REGULATION (EEC) No 317/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 7 February 1975

fixing for the month of February 1975 reference prices for cucumbers

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, pursuant to Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices valid for the whole Community are to be fixed at the beginning of the marketing year in respect of the whole marketing year;

Whereas cucumbers are produced in such quantities in the Community that reference prices should be fixed for them;

Whereas cucumbers harvested during a given crop year are marketed from January to December; whereas for the present marketing year information currently available makes it impossible to fix reference prices for the period beyond the month of February; whereas, since the quantities marketed in January and during the first 10 days of February represent only a small portion of the tonnage marketed over the year as a whole, reference prices should be fixed only for the period 11 to 28 February;

Whereas pursuant to Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 the reference prices are to be equal to the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State plus an amount representing the costs of transporting Community products from production areas to Community marketing centres;

Whereas the trend of average basic prices and buying-in prices must also be taken into account;

Whereas, to take seasonal price variations into account, the reference price should be fixed by 10-day periods;

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 regards market preparation; whereas, when the average of prices recorded on each representative market is being calculated, prices which could be considered excessively high or excessively low in relation to normal price fluctuations on that market are to be disregarded;

Whereas Community produced cucumbers marketed during the month of February will have been grown mainly in hothouses; whereas the reference prices for that month must therefore be fixed for a product of that type; whereas cucumbers imported from certain third countries during this period come from end-of-year crops grown in the open; whereas, although such cucumber may be classed in Class I, their quality and price are not comparable with those of hothouse products; whereas the prices for non-hothouse cucumbers should therefore be adjusted by a conversion factor;

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 month of February 1975 the reference prices for cucumbers (subheading ex 07.01 P of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kg net of packed products of Class I, of all sizes, shall be as follows:

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(11 to 20) 67·34
(21 to 28) 56·79

2. For the purpose of calculating entry prices, the prices for non-hothouse cucumbers imported from third countries shall, after deduction of customs duties, be multiplied by a factor of 1·30.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 7 February 1975.

For the Commission

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