REGULATION (EEC) No 1351/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 15 May 1973

fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period from 1 November 1973 to 31 October 1974

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation No 121/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat, as last amended by the Act [2] concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, and in particular Article 4 (4) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas, when the basic price for slaughtered pigs is fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy and of the contribution which the Community desires to make to the harmonious development of world trade; whereas the objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy are in particular to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the basic price must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 4 (1) of Regulation No 121/67/EEC for a standard quality defined according to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 [3] of 20 October 1970 determining the Community scale for classifying pig carcasses, as last amended by the Act of Accession;

Whereas the most representative class and categories of weight in Community production should be adopted as the standard quality;

Whereas the application of those criteria results in the basic price being fixed at a level higher than that adopted for the previous period;

Whereas it is desirable to allow for a stage in anticipation of a return to market unity once the rule on maintaining at any given moment a maximum spread between Member State currencies of 2·25 % for spot transactions is applied by all Member States; whereas this purpose is served by a 1 % price increase which is not reflected in price-levels expressed in terms of the national currencies of Member States whose currencies have increased in value in relation to the conversion rate used under the Common Agricultural Policy;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period from 1 November 1973 to 31 October 1974, the basic price for slaughtered pigs of the standard quality shall be fixed at 86 units of account per 100 kilogrammes.

Article 2

The standard quality shall be the quality for pig carcasses of Class II of the Community scale for classifying pig carcasses determined by Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70, excluding those carcasses with a weight of less than 60 kilogrammes and those with a weight equal to or greater than 160 kilogrammes.

Article 3

1. The price shall be increased by 1 % when all Member States maintain at any given moment a maximum spread of 2·25 % between their currencies.

This provision shall be applicable as from the 1973/74 marketing year; the increase shall take effect

[1] OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2283/67.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 234, 23. 10. 1970, p. 1.

on the first day of the month following the date determined in accordance with the first subparagraph; however, if the marketing year begins after that date, the increase shall take effect at the beginning of that marketing year.

2. This increase shall not be reflected in price levels expressed in terms of national currencies of Member States whose currencies have increased in value in relation to the conversion rate used under the Common Agricultural Policy.

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

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

Done at Brussels, 15 May 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS