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REGULATION No 121/67/EEC OF THE COUNCIL

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on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament[1];

Whereas the operation and development of the common market in agricultural products must be accompanied by the establishment of a common agricultural policy to include in particular a common organisation of agricultural markets which may take various forms depending on the product;

Whereas Regulation No 20[2] provided that the common organisation of the market in pigmeat should be established progressively from 1962; whereas the main feature of the market organisation thus established is a system of levies to be applied in trade between Member States and with third countries, calculated with particular reference to prices for feed grain;

Whereas the introduction on 1 July 1967 of a single price system for cereals within the Community leads to the establishment of a single market in pigmeat on that date;

Whereas the aim of the common agricultural policy is to attain the objectives set out in article 39 of the Treaty; whereas, in the pigmeat sector, in order to stabilise markets and to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community concerned, provision should be made for measures to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements and for intervention measures; whereas the intervention measures may take the form of buying-in by intervention agencies; whereas, however, aid should also be provided for private storage since such aid least disturbs the normal marketing of products and can help to reduce the volume of buying-in by intervention agencies; whereas to this end provision should be made in particular for fixing a basic price below which intervention measures may be taken and the conditions under which intervention may take place;

Whereas the creation of a single Community market for pigmeat involves the introduction of a single trading system at the external frontiers of the Community; whereas a trading system including levies and export refunds, combined with intervention measures, also serves to stabilise the Community market, in particular by preventing price fluctuations on the world market from affecting prices ruling within the Community;

Whereas to achieve this aim it should as a general rule be sufficient to introduce, in respect of imports from third countries, levies which take account of the incidence on feeding costs of the difference between prices for feed grain within the Community and on the world market, and of the need to protect the Community processing industry;

Whereas it is necessary to avoid disturbances on the Community market caused by offers made on the world market at abnormally low prices; whereas to this end sluice-gate prices should be fixed and levies should be increased by an additional amount when free-at-frontier offer prices are lower than these prices; whereas the system of sluice-gate prices will not operate, however, where it is difficult to determine a sufficiently representative offer price for all the products falling within one tariff heading; whereas provision should be made for a method of calculating the additional amount in such cases;

Whereas, in order to control the volume of imports, provision should be made for recourse to a system of

[1] OJ No 103, 2.6.1967, p. 2075/67.
[2] OJ No 30, 20.4.1962, p. 945/62.

import licences including the lodging of a deposit guaranteeing that importation is effected;

Whereas provision for granting a refund on exports to third countries equal to the difference between prices within the Community and on the world market would serve to safeguard Community participation in international trade in pigmeat;

Whereas, in addition to the system described above, and to the extent necessary for its proper working, provision should be made for regulating or, when the situation on the market so requires, prohibiting the use of 'inward processing arrangements';

Whereas the levy system makes it possible to dispense with all other protective measures at the external frontiers of the Community; whereas, however, the common price and levy machinery may, in exceptional circumstances, prove defective; whereas, in such cases, so as not to leave the Community market without defence against disturbances which may arise therefrom after the import barriers which existed previously have been removed, the Community should be enabled to take all necessary measures without delay;

Whereas the establishment of a single market in pigmeat involves the removal at the internal frontiers of the Community of all obstacles to the free movement of the goods in question;

Whereas restrictions on free movement resulting from the application of health protection measures may give rise to difficulties on the market of one or more Member States and may require measures by way of derogation;

Whereas the establishment of a single market based on a common price system would be jeopardised by the granting of certain aids; whereas, therefore, the provisions of the Treaty which allow the assessment of aids granted by Member States and the prohibition of those which are incompatible with the common market should be made to apply to pigmeat;

Whereas the transition from the system provided in Regulation No 20 to that established by this Regulation should be effected as smoothly as possible; whereas products marketed during the first weeks following the date on which this Regulation begins to apply will have been obtained from cereals purchased at the national prices ruling in the producing country before that date which differ from the common prices; whereas, therefore, the production costs of such products will still be influenced by differences between the national prices for cereals ruling before that date, and between these prices and the common prices; whereas differences in production costs may lead to certain disturbances in trade between Member States and with third countries; whereas, in order to avoid such disturbances, provision should be made for intra-Community levies and supplementary levies in respect of third countries on imports of the products in question for a certain transitional period; whereas, however, in order to take account of the special conditions relating to certain products imported into the Federal Republic of Germany from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, no levy should be charged on such products; whereas, moreover, other transitional measures may prove necessary to facilitate the transition from the system provided in Regulation No 20 to the system established by this Regulation;

