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REGULATION (EEC) No 2521/72 OF THE COMMISSION

of 30 November 1972

fixing the reference prices for mandarins, satsumas, clementines, tangerines and other similar hybrid citrus fruits

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72[1] of 18 May 1972 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2454/72,[2] and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 and to Article 1 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1291/70[3] of 1 July 1970 laying down detailed rules for the application of that Article, reference prices for the whole Community are fixed each year before the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas the importance of mandarin production in the Community is such that a reference price must be fixed for that product, operative also for satsumas, clementines, tangerines and other similar hybrid citrus fruits;

Whereas for an indigenous product under its trade description the reference price is equal to the arithmetic mean of the producer prices in each Member State, plus an amount based on marketing costs, to make the reference price and the price of imported products comparable at the same marketing stage; whereas, under Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1291/70, the prices to be used in fixing those producer prices must relate to the 'ex-producers' association' or any other comparable marketing stage; whereas, under the first subparagraph of Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the entry prices of imported products must be calculated on or adjusted to the 'importer/wholesale' stage; whereas these prices are thus directly comparable with the arithmetic mean of the producer prices and therefore do not need to be increased by the amount referred to above;

Whereas under Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 the producer prices in each Member State correspond to the average of the prices recorded during the three years prior to the date of fixing the reference price on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest; whereas the prices on which calculations are based must, under Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1291/70, relate to Class I products, of all sizes, packed, the packing costs being included in the price; whereas Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 further provides that only prices recorded for products or varieties representing a considerable proportion of the production marketed for part of the year or throughout the whole year shall be used;

Whereas for each representative market the average of the prices must, in accordance with Article 23 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, be established disregarding prices which appear excessively high or low as compared with normal fluctuations on that market;

Whereas the fixing of a single reference price valid for the whole marketing year appears to be the solution most suited to the particular nature of the Community market in the product in question;

Whereas only mandarins imported from third countries are directly comparable, as regards their value in trade, with Community products and whereas for the other varieties and hybrids the conversion factor should be determined according to their respective trade values and applied, in calculating the entry price, to the prices of such products imported from third countries;

[1] OJ No L 118, 20.5.1972, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 266, 25.11 1972, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 144, 2.7.1970, p. 10.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The reference price operative for fresh mandarins, satsumas, clementines, tangerines and other similar hybrid citrus fruits (sub-heading ex 08.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kg net of packed products of Quality Class I of all sizes, shall from 1 November to 28 February inclusive be 17·8.

Article 2

In calculating the entry price, the prices for products other than mandarins, imported from third countries, shall be adjusted by a conversion factor of:

— 0·70 for clementines (excluding monreales)

— 0·80 for monreales, satsumas, tangerines and other similar hybrid citrus fruits.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply until 30 September 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 November 1972.

For the Commission

The President

S. L. MANSHOLT