REGULATION (EEC) No 1397/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 25 May 1973

fixing the reference prices for cherries for the 1973 marketing year

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 organization of the market in fruit and vegetables, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2745/72 (2), and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof ;

Whereas, under Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices valid for the whole Community are to be fixed each year, before the beginning of the marketing year, in respect of the whole marketing year ;

Whereas cherries are produced in such quantities in the Community that a reference price should be fixed for them ;

Whereas cherries harvested during a given crop year are marketed from April to August ; whereas the quantities harvested in April and during the first twenty days of May are so small that there is no need to fix reference prices for that period ; whereas reference prices should be fixed only for the period from 21 May to 10 August ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices are to be equal to the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State plus an amount representing the costs of transporting Community products from the production areas to Community marketing centres ; whereas the trend of average basic prices and buying-in prices should also be taken into account ;

Whereas to take seasonal variations into account, the marketing year should be divided into several periods and a reference price fixed for each of those periods ;

Whereas the producer prices are to correspond to the averages of the prices recorded during the three years prior to the date of fixing of the reference price for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest, for the products or varieties which represent a considerable proportion of production marketed throughout the year or during part of it, and which satisfy specified requirements as regards market preparation ; whereas, when the average of prices recorded on each representative market is being calculated, prices which could be considered excessively high or excessively low in relation to normal price fluctuations on the market should be disregarded ;

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

For the 1973 marketing year, the reference prices applicable to cherries (subheading 08.07 C of the Common Customs Tariff, expressed in units of account per 100 kg net of packet products of Class 1 of all sizes, shall be as follows :

— 21 to 31 May	44·6
— June	37·5
— July	36·0
— 1 to 10 August	27·6

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 May 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 May 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 147.