REGULATION (EEC) No 673/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 4 March 1975

fixing, for the 1975 harvest, the norm prices, the intervention prices and the reference qualities for leaf tobacco

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 (1) of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco, as last amended by the Act of Accession (2), and in particular Article 2 (5) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas, when the norm and intervention prices for leaf tobacco which has not undergone first processing and market preparation are fixed, account should be taken both of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and of the contribution which the Community intends to make to the harmonious growth of world trade; whereas the aims of the common agricultural policy are in particular to ensure a reasonable standard of living for the agricultural Community, to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the norm and intervention prices should be fixed in accordance with the criteria listed in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 for each of the varieties produced in the Community and for a reference quality for each variety particularly in order to constitute an incentive for conversion to the cultivation of those varieties which are most competitive and most in demand;

Whereas the application of these criteria and the need for greater harmonization of the treatment of different varieties within a given group with regard to the norm price, lead to the fixing of a price for each variety of tobacco from the 1975 harvest at a level such that a price scale more in keeping with conditions on an increasingly integrated Community market can be established,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1975 harvest the reference qualities for each Community produced tobacco variety referred to in Article 2 (3) (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 are shown in Annex I.

Article 2

For the 1975 harvest the norm and intervention prices for leaf tobacco referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 are shown in Annex II.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 March 1975.

For the Council

The President

M. A. CLINTON

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

ANNEX I

Leaf tobacco: varieties and their reference qualities

Serial No	Varieties	Reference qualities
1	a) Badischer Geudertheimer b) Forchheimer Havanna II c)	Class 1 Hauptgut (top quality leaf) Class 1: leaf ripe, sound, without blemish, dark brown to mottled brown, of uniform length Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands with non-tobacco material Moisture: 26%
2	Badischer Burley E	Class 1 Hauptgut (top quality leaf) Class 1: leaf ripe, sound, without blemish, fleshy, reddish brown to light brown, of uniform length Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands with non-tobacco material Moisture: 25%
3	Virgin SCR	Class 1 Leaf Class 1: leaf ripe, sound, without blemish, yellow to reddish yellow; variations in colour such as brownish to greenish yellow are allowed up to a third of the leaf's surface Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands Moisture: 19%
4	a) Paraguay and hybrids thereof b) Dragon vert and hybrids thereof	Class 2 Middle leaf Class 2: leaf with minor defects as regards combustibility, colour, texture or ripeness (over or under ripe) Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands or straight laid (loose leaf) Moisture: 27%
5	Nijkerk	Class 2 Tips Class 2: — either leaf of second length (not exceeding 45 cm) with very gummy texture, fleshy, still undamaged; strong and elastic, without prominent veins, well ripened producing a lively brown to dark brown colour;

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5 *(cont'd)*	Nijkerk	— or leaf of first length (exceeding 45 cm) with a texture still gummy, fleshy and still undamaged, strong, with relatively prominent veins, of all colours except bottle green Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands or straight laid (loose leaf) Moisture: 27%
6	Burley (Burley × Bel)	Class 1 Upper middle leaf Class 1: leaf well ripened, lively to fairly lively reddish brown colour, only slightly mottled, of average or thin texture, not very close grain with parenchyma of average breadth Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands or straight laid (loose leaf) Moisture: 26%
7	a) Misionero and hybrids thereof b) Rio Grande and hybrids thereof	2nd quality leaf 2nd quality: leaf fully developed over 45 cm, not coarse grained, lively to fairly lively light somewhat yellowish colour, reasonably firm and undamaged; reasonably good combustibility Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands or straight laid (loose leaf) Moisture: 27%
8	a) Philippin b) Petit Grammont (Flobecq) c) Burley (Ergo × 6410 and Ergo × Bursana	Leaf in Category MG Category MG: upper middle leaf Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands Moisture: 25%
9	a) Semois b) Appelterre	Leaf in Category G Category G: large sound leaf Packaging: tobacco graded and tied in hands Moisture: 25%
10	Bright	Leaf in Category A Category A: leaf sufficiently ripe, without curing defects, open texture, with stems (midribs) and veins not too prominent, sound, of various shades of yellow Packaging: in temporary bales of 30 to 40 kg Moisture: 16%

