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REGULATION (EEC) No 2602/71 OF THE COMMISSION

of 6 December 1971

on the communication of the information necessary for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70[1] of 21 April 1970 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1574/71,[2] and in particular Article 15 thereof;

Whereas Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 specifies that Member States and the Commission shall communicate to each other the information necessary for implementing this Regulation;

Whereas before 1 August each year the norm prices, the intervention prices and the derived intervention prices, and before 1 November the premiums, must be fixed for the crop of the following calendar year;

Whereas, in order to draw up proposals on the fixing of these prices and premiums, the Commission must be in possession of the final production figures for the preceding year as well as provisional information on the crop for the current year; whereas these figures and this information should be supplied regularly and, having due regard to the production time-table, on dates which will make it possible to draw up the proposals in question;

Whereas account should also be taken of Article 13 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 which lays down that where the quantities taken over by the intervention agencies exceed, for a particular variety or crop, a stated percentage of the production, and in any case a stated quantity, the Commission shall submit a report to the Council not later than 30 April of the calendar year following that of the crop; whereas the Commission must therefore have as many relevant particulars as possible at its disposal;

Whereas an assessment of the prices obtained by producers for leaf tobacco for which the premium has been granted can only be made on the basis of information contained in the premium certificate introduced by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70[3] of 25 August 1970 on the procedure for granting the premium for leaf tobacco, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2596/70[4]; whereas, consequently, it is necessary for Member States to communicate to the Commission, as soon as all leaf tobacco of the crop in question has been subjected to supervision, the necessary information concerning the average prices paid for each variety and quality as well as the corresponding quantities;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Member States shall communicate annually to the Commission for each of variety of tobacco:

(a) not later than 15 April:

— production figures for the crop of the preceding year, and

— an estimate of the areas to be used for the cultivation of tobacco during the current year.

However, if all these particulars cannot be communicated by that date, the outstanding information shall be supplied not later than 15 June;

(b) not later than 15 July: an estimate of the areas planted for the current year;

(c) not later than 15 September: a provisional estimate of the crop production for the current year.

[1] OJ No L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 167, 26.7.1971, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 191, 27.8.1970, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 277, 22.12.1970, p. 7.

2. Production figures shall be expressed in net weight of leaf tobacco.

Article 2

Member States shall communicate to the Commission on the dates referred to in Article 1 (1) (a) for each tobacco variety of the preceding year's crop for which the premium has been applied for:

(a) the average prices paid in accordance with Article 2 (2) (i) of Regulation (EEC) No 1726/70;

(b) the average difference recorded between the average of the prices paid and the average price paid for the reference quality.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussel, 6 December 1971.

For the Commission

The President

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