Whereas the common organisation of the market in pigmeat must take appropriate account, at the same time, of the objectives set out in Articles 39 and 110 of the Treaty;

Whereas, in order to facilitate implementation of the proposed measures, a procedure should be provided for establishing close co-operation between Member States and the Commission within a Management Committee;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The common organisation of the market in pigmeat shall comprise a price and trading system and cover the following products:

	CCT heading No	Description of goods
(a)	01.03 A II	Live swine, of domestic species, other than pure-bred breeding animals
(b)	02.01 A III (a)	Meat of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen
	ex 02.01 B II	Offals of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen
	ex 02.05	Unrendered pig fat free of lean meat, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
	02.06 B	Meat and edible meat offals of domestic swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
	15.01 A	Lard and other rendered pig fat

CCT heading No	Description of goods
(c) ex 16.01	Sausages and the like, of meat, meat offal or animal blood, containing meat or offals of swine
ex 16.02 A II	Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal, containing liver of swine
ex 16.02 B II	Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal, not specified, containing meat or offals of domestic swine

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'quarter' means a period of three months beginning 1 February, 1 May, 1 August or 1 November.

TITLE I

Prices

Article 2

In order to encourage action by trade and joint trade organisations to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements, the following Community measures may be taken in respect of the products listed in Article 1 (1):

— measures to promote better organisation of production, processing and marketing;

— measures to improve quality;

— measures to permit the establishment of short- and long-term forecasts on the basis of the means of production used;

— measures to facilitate the recording of market price trends.

General rules concerning these measures shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty.

Article 3

The following intervention measures may be taken to prevent or mitigate a substantial fall in prices:

— aid for private storage;

— buying-in by intervention agencies.

Private storage aid may be granted for products determined in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 5.

Intervention agencies shall buy in carcases or half-carcases, fresh or chilled (Common Customs Tariff sub-heading No ex 02.01 A III (a)); they may buy in breast of pork (streaky), fresh or chilled (Common Customs Tariff sub-heading No ex 02.01 A III (a)), and unrendered pig fat, fresh or chilled (Common Customs Tariff heading No ex 02.05).

Article 4

1. Before 1 August of each year a basic price shall be fixed, valid from 1 November of the same year, for meat of domestic swine in carcases or half-carcases (hereinafter called 'pig carcases') of a standard quality defined with reference to a Community scale for grading pig carcases.

When the basic price is being fixed account shall be taken of:

— the sluice-gate price and the levy applicable during the quarter beginning 1 August of each year;

— the need to fix this price at a level which contributes towards stabilising market prices without, however, leading to the formation of structural surpluses within the Community.

2. Intervention measures may be taken when, on the representative markets of the Community, the average price for pig carcases is, and is likely to remain, below the basic price.

3. The intervention agencies designated by the Member States shall take intervention measures under the conditions laid down in Articles 5 to 7.

4. The procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty shall apply for the purposes of:

— fixing the basic price;

— determining a standard quality for pig carcases.

5. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall:

— adopt the list of representative markets;

— determine the Community scale for grading pig carcases.

6. The procedure laid down in Article 24 shall apply for the purposes of:

— deciding to take intervention measures and the date on which they shall cease to apply;

— adopting detailed rules for the application of this Article.

Article 5

1. Where intervention measures are to be taken, the products for which private storage aid is to be granted and the products of a defined quality which are to be bought in shall be determined, and the price at which the intervention agencies are to buy in products and the amount of private storage aid shall be fixed.

The buying-in price for pig carcases of standard quality may not be more than 92% nor less than 85% of the basic price.

2. For products of standard quality other than pig carcases, buying-in prices shall be derived from the buying-in price for pig carcases on the basis of the ratio of each of the sluice-gate prices for these products to the sluice-gate price for pig carcases.

For products other than those of standard quality, buying-in prices shall be derived from those in force for the related standard qualities, account being taken of differences in quality compared with the standard quality. These prices shall apply to defined qualities.

3. The procedure laid down in Article 24 shall apply for the purposes of:

— determining the products for which private storage aid is to be granted, and the products of a defined quality which are to be bought in;

— fixing the buying-in prices and the amount of aid;

— adopting detailed rules for the application of this Article, in particular the conditions governing the buying-in and storage of the products covered by the intervention measures provided for in Article 3.

Article 6

1. Disposal of the products bought in by the intervention agencies in accordance with Articles 3, 4 and 5 shall take place in such a way as to avoid any disturbance of the market and to ensure equal access to goods and equal treatment of purchasers.

