REGULATION (EEC) No 519/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 28 February 1975

fixing until the end of the 1975 marketing year the 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;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 474/75 ([3]) of 27 February 1975 fixing the basic prices and buying-in prices for fruit and vegetables for the 1975/76 marketing year and derogating for this marketing year from Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 as regards certain reference prices, and in particular Article 11 of that Regulation;

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;

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 with regard to the present marketing year reference prices have already been fixed up to 28 February by Regulation (EEC) No 317/75 of 7 February 1975 ([4]); whereas the information now available allows such prices to be fixed up to the end of the marketing year; whereas the low quantities which are harvested during December represent only a small percentage of the tonnage which is marketed over the marketing year as a whole; whereas that month should therefore not be taken into account;

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 the 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 variations into account, the year should be divided into several periods and a reference price fixed for each of these 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 are grown mainly under glass; whereas the reference prices for the marketing year must therefore be fixed for a propduct of that type; whereas taking into account, in particular for the first part of the marketing year, the increase in production costs consequent principally upon higher fuel costs, there is reason to provide for an additional increase in the reference price for the months March to June; whereas cucumbers imported from certain third countries will have been grown in the open; whereas, although such cucumbers may be classed in Class I, their quality and price are not comparable with those of products grown under glass; whereas the prices for cucumbers not grown under glass 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,

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([1]) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
([2]) OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 147.
([3]) OJ No L 52, 28. 2. 1975, p. 24.
([4]) OJ No L 35, 8. 2. 1975, p. 21.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. For the 1975 marketing year, 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 :

— March	57·03
— April	45·47
— May	37·39
— June	25·98
— July	19·25
— August	21·47
— September	22·98
— October	37·32
— November	45·17

2. For the purpose of calculating entry prices, the prices for cucumbers, not being products grown under glass, imported from third countries shall, after deduction of customs duties, be multiplied by the following conversion factors :

— from 1 March to 30 September : 1·30
— from 1 October to 30 November : 1·00

Article 2

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, 28 February 1975.

For the Commission

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