COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 988/2006

of 29 June 2006

limiting the term of validity of export licences for certain products processed from cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ([1]), and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1342/2003 of 28 July 2003 laying down special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences for cereals and rice ([2]), and in particular Article 7(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2003 fixes the term of validity of export licences, in particular for products processed from maize. That term of validity extends to the end of the fourth month following that of issue of the licence. The term of validity is fixed in accordance with market requirements and the need for sound management.

(2) The current situation on the maize market makes it desirable to limit the issuing of licences in order to avoid committing quantities from the new marketing year. Licences to be issued in forthcoming months must be reserved for exports before 8 September 2006. To that end, the term of validity of export licences to be issued for execution up to 7 September 2006 must be limited. A temporary derogation should accordingly be introduced to Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2003.

(3) In order to ensure sound management of the market and to prevent speculation, provision should be made for customs export formalities for export licences for products processed from maize to be completed by 7 September 2006 at the latest either as direct exports or exports under the arrangements laid down in Articles 4 and 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 of 4 March 1980 on the advance payment of export refunds in respect of agricultural products ([3]). Such limiting of the term of validity of export licences entails a derogation from Articles 28(6) and 29(5) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 of 15 April 1999 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of export refunds on agricultural products ([4]).

(4) The application of the measures provided for in this Regulation must coincide with its entry into force in order to avoid potential market disturbance.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Notwithstanding Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2003, export licences for products referred to in Annex I applied for from the date of entry into force of this Regulation to 31 August 2006 shall be valid until 7 September 2006 only.

2. Customs export formalities for the above licences must be completed by 7 September 2006 at the latest.

That deadline shall also apply to the formalities referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 in respect of products placed under the arrangements referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 under cover of such licences.

One of the indications in Annex II shall be entered in Section 22 of the licences.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 30 June 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 June 2006.

For the Commission

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Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

([1]) OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

([2]) OJ L 189, 29.7.2003, p. 12. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1092/2004 (OJ L 209, 11.6.2004, p. 9).

([3]) OJ L 62, 7.3.1980, p. 5. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 444/2003 (OJ L 67, 12.3.2003, p. 3).

([4]) OJ L 102, 17.4.1999, p. 11. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 671/2004 (OJ L 105, 14.4.2004, p. 5).

ANNEX I

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CN code	Description
	Products derived from maize, consisting of the following subheadings:
1102 20	Maize flour
1103 13	Maize groats
1103 29 40	Maize pellets
1104 19 50	Rolled or flaked maize
1104 23	Hulled maize
1108 12 00	Maize starch
1108 13 00	Potato starch

ANNEX II

Indications referred to in Article 1(2)

— *in Spanish:* Limitación establecida en el apartado 2 del artículo 1 del Reglamento (CE) nº 988/2006

— *in Czech:* Omezení stanovené na základě čl. 1 ods. 2 nařízení (ES) č. 988/2006

— *in Danish:* Begrænsning, jf. artikel 1, stk. 2, i forordning (EF) nr. 988/2006

— *in German:* Kürzung der Gültigkeitsdauer gemäß Artikel 1 Absatz 2 der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 988/2006

— *in Estonian:* Piirang on ette nähtud määruse (EÜ) nr 988/2006 artikli 1 lõike 2 alusel

— *in Greek:* Περιορισμός που προβλέπεται στο άρθρο 1 παράγραφος 2 του κανονισμού (ΕΚ) αριθ. 988/2006

— *in English:* Limitation provided for in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 988/2006

— *in French:* Limitation prévue à l'article 1er, paragraphe 2, du règlement (CE) nº 988/2006

— *in Italian:* Limitazione prevista all'articolo 1, paragrafo 2 del regolamento (CE) n. 988/2006

— *in Latvian:* Ierobežojums paredzēts Regulas (EK) Nr. 988/2006 1. panta 2. punktā

— *in Lithuanian:* Apribojimas numatytas Reglamento (EB) Nr. 988/2006 1 straipsnio 2 dalyje

— *in Hungarian:* Korlátozott érvényességi időtartam a 988/2006/EK rendelet 1. cikk (2) bekezdésének megfelelően

— *in Dutch:* Beperking als bepaald in artikel 1, lid 2, van Verordening (EG) nr. 988/2006

— *in Polish:* Ograniczenie przewidziane w art. 1 ust. 2 rozporządzenia (WE) nr 988/2006

— *in Portuguese:* Limitação estabelecida n.º 2 do artigo 1.º do Regulamento (CE) n.º 988/2006

— *in Slovak:* Obmedzenie stanovené článkom 1 ods. 2 nariadenia (ES) č. 988/2006

— *in Slovene:* Omejitev določena v členu 1(2) Uredbe (ES) št. 988/2006

— *in Finnish:* Asetuksen (EY) N:o 988/2006 1 artiklan 2 kohdassa säädetty rajoitus

— *in Swedish:* Begränsning enligt artikel 1.2 i förordning (EG) nr 988/2006.