REGULATION (EEC) No 2703/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 23 October 1975

fixing the export levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour groats and meal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC (1) of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 665/75 (2);

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1968/73 (3) of 19 July 1973 laying down general rules to be applied in the event of the cereals market being disturbed, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 86/75 (4) and in particular Article 4 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Monetary Committee;

Whereas Article 19 of Regulation No 120/67/EEC provides that measures may be taken when the quotations or prices on the world market for one or more products reach the level of Community prices; whereas that situation is likely to continue and to deteriorate, thereby disturbing or threatening to disturb the Community market;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1968/73 specifies that the quotations or prices on the world market shall be regarded as having reached the level of Community prices when they approach or exceed the threshold price; whereas the continuation and the deterioration of that situation may be regarded as being likely to continue where an imbalance between supply and demand is established and where this imbalance is likely to persist, having regard to foreseeable production and market price trends;

Whereas the high level of prices in international trade could impede importation of common wheat, rye flour, barley, rye, oats, maize, durum wheat groats and meal into the Community or provoke exportation from the Community;

Whereas the situation described above can be said to exist at the present time; whereas to ensure supplies in the Community an export levy should be introduced for common wheat, rye flour, barley, rye, oats, maize, durum wheat groats and meal;

Whereas the threshold prices for the 1975/76 marketing year were fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1173/75 (5) of 28 April 1975;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1968/73 specifies that when the export levy is being fixed account must be taken of the existing situation and the future trend with regard to prices and availabilities of cereals on the Community market on the one hand and prices for cereals and cereal products on the word market on the other; whereas the same article provides that it is also important to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on cereal markets and furthermore, to take into account the economic aspect of the proposed exports and the need to avoid disturbances on the Community market;

Whereas for the products listed in Article 1 (c) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC the specific factors set out in Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1968/73 must also be taken into account;

Whereas the export levy may be varied if the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets make this necessary;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, the following should be used to calculate the levies:

— for currencies the exchange rates for which are kept at any given moment within a band of 2·25 %, at a conversion rate based on their actual parity;

— for other currencies a conversion rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates for each of these currencies against the Community currencies referred to in the preceding paragraph over a specified period;

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1975, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 201, 21. 7. 1973, p. 10.
(4) OJ No L 11, 16. 1. 1975, p. 2.
(5) OJ No L 117, 7. 5. 1975, p. 6.

Whereas it follows from applying the rules outlined above to the present situation on the market in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the export levies, should be fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The export levies referred to in the first indent of Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1968/73 are hereby fixed at the amounts shown in the Annex, for the products listed in Article 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 October 1975.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 October 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 23 October 1975 fixing the export levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour groats and meal

CCT heading No	Description	u.a./metric ton
ex 10.01 A	Common wheat and meslin, excluding officially certified seeds (1)	7·00
ex 10.01 B	Durum wheat, excluding officially certified seeds (1)	—
ex 10.02	Rye, excluding officially certified seeds (1)	0
ex 10.03	Barley, excluding officially certified seeds (1)	10·00
ex 10.04	Oats, excluding officially certified seeds (1)	0
10.05 B	Maize other than hybrid maize for sowing	10·00
10.07 B	Millet	—
10.07 C	Grain sorghum	—
ex 11.01 A	Wheat flour	—
11.01 B	Rye flour	—
11.02 A I a)	Durum wheat groats and meal	—
11.02 A I b)	Common wheat groats and meal	—

(1) Officially certified seeds are understood to be those seeds contained in the packages officially sealed and officially labelled as 'basic seed', 'certified seed, first generation', 'certified seed, second generation' conforming to the provisions of the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed (OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66) and of the Council Decision of 26 March 1973 on the equivalence of seed produced in Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (OJ No L 106, 20. 4. 1973, p. 12).