2. Detailed rules for the application of this Article, in particular as regards selling prices, conditions for release from storage and, where appropriate, the processing of products bought in by the intervention agencies, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

Article 7

1. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt general rules for granting private storage aid.

2. Detailed rules of application shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

TITLE II

Trade with third countries

Article 8

A levy, fixed in advance for each quarter in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24, shall be charged on imports into the Community of the products listed in Article 1 (1).

Article 9

1. The levy on pig carcases shall be composed of:

(a) one component equal to the difference between prices within the Community and on the world market for the quantity of feed grain required for the production in the Community of one kilogramme of pigmeat.

The prices for feed grain within the Community shall be determined once a year for a period of twelve months beginning 1 August, on the basis of the threshold prices for such grain and the monthly increase thereof.

The prices for feed grain on the world market shall be determined quarterly on the basis of the prices for such grain for the six months preceding the quarter during which the said component is calculated.

However, when the levies applicable from 1 November, 1 February and 1 May are being fixed, trends in world market prices for feed grain shall be taken into account only if at the same time a new sluice-gate price is being fixed.

(b) one component equal to 7% of the average of the sluice-gate prices ruling for the four quarters preceding 1 May of each year.

This component shall be calculated once a year for a period of twelve months beginning 1 August.

2. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall:

— determine the quantity of feed grain required for the production in the Community of one kilogramme of pigmeat, and the percentages of the various feed grains included in that quantity;

— adopt rules for the application of this Article.

Article 10

1. As regards the products listed in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b), other than pig carcases, the levy shall be derived from the levy on pig carcases on the basis of the ratio within the Community of the prices for such products to the price for pig carcases.

2. As regards the products listed in Article 1 (1) (c), the levy shall be equal to the sum of the following components:

(a) one component derived from the levy on pig carcases on the basis of the ratio within the Community of the prices for such products to the price for pig carcases;

(b) a second component equal to 7% of the average offer price determined on the basis of imports effected during the twelve months preceding 1 May of each year. However, for products falling within Common Customs Tariff heading No ex 16.02, it shall be equal to 10%.

This component shall be calculated once a year for the twelve months beginning 1 August.

3. By way of derogation from the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, for products falling within Common Customs Tariff sub-headings Nos ex 02.01 B II, ex 15.01 A, ex 16.01 A and ex 16.02 A II, in respect of which the rate of duty has been bound within GATT, the levies shall be limited to the amount resulting from that binding.

4. The coefficients expressing the ratios mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be fixed in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

Article 11

When a substantial price rise is recorded on the Community market and this situation is likely to continue, thereby disturbing or threatening to disturb the market, the necessary measures may be taken.

The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt general rules for the application of this Article.

Article 12

1. Sluice-gate prices shall be fixed in advance for each quarter in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

2. The sluice-gate price for pig carcases shall be composed of:

(a) an amount equal to the value on the world market of the quantity of feed grain equivalent to the quantity of feeding-stuffs required for the production in third countries of one kilogramme of pigmeat;

(b) a standard amount representing the extra cost, over feed grain, of feeding-stuffs other than grain required for the production of one kilogramme of pigmeat;

(c) a standard amount representing overhead costs of production and marketing.

The value of the quantity of feed grain shall be determined quarterly on the basis of the world market prices for cereals recorded in the course of the six months preceding the quarter during which the sluice-gate price is fixed.

However, when the sluice-gate price applicable from 1 November, 1 February and 1 May is being fixed, trends in world market prices for feed grain shall be taken into account only if the value of the quantity of feed grain shows a minimum variation from that used in calculating the sluice-gate price for the preceding quarter.

3. Sluice-gate prices shall be fixed only for certain of the products listed in Article 1 (1) other than pig carcases. Such sluice-gate prices shall be derived from the sluice-gate price for pig carcases on the basis of the ratio fixed for such products under Article 10 (4).

4. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall:

— determine the quantity of feed grain specified in paragraph 2 (a) and the percentages of the various feed grains included in that quantity;

— adopt the list of products for which sluice-gate prices are to be fixed;

— adopt rules for calculating the sluice-gate price for pig carcases.

Article 13

1. Where the free-at-frontier offer price for a product falls below the sluice-gate price, the levy on

that product shall be increased by an additional amount equal to the difference between the sluice-gate price and the free-at-frontier offer price.

For certain of the products for which no sluice-gate price is fixed a system of 'pilot products' and 'derived products' shall be established to allow additional amounts to be fixed.

