

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 905/2008**of 17 September 2008****concerning the issue of import licences for raw cane sugar for refining, originating in the least-developed countries**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 980/2005 of 27 June 2005 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 of 20 February 2006 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1100/2006 of 17 July 2006 laying down, for the marketing years 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09, detailed rules for the opening and administration of tariff quotas for raw cane-sugar for refining, originating in least developed countries, as well as detailed rules applying to the importation of products of tariff heading 1701 originating in least developed countries ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 7(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 12(5) of Regulation (EC) No 980/2005, Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1100/2006 opens, for imports originating in the least-developed countries, tariff quotas at zero duty for products falling within CN code 1701 11 10, expressed as white sugar equivalent.

- (2) Applications for import licences have been submitted to the competent authorities in the week from 8 to 12 September 2008 in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1100/2006. The weekly record referred to in Article 7(2) of that Regulation has revealed that, following these applications, the total quantity requested for the 2007/08 marketing year is equal to the limit of 178 030,75 tonnes laid down for this year for quota 09.4361.

- (3) In these circumstances, the Commission must inform the Member States that the limit concerned has been reached and that no further licence application is admissible,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licence applications submitted from 8 to 12 September 2008 under Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1100/2006 shall be issued for 100 % of the quantity requested.

Article 2

The limit of 178 030,75 tonnes for tariff quota 09.4361, as provided for in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1100/2006, has been reached. Applications for import licences submitted after 12 September 2008 shall be inadmissible.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 17 September 2008.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 30.6.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 196, 18.7.2006, p. 3.