REGULATION (EEC) No 1364/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 May 1974

fixing the reference prices for lemons for the 1974/75 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;

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 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 1974/75 marketing year, the reference prices applicable to fresh lemons (subheading ex 08.02 C 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:

— June	25·9
— July	27·3
— August	27·7
— September	24·6
— October	21·7
— November	19·7
— December	20·2
— January	21·1
— February	20·7
— March	21·2
— April	22
— May	22·4

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 June 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 May 1974.

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.