REGULATION (EEC) No 222/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 31 January 1973

on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture for the currencies of the new Member States

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 [1] on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 653/68 [2], and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Monetary Committee;

Whereas the situation provided for in Article 3 (1) of Regulation 129, permitting measures which derogate from the principle of using parities for converting one currency into another, now exists in the new Member States;

Whereas, from 1 February 1973, the common agricultural policy is to be applied in those Member States in accordance with transitional measures which, in general, provide for a price level different from the common price level and on progressive alignment towards that common price level; whereas conversion rates should, therefore, be applied which are not based on parities but are more in line with economic realities;

Whereas, taking this into account, the conversion rate for Denmark should be that which corresponds to the central rate for Danish Kroner; whereas for Ireland and the United Kingdom, however, a representative rate should be used calculated by reference to the arithmetical average of the middle rates on the exchange markets of the countries concerned at midday during the first two weeks of January 1973;

Whereas the power to fix prices and certain amounts is vested in the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, either under Article 62 (1) of the Act annexed to the Treaty concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community [3], signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, or under the regulations on the common organization of markets in agriculture;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Where transactions to be carried out in pursuance of instruments relating to the common agricultural policy, or specific rules laid down under Article 235 of the Treaty, require the currencies of the new Member States to be expressed in another currency or in units of account, the rate of exchange to be applied for the conversion of prices and other amounts fixed by the Council shall, in derogation from Article 2 (1) of Regulation No 129, be:

(a) for Denmark, the rate which corresponds to the central rate for Danish Kroner;

(b) for Ireland and the United Kingdom, the rate which corresponds to the representative rate for the currencies of these two Member States.

2. The representative rate referred to in paragraph 1 (b) shall be:

£1 sterling = £1 Irish = 2·3499 US dollars = 2·1644 units of account.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 1973.

As regards the Member States referred to in Article 1, it shall cease to be applicable to the currency of any one of these States, as soon as that State communicates a new par value to the International Monetary Fund.

(1) OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.
(2) OJ No L 123, 31. 5. 1968, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 January 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS