

Potato starch: quotas for the marketing years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

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CONTENT: to roll-over potato starch quotas for a further two marketing years.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 671/2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch.

CONTENT: in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 the allocation of quotas within the Community is based on a report from the Commission to the Council. According to the report presented to the Council, the recent reform of the common market organisation in the sugar sector should be taken into account in the analysis of developments on the starch market. However, the sugar reform would become fully applicable gradually over a transitional period. Therefore, pending indication of the initial effects of this reform on the potato starch sector, the quotas for the 2006/2007 marketing year should be rolled over for two more years.

The Council adopted a regulation allocating potato starch quotas for the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 marketing years. The Polish delegation abstained and the Lithuanian delegation voted against.

The Regulation shall continue the quotas established for the marketing years 2006/2007 for a further two marketing years – i.e. 2007/08 and 2008/09. Further, in allowing for an extension of the current quota system, the Commission is allowing itself enough time to assess the effect of the Single Payment Scheme on the potato starch sector. The review of the Single Payment Scheme will take place in 2008 and the Commission is also, therefore, proposing that its next report on the potato starch sector be prepared before 1 January 2009.

The sub-quotas available for each manufacturer for the 2007/2008 marketing year shall be adjusted to take account of any amount used in excess of quota during the 2006/2007 marketing year.

The Commission shall present the Council, before 1 January 2009, with a report on the functioning of the quota system within the Community, accompanied by appropriate proposals. This report shall take account of developments on the potato starch and cereal starch markets.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 June 2007. The regulation will apply as from 1 July 2007.