2. However, the levy shall not be increased by this additional amount as regards third countries which are prepared and in a position to guarantee that the price for imports into the Community of products originating in and coming from their territory will not be lower than the sluice-gate price for the product in question and that any deflection of trade will be avoided.

3. The free-at-frontier offer price shall be determined for all imports from all third countries.

However, if exports from one or more third countries are effected at abnormally low prices, lower than the prices ruling in other countries, a second free-at-frontier offer price shall be determined for exports from these other countries.

4. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt general rules concerning the system provided for in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1.

5. Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

The additional amounts shall be fixed, where necessary, in accordance with the same procedure.

Article 14

1. Imports into the Community of any of the products listed in Article 1 (1) may be made conditional on the submission of an import licence which may be issued by Member States to any applicant irrespective of the place of his establishment in the Community.

From a date to be fixed by the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, and from 1 August 1969 at the latest, such licences shall be valid for imports into the Community. Until that date, such licences shall be valid only for imports into the Member State which issued them.

The issue of such licences shall be conditional on the lodging of a deposit guaranteeing that importation is effected during the period of validity of the licence; the deposit shall be forfeited in whole or in part if importation is not effected, or is only partially effected, within that period.

2. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt the list of products for which import licences are required.

3. The period of validity of licences and other detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

Article 15

1. To the extent necessary to enable the products listed in Article 1 (1) to be exported on the basis of quotations or prices for those products on the world market, the difference between those quotations or prices and prices within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

2. The refund shall be the same for the whole Community. It may be varied according to use or destination.

The refund shall be granted on application by the party concerned.

3. When the refund is being fixed particular account shall be taken of the need to establish a balance between the use of Community basic products in the manufacture of processed goods for export to third countries and the use of third country products brought in under inward processing arrangements.

4. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt general rules for granting export refunds and criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds.

5. Refunds shall be fixed at regular intervals in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24. Where necessary the Commission may, at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative, alter the refunds in the intervening period.

6. Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

Article 16

1. To the extent necessary for the proper working of the common organisation of the market in pigmeat, the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, may prohibit, in whole or in part, the use of inward processing arrangements in respect of products listed in Article 1 (1) which are intended for the manufacture of products listed in that paragraph.

2. Community provisions to regulate the inward processing trade in the products listed in Article 1 (1) shall be adopted not later than 1 July 1968.

3. Rules to be applied until the provisions mentioned in paragraph 2 enter into force shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph 1; they shall apply in respect of:

(a) the rate of yield to be taken when determining the quantity of Article 1 (1) products used in the manufacture of processed goods for export;

(b) the determination, for the purpose of applying the levy, of the quality of products used in the manufacture of processed goods put into free circulation.

4. For the purposes of this Article 'inward processing arrangements' means all those provisions determining the conditions under which products from third countries are used within the Community in the manufacture of goods for export and enjoy exemption from the levies applicable to them.

Article 17

1. The general rules for the interpretation of the Common Customs Tariff and the special rules for its application shall apply to the tariff classification of products covered by this Regulation; the tariff nomenclature resulting from application of this Regulation shall be incorporated in the Common Customs Tariff from the date on which the latter is fully applied.

2. Save as otherwise provided in this Regulation or where derogation therefrom is decided by the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, the following shall be prohibited:

— the levying of any customs duty or charge having equivalent effect;

— the application of any quantitative restriction or measure having equivalent effect, subject to the provisions of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The restriction of import licences to a specified category of those entitled to receive them shall be one of the measures considered as having effect equivalent to a quantitative restriction.

Article 18

1. If by reason of imports or exports the Community market in one or more of the products listed in Article 1 (1) experiences or is threatened with serious disturbances which may endanger the objectives set out in Article 39 of the Treaty, appropriate measures may be applied in trade with third countries until such disturbances or threat of disturbance has ceased.

The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this paragraph and define the cases in which and the limits within which Member States may take protective measures.

2. If the situation mentioned in paragraph 1 arises, the Commission shall, at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative, decide upon the necessary measures; the measures shall be communicated to the Member States and shall be immediately applicable. If the Commission receives a request from a Member State, it shall take a decision thereon within twenty-four hours following receipt of the request.

3. The measures decided upon by the Commission may be referred to the Council by any Member State within three working days following the day on which they were communicated. The Council shall meet without delay. It may amend or repeal the measures in question in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty.

