REGULATION (EEC) No 3025/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 29 November 1974

fixing for the 1974/75 marketing year the reference prices for sweet oranges

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 Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that reference prices for the whole Community are to be fixed each year before the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas the importance of sweet orange production in the Community is such that a reference price must be fixed for that product;

Whereas the period during which oranges harvested during a given crop year are marketed extends from October to the following June; whereas the quantity put on the market during October and November and during the following May and June represents only a small percentage of that marketed over the whole marketing year; whereas the reference price should therefore be fixed only for a period running from 1 December to 30 April of the following year;

Whereas Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that reference prices for oranges are to be based on the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State, average fluctuations in basic prices and purchasing prices also being taken into account;

Whereas, since the different varieties of sweet oranges are not comparable as regards their commercial value, they should be classed in three groups;

Whereas the solution best suited to the particular nature of the Community market for the product in question is to fix for each group a single reference price for the whole marketing year;

Whereas producer prices are to correspond to the average of the prices recorded on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest during the three years prior to the date on which the reference price is fixed, for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics being a product or variety representing a substantial proportion of the production marketed over the year or over part thereof and satisfying specified requirements as to packaging; whereas for each representative market the average of the prices must be established disregarding prices which appear excessively high or low as compared with normal fluctuations on that market;

Whereas for the purpose of calculating entry prices the varieties imported from third countries of which the entry prices are respectively to be compared with the prices fixed for Groups I, II and III must be specified; whereas, moreover, certain varieties imported from third countries are not directly comparable, as regards their commercial value with the Community variety groups; whereas provision should therefore be made to fix, by reference to their respective commercial values, conversion factors to be applied for the purpose of calculating the entry price to the prices for these varieties imported from third countries so as to make them comparable with the Community variety groups;

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

1. For the 1974/75 marketing year, the reference prices for fresh sweet oranges (subheading 08.02 A I of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kg net and valid Class I products of all sizes, packed, shall be as follows:

Group I: from 1 December to 31 March 18·90,
Group II: from 1 January to 30 April 16·28,
Group III: from 1 December to 30 April 9·03.

2. The variety groups referred to in paragraph 1 shall consist of the following varieties:

Group I: Moro and Tarocco,
Group II: Sanguinello,
Group III: Biondo comune.

3. The entry prices of imported products shall be compared:

(a) in the case of the Moro and Tarocco varieties, with the price fixed for Group I;

(b) in the case of the varieties Biondo comune (Blanca comuna, Blonde commune) Grano de Oro (Impe-

[1] OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 147.

rial, Sucrena), Baladi, Pera, Macetera, Pineapple, Blood oval (Doblefina, Double fine), Portuguese Blood, Sanguina redonda (Entrefina) the Surinam varieties and the Ordinary Blood variety with the exception of Navel Blood (Double fine improved, Washington Blood, Large Blood) and Maltese Blood, with the price fixed for Group III ;

(c) in the case of varieties not specified in (a) or (b) :
— for the month of December, with the price for Group I,
— for the period 1 January to 30 April, with the price fixed for Group II.

4. In calculating the entry prices as referred to in paragraph 3, the prices for products imported from third countries shall, after deduction of customs duties, be adjusted as follows :

— in the case of products as specified in paragraph 3 (b), by the conversion factor 0·76 ;
— in the case of products to which the first indent of paragraph 3 (c) applies, by the conversion factor 1·20 ;
— in the case to which the second indent of paragraph 3 (c) applies, by the conversion factor 1·00.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 December 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 November 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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