REGULATION (EEC) No 2498/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 2 October 1974

fixing representative conversion 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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73 [2], and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 222/73 [3], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 560/73 [4], and Regulation (EEC) No 270/73 [5], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 657/73 [6], fixed conversion rates to be applied in agriculture for the currencies of the new Member States;

Whereas these rates were fixed with the aim of reflecting economic realities as closely as possible; whereas this aim is no longer being achieved in the case of the United Kingdom and Irish currencies; whereas the conversion rates actually recorded for these two currencies on exchange markets have since shown a significant depreciation;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest to return to a single price system; whereas this aim can be furthered by fixing for each of the two currencies in question a new representative rate which more closely reflects current economic realities;

Whereas the problems raised by any alteration of the relationship between the unit of account and a national currency have led to rules being adopted in the matter, in particular Council Regulation (EEC) No 1134/68 [7] of 30 July 1968 laying down rules for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 653/68 on conditions for alterations to the value of the unit of account used for the common agricultural policy; whereas these provisions deal only with alterations to the parity of a currency; whereas they could also be applied in the present case of alteration in a representative rate;

Whereas the Monetary Committee will be consulted on the fixing of the new representative rates and whereas, in view of the urgency of the situation, the measures provided for should be adopted subject to the provisions of Article 3 (2) of Regulation No 129,

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 shall, in derogation from Article 2 (1) of Regulation No 129, be that which corresponds to the representative rates for the currencies of those Member States.

2. The representative rates referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:

(a) for the Danish Kroner:

the central rate for that currency;

(b) for the Irish pound:

£1 Irish = 1·9485 units of account;

(c) for the pound sterling:

£1 sterling = 2·0053 units of account.

Article 2

The provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1134/68 regarding the alteration of the relationship between the parity of the currency of a Member State and the value of the unit of account shall apply in respect of alterations to the representative rates for the Irish pound and the pound sterling.

Article 3

Regulation (EEC) No 222/73 shall be repealed.

Article 4

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 October 1974.

2. The representative rate shall cease to be applicable to the currency of any of the Member States referred to in Article 1 as soon as that State communicates a new parity to the International Monetary Fund.

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[1] OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.
[2] OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 27, 1. 2. 1973, p. 4.
[4] OJ No L 55, 28. 2. 1973, p. 5.
[5] OJ No L 30, 1. 2. 1973, p. 77.
[6] OJ No L 62, 8. 3. 1973, p. 15.
[7] OJ No L 188, 1. 8. 1968, p. 1.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 2 October 1974.

For the Council

The President

Ch. BONNET