REGULATION (EEC) No 638/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 20 March 1974

fixing the maximum tolerance for quantity losses resulting from the storage of raw tobacco by intervention agencies

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1697/71 [1] of 26 July 1971 on the financing of intervention expenditure for raw tobacco, and in particular the first indent of Article 4 (2) (c) thereof;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1697/71 provides that, above a maximum tolerance which is to be fixed, quantity losses are to be borne by intervention agencies; whereas quantity losses relate to both the quantities taken over in the relevant year and quantities in store at the beginning of that year;

Whereas, since the tobacco stored is packaged, the tolerance to be fixed must be calculated taking into account the characteristics of the packaged product, particularly with regard to storage;

Whereas slight variations in humidity connected with both the nature of the product and normal warehousing conditions may occur during storage; whereas losses in weight due to unavoidable handling may also occur;

Whereas these losses can vary significantly according to variety and storage period; whereas losses are higher during the first year of storage and subsequently become more regular; whereas it is desirable to adjust the tolerance limits to take account of these conditions;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In respect of accounts to be drawn up as at 31 December of each year, beginning with those to be drawn up as at 31 December 1971, the maximum tolerance referred to in Article 4 (2) (c) first indent of Regulation (EEC) No 1697/71 is hereby fixed in the Annex for an unchanged number of packages. It will be applied to the quantities actually bought in the course of a year, to the theoretical quantity resulting from the permanent stock-list and after exhaustion of the actual stock to the product in question.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 20 March 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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[1] OJ No L 175, 4. 8. 1971, p. 8.

ANNEX

Maximum tolerance as a % of net weight

Varieties	during the year of purchase	during subsequent years
Dark air cured (1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14) Fire cured (12) Special tobaccos (18, 19)	1·5 %	0·7 %
Light air cured (2, 6, 11a, 11b) Flue cured (3, 10) Sun cured (15, 16, 17)	1·0 %	0·6 %