REGULATION (EEC) No 715/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 19 February 1973

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 as regards the classification of some leaf tobacco and baled tobacco varieties

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 [1] of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1574/71 [2], and in particular Articles 5 (6) and 6 (10) thereof ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 [3] of 25 August 1970, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2596/70 [4], prescribed the intervention procedure for raw tobacco and established the quality classifications of leaf tobacco and baled tobacco for the purpose of fixing the scales of increases and reductions provided for in Articles 5 (3) and 6 (7) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 ;

Whereas the experience gained from the first two crops harvested since the establishment of the organization of the market in raw tobacco has shown that a single description for the Burley I and Maryland varieties is not descriptive enough of the characteristics of the Maryland variety ; whereas it is therefore necessary to separate the classification of these two varieties in accordance with the reference qualities laid down in Council Regulations (EEC) No 805/72 [5] of 17 April 1972 and (EEC) No 2484/72 [6] of 29 November 1972 fixing the norm price, the intervention price, the derived intervention price and the reference qualities for leaf tobacco and baled tobacco from the 1972 harvest ;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 2484/72 extended the fixing of derived intervention prices to the varieties of tobacco referred to under serial Nos 1, 2 and 3 ; whereas it is consequently necessary to establish the quality classification of these varieties of baled tobacco ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 the text of the classification of varieties entered against serial No 11 is replaced by the following :

'11 (a) BURLEY I

Category A Leaf sufficiently ripe, without curing defects, of open possibly firm texture, stems and veins not too prominent, sound, of a more or less lively nut-brown colour [1].

Category B Leaf of varying consistency, sound, with some curing defects and damage, not uniform in colour.

Category C Leaf coarse, of close texture, with marked curing defects, damage and colour faults, but having the minimum qualities required for intervention.

11 (b) MARYLAND

Category A Leaf sufficiently ripe, with slight curing defects and only slightly mottled, of average texture with stems and veins not too prominent, sound, of a rather lively reddish-brown colour.

Category B Leaf of varying consistency but rather light, sound, with some curing defects and damage, of reddish-brown colour possibly not uniform.

Category C Leaf coarse, with marked curing defects, damage and colour faults, but having the minimum qualities required for intervention.'

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 167, 26. 7. 1971, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 191, 27. 8. 1970, p. 5.
(4) OJ No L 277, 22. 12. 1970, p. 7.
(5) OJ No L 94, 21. 4. 1972, p. 17.
(6) OJ No L 269, 30. 11. 1972, p. 5.

Article 2

1. Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 is amended by inserting at the beginning thereof the following text of classification of varieties entered against serial Nos 1, 2 and 3.

'1. BADISCHER GEUDERTHEIMER, FORCHHEIMER HAVANNA II c

Grumpen (Primings)

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, lightly mottled to dark brown in colour ; normally fermented.

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, basically brownish ; variations in colour are allowed ; leaf edge may be overripe ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Classes I and II ; normally fermented.

Sandblatt (Lugs)

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, lightly mottled to dark brown ; of uniform length ; normally fermented.

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, basically brownish ; variations in colour are allowed ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Classes I and II ; normally fermented.

Hauptgut (Leaves)

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, lightly mottled to dark brown ; of uniform length ; normally fermented (1).

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, basically brownish ; variations in colour are allowed ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Classes I and II ; normally fermented.

Obergut (Tips)

Leaf ripe, sound, varying in colour ; normally fermented.

2. BADISCHER BURLEY E

Grumpen (Primings)

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, fleshy, light brown and reddish brown to brown ; normally fermented.

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, basically brownish ; variations in colour are allowed ; leaf edge may be overripe ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Classes I and II ; normally fermented.

Sandblatt (Lugs)

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, fleshy, light and reddish brown to brown ; of uniform length ; normally femented.

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, firm, basically brownish ; variations in colour are allowed ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Classes I and II ; normally fermented.

Hauptgut (Leaves)

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, fleshy, light and reddish brown to brown ; of uniform length ; normally fermented (1).

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, basically brownish ; variations in colour are allowed ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Classes I and II ; normally fermented.

Obergut (Tips)

Leaf ripe, sound, varying in colour ; normally fermented.

3. VIRGIN SCR

Class I Leaf ripe, sound, undamaged, yellow, reddish to brownish yellow ; normally fermented (1).

Class II Leaf ripe, sound, basically yellowish ; variations in colour are allowed ; normally fermented.

Class III Leaf not corresponding to Class I and II ; normally fermented.'

2. In Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 the text of the classification of varieties entered against serial No 11 is replaced by the following :

'11 (a) BURLEY I

Category A Leaf reasonably ripe, carefully handled, of open possibly firm texture, with stems and veins not too prominent, sound, of a more or less lively nut-brown colour (1).

Category B Leaf of varying consistency, sound, with some handling defects, some damage, not uniform in colour.

Category C Leaf coarse, of close texture, with marked handling and colour defects and damaged but suitable for storage.

11 (b) MARYLAND

Category A Leaf reasonably ripe, with slight curing defects and only slightly mottled, carefully handled, of average texture, with stems and veins not too prominent, sound, of a rather lively reddish-brown colour.

Category B Leaf of varying consistency but rather light, sound, with some curing defects and damage,

Category C Leaf coarse, with marked curing and colour defects and damage but suitable for storage.'

Article 3

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, 19 February 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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