolishing export refunds with certain third countries. Under the terms of Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1670/2006, this should be taken into account in calculating the coefficients for 2008/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009, the coefficients provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1670/2006 applying to cereals used in Ireland for manufacturing Irish whiskey shall be as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 October 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 December 2008.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 312, 11.11.2006, p. 33.

ANNEX

Coefficients applicable in Ireland

Period of application	Coefficient applicable	
	to barley used in the production of Irish whiskey, category B ⁽¹⁾	to cereals used in the production of Irish whiskey, category A
1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009	0,086	0,150

⁽¹⁾ Including malted barley.