REGULATION (EEC) No 1363/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 15 May 1973

fixing the derived intervention prices and the reference qualities for baled tobacco from the 1973 harvest

THE COUNCIL 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 organization of the market in raw tobacco, as last amended by the Act [2] concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, and in particular Article 6 (8) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas derived intervention prices for baled tobacco which has been obtained from leaf tobacco harvested in the Community and has undergone first processing and market preparation may be fixed each year for the Community for the harvest of the following calendar year;

Whereas it is desirable to fix, for the 1973 harvest also, derived intervention prices for the varieties which, before entry into force of the common organization of the market, benefited from a price guarantee at the baled tobacco stage, and for the varieties which are mainly grown in Germany, in order to take account of marketing practices in that country;

Whereas the intervention prices must be fixed for each Community-produced variety and for a reference quality corresponding to the average quality of baled tobacco obtained by the first processing and market preparation of leaf tobacco of the reference quality for which the norm price of the same variety is fixed;

Whereas, to this end, it is necessary to define the reference qualities in such a way as to allow as objective an assessment as possible of the quality of the baled tobacco; whereas the corresponding reference qualities of leaf tobacco determined by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1362/73 [3] of 15 May 1973 fixing the norm prices, the intervention prices and the references qualities for leaf tobacco from the 1973 harvest, should be retained, adjusting them to the characteristics peculiar to baled tobacco; whereas the baled tobacco corresponding to the characteristics thus determined may be considered as representative of the average quality of baled tobacco obtained by the first processing and market preparation of leaf tobacco of the corresponding reference quality;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 6 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70, the derived intervention price for a stated variety shall be equal to the intervention price, fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the said Regulation, for leaf tobacco of the variety in question, plus the cost of first processing and market preparation of Community leaf tobacco as baled tobacco; whereas the flat-rate assessment of this cost made when derived intervention prices were last fixed should be retained, since this assessment may still be considered valid;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The reference qualities referred to in Article 6 (3) (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 for each Community produced variety of baled tobacco for which a derived intervention price is fixed are shown in Annex I.

Article 2

For the 1973 harvest, the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 are shown in Annex II.

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(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

(3) See p. 36 of this Official Journal.

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

ANNEX I

Baled tobacco: varieties and their reference qualities

Serial No	Varieties	Reference qualities
1	(a) Badischer Geudertheimer (b) Forchheimer Havanna II c	Class 1 Hauptgut (Top quality leaf) Class 1: leaf ripe, sound, without blemish, dark brown to mottled brown, of uniform length, fermented normally Packaging: in bales or cases of approx. 75 to 175 kg or in barrels of approx. 225 to 450 kg Moisture: 16 %
2	Badischer Burley E	Class 1 Hauptgut (top quality leaf) Class 1: leaf ripe, sound, without blemish, fleshy, light brown to reddish or dark brown, of uniform length, fermented normally Packaging: in bales or cases of approx. 75 to 175 kg or in barrels of approx. 225 to 450 kg Moisture: 15 %
3	Virgin SCR	Class 1 Leaf Class 1: leaf ripe, sound, without blemish, yellow to reddish or brownish yellow, fermented normally Packaging: in bales or cases of approx. 75 to 175 kg or in barrels of approx. 225 to 450 kg Moisture: 13 %
10	Bright	Leaf in Category A Category A: leaf sufficiently ripe, without curing defects, open texture, with stems (midribs) and veins not too prominent, sound, of various shades of yellow Packaging: in barrels of approx. 330 to 350 kg Moisture: 13 %
11 (a)	Burley I	Leaf in Category A Category A: leaf sufficiently ripe, without curing defects, of open possibly firm texture, stems (midribs) and veins not too prominent, sound, of a more or less lively nut-brown colour Packaging: in barrels of approx. 330 to 350 kg Moisture: 13 %

Serial No	Varieties	Reference qualities
11 (b)	Maryland	Leaf in Category A Category A: leaf sufficiently ripe, with slight curing defects and only slightly mottled, of average texture with stems (midribs) and veins not too prominent, sound, of a rather lively reddish brown colour Packaging: in barrels of approx. 330 to 350 kg Moisture: 13 %
12	(a) Kentucky and hybrids thereof (b) Moro di Cori (c) Salento	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf fully ripe, of firm texture, without curing defects and in good condition, brown in colour, with some damage Packaging: in barrels of approx. 350 kg Moisture: 16 %
13	(a) Nostrano del Brenta (b) Resistente 142 (c) Gojano	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf of firm or light texture, sound, well cured, or properly fermented according to the traditional method, brown or dark brown in colour, with minor damage Packaging: in bales of approx. 170 to 180 kg Moisture: 18 %
14	Beneventano	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf sufficiently ripe, firm texture or possibly coarse or thin, with minor defects as regards curing and fermentation and damage Packaging: in bales of approx. 120 kg or barrels of approx. 330 kg Moisture: 16 %
15 16 17	Xanti-Yakà Perustitza Erzegovina and hybrids thereof	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf reasonably sound and ripe, with some slight curing defects, mainly of light texture, from yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition, may also include lugs Packaging: small bales of approx. 18 to 21 kg Moisture: 13 %

Serial No	Varieties	Reference qualities
18	(a) Round Tip (b) Scafati (c) Sumatra I	Leaf in Category B Category B: Lower middle leaf, sorted by length in the following proportions: 1st length (38 cm and over) 60 % 2nd length (from 32 to under 38 cm) 35 % 3rd length (from 25 to under 32 cm) 5 % leaf of convenient size, fully ripe and of uniform colour, sound, without damage, fine texture, tensile and elastic, stems and veins not prominent, well fermented and in good condition, good combustibility, of typical flavour and aroma, suitable for wrapping cigars, including about 25 % broken leaf Packaging: in bales of approx. 80 to 90 kg Moisture: 16 %

ANNEX II

Derived intervention prices for baled tobacco

Serial No	Varieties	u.a./kg
1	(a) Badischer Geudertheimer (b) Forchheimer Havanna II c	2·674
2	Badischer Burley E	3·011
3	Virgin SCR	2·480
10	Bright	2·315
11 (a)[1]	Burley I	1·993
11 (b)	Maryland	2·096
12	(a) Kentucky and hybrids thereof (b) Moro di Cori (c) Salento	1·885
13	(a) Nostrano del Brenta (b) Resistente 142 (c) Gojano	2·020
14	Beneventano	1·539
15	Xanti-Yakà	3·151
16	Perustitza	2·755
17	Erzegovina and hybrids thereof	2·481
18	(a) Round Tip (b) Scafati (c) Sumatra I	13·171