REGULATION (EEC) No 3373/75 OF THE COMMISSION
of 23 December 1975
fixing for the 1976 fishing year reference prices for fishery products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 (1) of 20 October 1970 on the common organization of the market in fishery products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1182/75 (2), and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 18 (6) thereof ;

Whereas Article 18 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 provides *inter alia* for the fixing each year of reference prices valid in the Community for the products listed in Annexes I (A) and (C), II and IV (B) to that Regulation ;

Whereas Article 18 (2) of the Regulation aforesaid provides that for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) thereto such price is to be equal to not less than 60 % and not more than 90 % of the guide price ;

Whereas the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 have been fixed for the 1976 fishing year by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3305/75 (3) of 16 December 1975 ;

Whereas it is essential to fix reference prices if appropriate measures are to be applied to protect Community production ; whereas the implementation of such measures is closely linked with those taken within the Community to stabilize markets, in particular by the application of the system of withdrawal prices, that is prices below which producers' organizations will not put up for sale the produce of their members ; whereas the reference price must be fixed by applying to the guide price a percentage lying within the limits used in applying the withdrawal price ; whereas this percentage must be based in particular on the supply and demand situation on the market ;

Whereas for these reasons the withdrawal prices, to the extent that these lie within the limits set for this purpose, and otherwise the lower of those limits, should be used in determining reference prices ;

Whereas the reference prices for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 must be derived from the guide prices therefor and fixed by reference to the price level at which intervention measures in respect of these products become applicable ; whereas the reference prices for these products should therefore be fixed at 85 % of the guide prices fixed for the 1976 fishing year by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3304/75 (4) of 16 December 1975 ;

Whereas, for the products listed in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70, reference prices are determined on the basis of the reference price for the fresh product ;

Whereas the situation on the Community import market for frozen products as specified in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 may make it necessary to take measures to protect Community producers, particularly as frozen products may be used in place of fresh products ; whereas the reference price for these products should therefore be higher than those for fresh products ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The reference prices applicable until 31 December 1976 for the products listed in Annexes I (A) and (C) and II and for frozen products as specified in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 shall be as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1976.

(1) OJ No L 236, 27. 10. 1970, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 118, 8. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 328, 20. 12. 1975, p. 5.
(4) OJ No L 328, 20. 12. 1975, p. 3.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 December 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

I. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70

Products	Reference prices (u.a. / metric ton)
1. Herrings	164
2. Sardines :	
(a) Atlantic	318
(b) Mediterranean	198
3. Redfish	387
4. Cod	355
5. Saithe	220
6. Haddock	255
7. Whiting	256
8. Mackerel	160
9. Anchovies	312
10. Plaice	342
11. Hake (Merluccius sp.p.)	714
12. Shrimps of the genus Crangon sp.p.	678

II. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70

Products	Reference prices (u.a. / metric ton)
1. Sardines	268
2. Sea beam of the species Dentex dentex and Pagellus	588
3. Squid (Loligo sp.p. Ommastrephes sagittatus, Todarodes sagittatus, Illex coindetti)	1 169
4. Cuttlefish of the species Sepia officinalis, Rossia macrosoma, Sepiola rondeleti	740
5. Octopus	578

III. **Reference prices for frozen products listed in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70**

Products	Presentation	Reference prices (u.a. / metric ton)
1. Cod	whole	385
	fillets	996
2. Saithe	whole	250
	fillets	548
3. Haddock	whole	285
	fillets	767
4. Redfish (Sebastes marinus)	whole	417
	fillets	1 016
5. Mackerel	whole	190
	fillets	388
6. Hake (Merluccius sp.p.)	whole	350
	fillets	625