REGULATION (EEC) No 3193/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 December 1974

fixing for the 1974/75 sugar marketing year the derived intervention price for white sugar, the intervention price for raw beet sugar and the minimum prices for beet in Ireland and the United Kingdom

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the Treaty [1] concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 62 (1) of the Act annexed thereto and paragraph 5 of Protocol 17 to that Act;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1600/74 [2] fixed for the 1974/75 sugar marketing year the derived intervention prices, the intervention prices for raw beet sugar and the minimum prices for beet; whereas those prices were raised by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2518/74 [3] of 4 October 1974 on the measures to be taken following the all-round increase with effect from 7 October 1974 of agricultural prices;

Whereas Article 56 of the Act of Accession provides that, if world market prices are high in comparison with Community prices or if, in particular no refund is applicable, appropriate measures may be taken with a view to ensuring the proper functioning of the common organization of the market; whereas for some time there has been a shortage of sugar on the world market and this has led to a considerable increase in prices which are now much higher than Community prices; whereas this has led to a rise in prices in Ireland and the United Kingdom, bringing those prices to a level at least equal to that of prices in the other Member States;

Whereas the situation on the world market is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future; whereas it therefore seems appropriate to raise the intervention prices for white sugar and raw beet sugar and the minimum prices for beet — these being at present lower than the common prices — to the level of those common prices; whereas the price referred to in Protocol 17 to the Act of Accession at which sugar is marketed in the United Kingdom should therefore be fixed at a corresponding level;

Whereas in a year of normal harvest, sugar production in Ireland and the United Kingdom meets approximately 80 % and 40 % respectively of market requirements; whereas those requirements must be covered in part by sugar from suplus areas of the Community;

Whereas market prices in Ireland and the United Kingdom will consequently be determined to a large extent by the offer prices for sugar from those areas; whereas a single derived intervention price should therefore be fixed for white sugar for all areas of Ireland and the United Kingdom, taking into account on the one hand the intervention price applicable in the area of the Community with the largest surplus, plus an allowance in respect of the cost of delivery to Ireland and the United Kingdom, and on the other hand the normal cost of marketing sugar in those Member States; whereas with effect from 1 January 1975 common criteria should be applied for the purpose of deriving the intervention price for raw beet sugar from the intervention price for white sugar; whereas as regards the minimum prices for beet as provided for in the first and second indents of Article 4 (1) of Council Regulation No 1009/67/EEC [4] of 18 December 1967 on the common organization of the market in sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1602/74 [5], the same criteria should be applied for all areas of Ireland and the United Kingdom as were applied for the purpose of fixing those prices for all areas of the Community other than that area producing the largest surplus,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January 1975 until the end of the 1974/75 marketing year, for all areas of Ireland and the United Kingdom:

— the derived intervention price for 100 kilogrammes of white sugar shall be 27·48 units of account,

— the intervention price for 100 kilogrammes of raw beet sugar shall be 23·39 units of account,

— the minimum price for beet shall be 21·08 units of account per metric ton,

(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 172, 27. 6. 1974, p. 3.
(3) OJ No L 270, 5. 10. 1974, p. 1.
(4) OJ No 308, 18. 12. 1967, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 172, 27. 6. 1974, p. 7.

— the minimum price for beet outside the basic quota shall be 12·93 units of account per metric ton.

Article 2

1. From 1 January 1975 until the end of the 1974/1975 marketing year, the price at which is marketed sugar purchased under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement and imported into the United Kingdom by virtue of Protocol 17 to the Act of Accession shall be 21·37 units of account per 100 kilogrammes of raw cane sugar.

2. This price shall relate to raw sugar of standard quality, naked weight, delivered cif, free out, to ports in the United Kingdom.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 17 December 1974.

For the Council

The President

M. DURAFOUR