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REGULATION (EEC) No 174/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 22 January 1973

amending Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar

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 the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Council Regulation No 1009/67/EEC [1] of 18 December 1967 on the common organization of the market in sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/72 [2], provides in Article 9 (3) that the intervention system for white sugar applies also, for a period specified, to raw beet sugar;

Whereas the extension of this system to raw beet sugar is justified by the obligation on manufacturers of such sugar to pay a fixed minimum price for beet, that price being the same as the price paid by manufacturers of white sugar; whereas, however, to take account of the tendency for production of such sugar eventually to be discontinued owing to the progressive modernization of the sugar industry, the system aforesaid was initially made applicable only for a certain period, which was subsequently extended;

Whereas at present a substantial output of raw beet sugar continues to be produced both in the original and in the new Member States; whereas a further extension of the period of applicability of the intervention system to raw beet sugar is therefore necessary;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. In Article 9 (3) of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC, '30 June 1975' shall be substituted for '30 June 1973'.

2. In Article 9 (4) of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC, '1 July 1975' shall be substituted for '1 July 1973'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 January 1973.

For the Council

The President

L. TINDEMANS

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[1] OJ No 308, 18. 12. 1967, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 264, 23. 11. 1972, p. 1.