REGULATION (EEC) No 675/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 4 March 1975

fixing for the 1975 harvest the amounts of the premium granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

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 4 (4) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 [3] on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73 [4], and in particular Article 3 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 the purpose of the premium granted to purchasers of each of the varieties of leaf tobacco is to secure the norm price and to ensure that tobacco produced in the Community is sold;

Whereas, to this end, the premium must be fixed at an amount made up, for each variety, of a component calculated with regard to foreseeable outlets on the Community market and, where appropriate, the influence of trends in prices of imported tobaccos which are competitive as substitutes for tobacco produced in the Community, and a standard component designed to secure guaranteed price and income and to ensure that tobacco produced in the Community is sold;

Whereas, for the purpose of fixing the amount of the premium for leaf tobacco outlets for baled tobacco should be assessed; whereas to this end the costs of first processing and of market preparation for each variety should be taken into account; whereas these costs should correspond to those of well-managed undertakings established in the Community; whereas account should also be taken, for each variety, of the average losses in weight resulting from first processing and preparation for market;

Whereas the amount of the premium theoretically applicable to all tobaccos of the relevant variety is to be fixed, for each of the varieties produced in the Community and for the corresponding reference quality, per kilogramme of leaf tobacco which has not undergone first processing and preparation for market;

Whereas, applying these rules and criteria to the situation on the market in raw tobacco, the premium should be based on the prices for baled tobacco; whereas international trade is in such tobacco;

Whereas it has been found that the cost price of baled tobacco produced in the Community is higher than the price which would enable that tobacco to compete with similar imported tobacco and than the prices which potential buyers are prepared to pay; whereas the premium granted to purchasers of tobacco produced in the Community is intended to enable those purchasers to pay to leaf tobacco producers a price which is the same as the norm price;

Whereas increasing integration is currently a feature of the market; whereas the alterations to the norm price and the costs of first processing and market preparation which have been decided on for the 1975 harvest should therefore not be reflected in the amount of the premium, but the premium should be adjusted, account being taken of the trend in world market prices, by reference to the prices established on the Community market by supply and demand;

Whereas the premium thus calculated was established at the baled tobacco stage; whereas this premium should be adjusted to the leaf tobacco stage by a formula similar to that described above;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 475/75 [5] of 27 February 1975 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture has provided that as from 3 March 1975 a representative rate shall be applied in respect of the currencies of all the Member States; whereas for tobacco, however, the economic effects of these representative rates will appear, in the Member States of which the representative rate has been revalued, only as from 1 January 1976, in order to

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(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.
(4) OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 52, 28. 2. 1975, p. 28.

avoid a reduction in the value of the national currency; whereas this provision would lead, as from that date, to a variation of the premiums fixed in units of account for approximately half the 1975 harvest; whereas however it appears more appropriate to the characteristics of this agricultural sector to ensure the same conditions for the whole of this year's harvest; whereas this result can be reached if the former exchange rate in the Member States in question is made applicable to the premiums paid for the 1975 harvest;

Whereas the Monetary Committee shall be consulted on the exchange rate; whereas in view of the urgency there are grounds for drawing up the measures in question under the conditions set out in Article 3 (2) of Regulation No 129,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1975 harvest the amounts of the premium granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco and provided for in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 shall be as shown in the Annex.

Article 2

As from 1 January 1976 the exchange rate to be applied in Germany and the Benelux countries to the premiums for the 1975 tobacco harvest shall be that in force before 3 March 1975.

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

ANNEX

Amount of the premium per kilogramme of leaf tobacco

Serial No	Varieties	Amount (u.a./kg)
1	a) Badischer Geudertheimer b) Forchheimer Havanna II c)	1·390
2	Badischer Burley E	1·402
3	Virgin SCR	1·272
4	a) Paraguay and hybrids thereof b) Dragon vert and hybrids thereof	1·100
5	Nijkerk	1·119
6	Burley (Burley × Bel)	0·930
7	a) Misionero and hybrids thereof b) Rio Grande and hybrids thereof	1·028

Serial No	Varieties	Amount (u.a./kg)
8	a) Philippin b) Petit Grammont (Flobecq) c) Burley (Ergo × 6 410 and Ergo × Bursana)	0·765
9	a) Semois b) Appelterre	0·918
10	Bright	1·100
11 a)	Burley I	0·710
11 b)	Maryland	0·848
12	a) Kentucky and hybrids thereof b) Moro di Cori c) Salento	0·670
13	a) Nostrano del Brenta b) Resistente 142 c) Gojano	1·180
14	Beneventano	0·823
15	Xanti-Yakà	1·445
16	Perustitza	1·358
17	Erzegovina and hybrids thereof	1·230
18	a) Round Tip b) Scafati c) Sumatra I	5·155
19	a) Brasile Selvaggio b) Other varieties	0·245