REGULATION (EEC) No 3172/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 22 November 1973

applying Class III to certain citrus fruits 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, at last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2745/72 [2], and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 379/71 [3] of 19 February 1971 fixing the common quality standards for citrus fruits defines a Class III for these products;

Whereas, pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, Class III is applied only if products falling within this class are needed to meet consumer demand; whereas this condition, which has already been recognized as fulfilled for lemons by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1020/73 [4] of 16 April 1973 applying additional quality classes to certain fruit for the 1973/74 marketing year, has also been fulfilled for citrus fruits other than lemons; whereas, in view of the considerable fluctuations in production from one marketing year to another, Class III should be applicable for a limited period only;

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

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1020/73 shall be supplemented as follows:

'Oranges: from 1 October 1973 to 30 June 1974,

Mandarins and satsumas, clementines, tangerines and other citrus hybrids: from 1 November 1973 to 31 March 1974.'

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, 22 November 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.
[3] OJ No L 45, 24. 2. 1971, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 102, 17. 4. 1973, p. 11.