REGULATION (EEC) No 1919/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 16 July 1973

fixing the reference prices for apples for the 1973/74 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 apples are produced in such quantities in the Community that a reference price should be fixed for them ;

Whereas apples harvested during a given crop year are marketed from July to June of the next year ; whereas reference prices should be fixed for the period from 1 July to 30 June of the next year ;

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, since the varieties of apples are not all comparable as regards the estimation of their commercial value, these varieties should be classified in three groups ;

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, for the purpose of calculating entry prices, the varieties imported from third countries of which the entry prices are to be compared to the prices fixed for Group I and to those fixed for Group II and Group III respectively should be specified ;

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

1. For the 1973/74 marketing year the reference prices for apples other than cider apples (subheading ex 08.06 A II of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kg net of packed products of Class I of all sizes, shall be as follows for each of the groups of varieties :

	Group I	*Group II*	*Group III*
— July	15·9	—	—
— August	13·5	—	—
— September	14·5	13·4	8·3
— October	14·6	12·3	8·7
— November	15·2	12·3	8·8
— December	15·9	12·5	9·0
— January	17·1	12·8	9·3
— February	18·5	13·9	10·1
— March	19·3	14·6	10·3
— April	20·2	16·1	10·6
— May	20·9		11·0
— June	22·2	—	—

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

2. The groups of varieties referred to in paragraph 1 composed of the following varieties :

Group I :

Yellow Transparant (Transparente jaune, Klarapfel), James Grieve, Gravensteiner, Golden Delicious, Cox's orange pippin, Stark Delicious, rouges américaines, Ingrid Marie, Reinette du Canada, Belle de Boskoop, Millers' Seedling, Tydemans early, Worcester pearmain, and mutations of these varieties ;

Group II :

Reine des Reinettes (Goldparmäne), Glockenapfel, Jonathan, Imperatore (Morgenduft), Grenadier, Lord Derby, Lord Lambourne, and mutations of these varieties ;

Group III :

Abbondanza (Belfort), Horneburger, Bramley's Seedling, and mutations of these varieties.

3. The entry prices of imported products are to be compared :

(a) to the prices fixed for Group I, where the imported products belong to the following varieties : Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Richared, Stark Delicious, Starking, Starkrimson, Yellow Transparant (Transparente jaune), James Grieve, Belle de Boskoop, Stayman Winesap, Staymanred, Black Winesap, Granny Smith, Dunn's Seedling, King Cole, Cleopatra, Democrat, Yellow Newton, Crofton, Ingrid Marie, Sturmer, Laxton's superb, Scarlet pearmain, White winter pearmain, Geeveston Fanny, Tydeman's early Worcester, Benoni, Stark earliest, Winston, Reinette du Canada, Berlepsch, Annurca, Lodi, Gravensteiner, Miller's Seedling, Worcester pearmain, various varieties of Cox's other than Cox's pomona, and mutations of the above varieties ;

(b) to the prices fixed for Group II, where the imported products belong to varieties other than those shown in (a) and (c) ;

(c) to the prices fixed for Group III, where the imported products belong to the following varieties : Abbondanza (Belfort), Rambour d'hiver, Brettacher, Horneburger, Krügers Dickstiel, Kirchenwerder, Finkenwerder, Winter Banana, Limoncella, Commercio, Reinette clochard, Ontario, Reinette du Mans, Lemoenapfel, Bramley's Seedling (Triomphe de Kiel), Pella, Cox's pomona.

Any amendments to the preceding subparagraph shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure in Article 33 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 in keeping with changes in the varieties imported from third countries.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 16 July 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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