TITLE III

General provisions

Article 19

1. The following shall be prohibited in the internal trade of the Community:

— the levying of any customs duty or charge having equivalent effect;

— any quantitative restriction or measure having equivalent effect, subject to the provisions of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

— recourse to Article 44 of the Treaty.

2. Goods listed in Article 1 (1) which are manufactured or obtained from products to which Article 9 (2) and Article 10 (1) of the Treaty do not apply shall not be admitted to free circulation within the Community.

Article 20

In order to take account of the restrictions on free circulation which may result from the application of health protection measures, the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, may take measures derogating from the provisions of this Regulation.

Article 21

Save as otherwise provided in this Regulation, Articles 92 to 94 of the Treaty shall apply to the production of and trade in the products listed in Article 1 (1).

Article 22

Member States and the Commission shall communicate to each other the information necessary for implementing this Regulation.

Rules for the communication and distribution of such information shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24.

Article 23

1. A Management Committee for Pigmeat (hereinafter called the 'Committee') shall be established, consisting of representatives of Member States and presided over by a representative of the Commission.

2. Within the Committee the votes of Member States shall be weighted in accordance with Article 148 (2) of the Treaty. The Chairman shall not vote.

Article 24

1. Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, the Chairman shall refer the matter to the Committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

2. The representative of the Commission shall submit a draft of the measures to be taken. The Committee shall deliver its Opinion on such measures within a time-limit to be set by the Chairman according to the urgency of the questions under consideration. An Opinion shall be adopted by a majority of twelve votes.

3. The Commission shall adopt measures which shall apply immediately. However, if these measures are not in accordance with the Opinion of the Committee, they shall forthwith be communicated by the Commission to the Council. In that event the Commission may defer application of the measures which it has adopted for not more than one month from the date of such communication.

The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty, may take a different decision within one month.

Article 25

The Committee may consider any other question referred to it by its Chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

Article 26

At the end of the transitional period, the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall decide in the light of experience whether to retain or amend the provisions of Article 24.

Article 27

This Regulation shall be so applied that appropriate account is taken, at the same time, of the objectives set out in Articles 39 and 110 of the Treaty.

Article 28

The additional amount provided for in Article 13 (1) shall be considered as a levy in relation to third countries within the meaning of Article 11 (4) of Council Regulation No 130/66/EEC[1] of 26 July 1966 on the financing of the common agricultural policy.

Article 29

Should Italy have recourse to the provisions of Article 23 of Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC[2] of 13 June 1967 on the common organisation of the market in cereals, the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall take the necessary measures to avoid distortions of competition.

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[1] OJ No 165, 21.9.1966, p. 2965/66.
[2] OJ No 117, 19.6.1967, p. 2269/67.

Article 30

1. In order to offset the differences in feeding costs between Member States resulting from differences between feed-grain prices existing before 1 July 1967, a levy on imports into one Member State from another Member State shall be charged during the period ending 30 September 1967 in respect of the products listed in Article 1 (1). However, such levy shall not be charged on imports into the Federal Republic of Germany from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg of the products listed in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b).

2. In order to offset the differences in feeding costs between third countries and Member States whose feed-grain prices are higher than the common prices, such differences resulting from differences in such prices existing before 1 July 1967, a supplementary levy, in addition to the levies set out in Articles 9 and 10 increased where appropriate in pursuance of Article 13, shall be charged during the period ending 30 September 1967 on imports from third countries of the products listed in Article 1 (1).

3. The Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall fix the amounts of the levies and supplementary levies provided in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Article 31

1. The levy and the sluice-gate price shall be fixed for the first time for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1967.

The basic price shall be fixed for the first time for the same period.

2. Should transitional measures be necessary to facilitate the transition from the system provided in Regulation No 20 to that established by this Regulation, in particular if the introduction of the new system on the date provided for would give rise to substantial difficulties in respect of certain products, such measures shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24. They shall be applicable until 31 December 1967 at the latest.

Article 32

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

The system established by this Regulation shall apply from 1 July 1967, except for the measures provided for in Article 31 (2), which may be made to apply from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Regulation No 20 and the provisions adopted in implementation thereof shall be repealed with effect from 1 July 1967, except for the provisions of Regulation No 3/63/EEC[1] and the provisions in force on that date fixing an additional amount or relating to the non-fixing of such an amount, to the extent that such provisions are compatible with this Regulation and the measures adopted in pursuance thereof. Such provisions shall remain in force until amended or repealed in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation and the measures adopted in pursuance thereof.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 June 1967

For the Council

The President

Ch. HEGER

[1] OJ No 14, 29.1.1963, p. 153/63.