



RICE

*Council Regulation (EC) No
1785/2003 on the Common
Organization of the Market in
rice*

TITLE I

Products covered by rice CMO:

- *- Paddy rice (CN code No 100610), husked (brown) rice (100620), milled rice (100630) and broken rice (100640)*
 - processed products (rice flour, groats and meal of rice, pellets of rice, flaked rice, rice starch)*
- *- Marketing year: 1st September – 31st August*

TITLE II: Internal market

*Intervention price for paddy rice: 150
EUR/t*

- *Intervention buying-in period April to July, distributed in 2 tranches*
- *Limited quantities: 75,000 tonnes, distributed among Member States*
- *Intervention buying-in conditions defined by Reg 489/2005*

Taking over of rice (R 489/2005)

- . *Conditions for taking over of rice into intervention:*
- - *quantity: a lot of at least 20 tonnes of rice of the same variety*
- - *rice entirely obtained in the Community*
- - *sound, fair, merchantable quality*

Quality of rice

- *- limits defined on moisture content, milling yield, grains that are not of unimpaired quality (ex. chalky grains, yellow grains, grains striated with red, etc.), other varieties, miscellaneous impurities.*
- *- if the rice offered to intervention is different from the defined quality, the buying-in price is subsequently increased or reduced*

Procedure for the taking over of rice by intervention agencies

- ❑ *Lodging of applications:*
- ❑ *- first tranche: 1 to 9 April*
- ❑ *- second tranche: 1 to 9 June*
- ❑ *- actual taking over not later than the end of the 3rd month following receipt of the offer or 31st August at the latest*
- ❑ *- place (in intervention centres, in situ)*
- ❑ *- quality checked by taking and analysing samples*
- ❑ *- payments are made between the 32nd and the 37th day following the day of taking over*

Sale on the Community market

(R 75/91)

- - *“invitation to tender” opened through Management Committee procedure: fixation of quantity and deadlines*
- - *exception: <1000 t*
- - *price: local market price (not lower than the intervention price), adjusted for quality*
- - *Member States accept or reject offers*

Sale for export (R 75/91)

- - *“invitation to tender” through Management Committee procedure: fixation of quantity and deadlines*
- - *tenders accompanied by an application for an export licence*
- - *Communication to the Commission*
- - *The Commission fixes the minimum selling price or rejects the tenders*

Title III: Trade with third countries - licences

- *import - export licence (compulsory)*
- *general rules for licences: Reg. 1291/2000*
- *specific rules for rice: Reg. 1342/2003*
- *Validity of licences*
 - *import: month of issue + 2 months (+3 for broken)*
 - *export: month of issue + 4 months (30 days for broken) unless no refund (30 days)*
- *securities (import: 1EUR/t, except for husked rice (30€/t); export: 30 EUR/t)*
- *communication of licences to the Commission*

Import duties

- *Import duties : fixed in the Common Customs Tariff*
- *Exceptions:*
 - *Husked rice*
 - *Milled rice*

Import duties

- *Husked rice (Reg 1549/2004):*
 - *import duty fixed by the Commission every 6 months, depending on imports during previous marketing year or during first 6 months of the marketing year*
 - *3 possible levels of duty: 65 €/tonne, 42.5 €/t, 30 €/t*
 - *Presently applied import duty: 42.5 €/t*
 - *Zero duty for certain varieties of husked Basmati rice from India and Pakistan*

Import duties

- *Milled rice (Reg 1549/2004): 175€/t*
- *Broken rice (CCT): 128 €/t*
- *Paddy rice (CCT): 211 €/t*
- *Commission proposal for Council Decision approving the agreement with Thailand on import duties for milled rice and broken rice*

Specific additional import duty

- *Adverse effects on the EU market from imports*
- *Conditions set out in Art. 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture:*
 - *import volumes exceeding a trigger level or/and*
 - *import prices lower than a trigger level*

Specific Import Arrangements

<i>Country</i>	<i>Regulation</i>	<i>Quota</i>	<i>Import Tariff</i>
<i>ACP/OCT</i>	<i>638/2003</i>	ACP: 125000 brown equiv. 20000 broken OCT: 35000 brown equiv.	- 65 % – fixed amount 0 duty OCT
<i>GATT Various origins</i>	<i>327/98</i>	63000 milled 20000 brown 80000 broken	0 duty 88 EUR/t -28 EUR/t
<i>Bangladesh</i>	<i>862/91</i>	4000 brown equivalent	- 50 % - fixed amount
<i>Egypt</i>	<i>196/97 955/2005</i>	32000 all types 5605 all types	- 25 % 0 duty
<i>EBA</i>	<i>1401/2002</i>	4402 for 05/06	0 duty

Export refunds

- *refunds fixed by Commission*
- *method of calculating*
- *WTO constraints*
 - *133400 tonnes*
 - *36.8 Mio Euro*
- *Rice wholly obtained in the Community*

Refunds: fixation

- *refunds fixed by Commission*
 - *taking into account:*
 - *to avoid discrimination between operators*
 - *budget constraints*
 - *Community interest (safeguard of internal market)*
- *procedure: Management Committee*
 - *at regular intervals (standing refunds)*
 - *by invitation to tender*

Refunds: calculation

- *Method of calculating:*

- *difference between world market price and Community prices*
- *Taking into account balance of the rice market*
- *refunds may vary according to destination*

Special aid to Réunion Island

- *A subsidy may be fixed for Réunion for consumption there of rice coming from Member States*
- *Tendering procedure*
- *Calculation similar to normal refunds*
- *No WTO constraint*
- *Commission proposal general Posei scheme*

Measures if market disturbances

- *If market disturbances or risk thereof:*
 - *due to inward/outward processing, Council can forbid it. If urgency, Commission can take appropriate measures. Member States can request measures*
 - *due to world prices level, if the situation can persist and worsen, the Commission can take appropriate measures*
 - *by reason of an increase in imports or exports, Commission can take appropriate measures in trade with non WTO members. Member States can request measures*

Management Committee

- *Rice measures are dealt with by the Cereals Management Committee*
- *Members:*
 - *representatives of Member States*
 - *representative of the Commission (Chairman)*