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11 a)	Burley I	Leaf in Category A Category A: leaf sufficiently ripe, without curing defects, of open possibly firm texture, stems (midribs) and veins not too prominent, sound, of a more or less lively nut-brown colour Packaging: in temporary bales of 30 to 40 kg or tied in hands of 25 to 30 leaves with non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 19%
11 b)	Maryland	Leaf in Category A Category A: leaf sufficiently ripe, with slight curing defects and only slightly mottled, of average texture with stems (midribs) and veins not too prominent, sound, of a rather lively reddish brown colour Packaging: in temporary bales of 30 to 40 kg or tied in hands of 25 to 30 leaves with non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 19%
12	a) Kentucky and hybrids thereof b) Moro di Cori c) Salento	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf fully ripe, of firm texture, without curing defects and in good condition brown in colour, with some damage Packaging: in hands of 25 to 30 leaves tied with a non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 23%
13	a) Nostrano del Brenta b) Resistente 142 c) Gojano	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf of firm, or light texture, sound, well cured, or properly fermented according to the traditional method, brown or dark brown in colour, with minor damage Packaging: in hands of 25 to 30 leaves tied with a non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 22%
14	Beneventano	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf sufficiently ripe, firm texture or possibly coarse or thin, with minor defects as regards curing and fermentation and damage Packaging: in hands of 25 to 30 leaves tied with non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 24%

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15 16 17	Xanti-Yakà Perustitza Erzegovina and hybrids thereof	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf reasonably sound and ripe, with some slight curing defects, mainly of light texture, from yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition, may also include lugs Packaging: in temporary bales of 15 to 20 kg or 'stringed' in cases of 30 to 40 kg Moisture: 17%
18	a) Round Tip b) Scafati c) Sumatra I	Leaf in Category B Category B: lower middle leaf, sorted by length in the following proportions: 1st length (38 cm and over) 60% 2nd length (from 32 to under 38 cm) 35% 3rd length (from 25 to under 32 cm) 5% leaf of convenient size, fully ripe and of uniform colour, sound, without damage, fine texture, tensile and elastic, stems and veins not prominent well fermented and in good condition, good combustibility, of typical flavour and aroma, suitable for wrapping cigars, including about 25% broken leaf Packaging: in hands tied with a non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 22%
19	a) Brasile Selvaggio b) Other varieties	Leaf in Category B Category B: leaf well developed, firm, green in colour, with a strong aroma of alcohol Packaging: in hands tied with a non-tobacco material (fascicoli) Moisture: 20%

ANNEX II

Norm price and intervention price for leaf tobacco

Serial No	Varieties	Norm price (u.a./kg)	Intervention price (u.a./kg)
1	a) Badischer Geudertheimer b) Forchheimer Havanna II c)	2·190	1·971
2	Badischer Burley E	2·617	2·355
3	Virgin SCR	2·472	2·225
4	a) Paraquay and hybrids thereof b) Dragon vert and hybrids thereof	1·851	1·666
5	Nijkerk	1·864	1·678
6	Burley (Burley × Bel)	2·091	1·882
7	a) Misionero and hybrids thereof b) Rio Grande and hybrids thereof	1·697	1·527
8	a) Philippin b) Petit Grammont (Flobecq) c) Burley (Ergo × 6410 and Ergo × Bursana)	1·429	1·286
9	a) Semois b) Appelterre	1·712	1·541
10	Bright	2·076	1·868
11 a)	Burley I	1·579	1·421
11 b)	Maryland	1·798	1·618
12	a) Kentucky and hybrids thereof b) Moro di Cori c) Salento	1·661	1·495
13	a) Nostrano del Brenta b) Resistente 142 c) Gojano	1·635	1·472
14	Beneventano	1·289	1·160
15	Xanti-Yakà	2·329	2·096

Serial No	Varieties	Norm price (u.a./kg)	Inter-vention price (u.a./kg)
16	Perustitza	2·206	1·985
17	Erzegovina and hybrids thereof	1·981	1·783
18	a) Round Tip b) Scafati c) Sumatra I	10·802	9·722
19	a) Brasile Selvaggio b) Other varieties	1·025	0·923