REGULATION (EEC) No 1672/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 28 June 1974

fixing the amount of the reimbursement and the amount of levy for offsetting storage costs for sugar 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 No 1009/67/EEC (1) of 18 December 1967 on the common organization of the market in sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1602/74 (2), and in particular Articles 8 (3) and 37 (2) thereof;

Whereas Article 8 (1) of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC lays down that storage costs for sugar and certain Community syrups shall be reimbursed at a flat rate by the Member States and that Member States shall charge a levy on each sugar manufacturer per unit of weight of sugar disposed of; whereas, in accordance with the same paragraph, the amount of the reimbursement and the amount of the levy must be the same throughout the Community.

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 834/74 (3) of 5 April 1974 laying down requisite provisions to prevent the sugar market being disturbed as a result of the price increase in this sector for the 1974/75 sugar marketing year, amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1495/74 (4), has amended, in Article 1, the amount of levy applicable for the period from 15 April 1974 to 30 June 1974 resulting in manufacturers incomes from sugar sales being increased successively until the beginning of the subsequent sugar marketing year; whereas, to meet the objectives of Regulation (EEC) No 834/74, it is necessary at the beginning of the 1974/75 sugar marketing year, to fix the amount of levy in such a way, that the incomes will continue to increase successively; whereas it is convenient to limit this period of adaptation to two months; whereas, however, the production period and the marketing period for sugar produced in the French overseas departments are completely different from the other areas of the Community; whereas, as a result thereof, an appropriate system should be applicable for these departments;

Whereas Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 750/68 (5) of 18 June 1968 laying down general rules for offsetting storage costs for sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 152/71 (6), provides that the amount of the reimbursement shall be fixed per month and per unit of weight, taking into consideration the costs of financing and insurance and specific storage costs; whereas Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 442/70 (7) of 9 March 1970 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of offsetting storage costs for sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 700/73 (8), lays down that the reimbursement shall be fixed per 100 kilogrammes of white sugar;

Whereas the financing costs may, at present, be calculated on the basis of an interest rate of 8 % per year; whereas insurance costs may be assessed at from 0·15 to 0·2 % per year; whereas insurance costs and specific storage costs can be evaluated at 0·41 unit of account per metric ton and per month;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 750/68, the quantity in store to be taken into consideration for the reimbursement of one month's storage costs is equal to the average quantities of sugar held in store at the beginning and at the end of the month in question; whereas, for the 1974/75 marketing year, the quantities in store each month may be estimated on the basis of anticipated stocks at the beginning of that year, estimated monthly production, the quantities likely to be imported in the month under consideration and the quantities likely to be disposed of for domestic consumption or exported during the same month; whereas total average monthly stocks during the 1974/75 marketing year can be estimated at approximately 49·2 million metric tons of sugar expressed as white sugar; whereas total reimbursement can thus be estimated at approximately 103·2 million units of account for the 1974/75 marketing year;

Whereas Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 750/68 specifies that the amount of the levy shall be calculated by dividing total anticipated reimbursement by the anticipated quantity of sugar which will be disposed of during the sugar marketing year in question and produced within the maximum quotas; whereas total anticipated reimbursements are to be increased or decreased as the case may be by the amount carried forward from preceding sugar marketing years;

Whereas there is a surplus of 2 683 690 units of account for the 1968/69 to 1972/73 marketing years;

(1) OJ No 308, 18. 12. 1967, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 172, 27. 6. 1974, p. 7.
(3) OJ No L 99, 9. 4. 1974, p. 15.
(4) OJ No L 158, 15. 6. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 137, 21. 6. 1968, p. 4.
(6) OJ No L 22, 28. 1. 1971, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 55, 10. 3. 1970, p. 10.
(8) OJ No L 67, 14. 3. 1973, p. 12.

whereas the anticipated balance for the 1973/74 marketing year may be assessed as a surplus of 9·6 million units of account; whereas the increase of the amount of levy applicable for the months of July and August 1974 will result in increasing receipts of about 3·5 million units of account; whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 442/70 lays down that the levy is fixed per 100 kg of white sugar; whereas the quantity of Community sugar which will be disposed of during the 1974/75 marketing year for home consumption or for export may be estimated at approximately 8·7 million metric tons of sugar expressed as white sugar; whereas the amount of the levy should therefore be one unit of account per 100 kilogrammes of white sugar;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1974/75 sugar marketing year, the amount of the reimbursement referred to in Article 8 of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC is hereby fixed at 0·21 unit of account per 100 kilogrammes of white sugar per month.

2. For the 1974/75 sugar marketing year the amount of levy referred to in Article 8 of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC is hereby fixed per 100 kilogrammes of white sugar at:

(a) 1·35 units of account for July 1974;

(b) 1·20 units of account for August 1974;

(c) one unit of account for the period from 1 September 1974 to 30 June 1975.

By way of derogation to the preceding subparagraph the amount of levy per 100 kilogrammes of white sugar applicable to the French overseas departments is hereby fixed at one unit of account for the 1974/75 sugar marketing year.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 June 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI