REGULATION (EEC) No 1364/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 15 May 1973

fixing the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf 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 Adjustment 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 the purpose of the premium granted to purchasers of each of the varieties of leaf tobacco is to secure the norm price and to ensure that there are outlets for tobacco produced in the Community;

Whereas, to this end, the premium must be fixed at an amount made up, for each variety, of a component calculated with regard to available outlets on the Community market and, where appropriate, with regard to the influence of trends in prices of imported tobaccos which are competitive as substitutes for tobacco produced in the Community, and of a standard component designed to secure guaranteed price and income and to ensure that there are outlets for Community tobacco;

Whereas, for the purpose of fixing the amount of the premium for leaf tobacco, available outlets for baled tobacco should be assessed; whereas, to this end, the costs of first processing and of market preparation for each variety should be taken into account; whereas these costs should correspond to those of well-managed undertakings established in the Community; whereas account should also be taken, for each variety, of the average losses in weight resulting from first processing and preparation for market;

Whereas the amount of the premium theoretically applicable to all tobaccos of the relevant variety should be fixed, for each of the varieties produced in the Community and for the corresponding reference quality, per kilogramme of leaf tobacco which has not undergone first processing and preparation for market;

Whereas, application of these rules and criteria to the market situation in raw tobacco entails fixing the premium on the basis of the prices for baled tobacco; whereas there is international trade in this tobacco; whereas the price of third country and Community baled tobacco should therefore be taken into consideration; whereas this price may be calculated for Community tobacco on the basis of the norm price for each variety of leaf tobacco, as adjusted by a coefficient expressing the loss in weight resulting from first processing and from preparation for market, and as increased by an amount representing costs directly related to such processing and preparation;

Whereas it has been found that the cost price of Community baled tobacco so calculated is higher than the price which would enable that tobacco to compete with similar imported tobacco; whereas the premium granted to purchasers of Community tobacco is intended to enable those purchasers to pay to leaf tobacco producers a price which is the same as the norm price;

Whereas the difference between the price thus calculated and the cost price was established at the baled tobacco stage; whereas this difference should be adjusted to the leaf tobacco stage by a formula similar to that described above;

Whereas tobacco prices on the international market have not changed sufficiently since the premiums for the 1972 harvest were fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2483/72 [3] of 29 November 1972, to justify a change in the level of prices on the

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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] OJ No L 269, 30. 11. 1972, p. 1.

Community market; whereas, moreover, the flat-rate assessment of the costs of first processing and preparation for market, used when prices were last fixed, should again be used, since that assessment may still be considered valid; whereas, consequently, the increase in the norm price for the 1973 harvest should affect only the amount of the premiums;

Whereas, under the second subparagraph of Article 4 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70, the premium may exceptionally be fixed at an amount above or below that normally applicable to all tobacco of a given variety; whereas this possibility should be used in respect of the lowest quality of the Virgin SCR variety, since the value of this quality is substantially lower than that of the reference quality;

Whereas all the factors taken into consideration for calculating the amount of the premium include those factors which are designed to enable the objectives of Article 4 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 to be realized;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Sole Article

The premiums referred to in Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 and granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco shall be as shown in the Annex for each variety of the 1973 harvest.

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

Amount of the premium per kilogramme of leaf tobacco

Serial No	Varieties	u.a./kg
1	(a) Badischer Geudertheimer (b) Forchheimer Havanna II (c)	1·338
2	Badischer Burley E	1·335
3	Virgin SCR	1·180 (1)
4	(a) Paraguay and hybrids (b) Dragon vert and hybrids	1·038
5	Nijkerk	1·119
6	Burley (Burley × Bel)	0·917
7	(a) Misionero and hybrids (b) Rio Grande and hybrids	1·002
8	(a) Philippin (b) Petit Grammont (Flobecq) (c) Burley (Ergo × 6410 and Ergo × Bursana)	0·697
9	(a) Semois (b) Appelterre	0·876
10	Bright	1·118
11 (a)	Burley I	0·688
11 (b)	Maryland	0·848
12	(a) Kentucky and hybrids (b) Moro di Cori (c) Salento	0·546
13	(a) Nostrano del Brenta (b) Resistente 142 (c) Gojano	1·156
14	Beneventano	0·805

Serial No	Varieties	u.a./kg
15	Xanti-Yakà	1·435
16	Perustitza	1·348
17	Erzegovina and hybrids	1·202
18	(a) Round Tip (b) Scafati (c) Sumatra I	5·655
19	(a) Brasile Solvaggio (b) other varieties	0·228

(1) Excluding the lowest quality (Class III) for which the amount of the premium is 0·606 u.a./kg.