REGULATION (EEC) No 1921/73 OF THE COMMISSION
of 16 July 1973
fixing the reference prices for lemons 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 lemons are produced in such quantities in the Community that a reference price should be fixed for them;

Whereas lemons harvested during a crop year are marketed from June to May of the next year; whereas reference prices should be fixed for the period from 1 June to 31 May 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 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 1973/74 marketing year, the reference prices applicable to lemons (subheading 08.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kg net of packed products of Class 1 of all sizes, shall be as follows:

— June	23·3
— July	24·5
— August	24·9
— September	22·1
— October	19·4
— November	17·6
— December	18·1
— January	18·9
— February	18·5
— March	19·0
— April	19·7
— May	20·1

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
François-Xavier ORTOLI

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