COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 558/76

of 15 March 1976

fixing certain prices applicable for milk and milk products, beef and veal and pigmeat for the 1976/77 marketing year

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 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 559/76 (2), and in particular Articles 2, 3(4), 5(1) and 12(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 568/76 (4), and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat (5), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 367/76 (6), and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (7),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (8),

Whereas the markets and prices policy, based on modernized farms, is the main instrument of the incomes policy in agriculture; whereas full advantage cannot be drawn from such a policy unless it is integrated into the common agricultural policy as a whole, including a dynamic social and structural policy and the application of the rules on competition in the Treaty;

Whereas the common agricultural prices must be fixed by a method which takes account of objective criteria; whereas, when those prices are fixed, account should also be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and of the contribution which the Community desires to make to the harmonious development of world trade; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are in particular to secure an equitable standard of living for the agricultural community and ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Milk and milk products

Whereas the target price for milk should bear a balanced relationship to the prices for other agricultural products and in particular to that for beef and veal, and be consistent with the proposed orientation of cattle farming; whereas it is also necessary, in fixing those prices to take account of the Community's efforts to establish a long-term balance between supply and demand on the market in milk, allowing for external trade in milk and milk products;

Whereas the intervention prices for butter and for skimmed-milk powder are designed to contribute to the achievement of the target price for milk; whereas it is necessary to determine the price levels in the light of both the general state of supply and demand on the Community market in milk and the opportunities for disposal of butter and skimmed-milk powder on the Community and world markets;

Whereas the intervention prices for Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68;

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) See page 9 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(4) See page 28 of this Official Journal.
(5) OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 45, 21. 2. 1976, p. 1.
(7) OJ No C 53, 8. 3. 1976, p. 24.
(8) OJ No C 50, 4. 3. 1976, p. 19.

Whereas only the intervention price for butter in force in the new Member States should be moved towards alignment with the common price in the 1976/77 marketing year, in accordance with Article 52 (2) (a) of the Act of Accession; whereas the effect of the modification in prices would be to disrupt the process of the United Kingdom's integration in the Community; whereas, therefore, it is advisable to limit the alignment of the intervention price for butter obtaining in that Member State, in accordance with Article 52 (3) of the aforesaid Act;

Whereas, in view of the market situation, the target price for milk should be increased in two stages; whereas, consequently, there will be an increase in stages in the intervention price for butter, skimmed-milk powder and for Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses;

Whereas the advantages resulting from the increase in the intervention prices should be extended to buying-in operations in the framework of interventions carried out between 1 and 14 March 1976 inclusive;

Whereas, as a result of the alteration to the representative rate of the German mark, measures should be taken to prevent a reduction in the intervention price for skimmed-milk powder expressed in national currency;

Beef and veal

Whereas the guide prices must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68;

Whereas, for the 1976/77 marketing year, guide prices should be fixed at a level above that for the previous marketing year;

Whereas, however, in view of the current economic situation in the beef and veal market, it would seem necessary to make provision, in respect of the 1976/77 marketing year, for an intervention price for adult bovine animals fixed at a level below that which would result from the increase of the guide price;

Whereas Article 52 (2) of the Act of Accession provides for annual alignment at the beginning of the marketing year of the prices applied in the new Member States; whereas this provision applies, in respect of beef and veal, to the guide prices for calves and adult bovine animals by virtue of Article 90 of the Act of Accession;

Pigmeat

Whereas the basic price for slaughtered pigs must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 for a standard quality defined according to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2760/75 of 29 October 1975 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcases [1]; whereas the most representative class and categories of weight in Community production should be taken as the standard qualitiy;

Whereas an increase in production costs has resulted from certain measures taken in the milk products sector; whereas the basic price should therefore be applied at a date earlier than that laid down in Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75;

Whereas, in respect of all the products referred to in this Regulation, the application of the criteria for the fixing of the different prices and the application of the measures provided for in respect of the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture, entail the fixing of those prices at the levels shown in the Annexes to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1976/77 marketing year with respect to milk and milk products, beef and veal and pigmeat, certain prices together with certain of the conditions for the application thereof, where appropriate, the period during which certain of the prices shall apply and, where appropriate, the standard quality to which they relate, are fixed in the Annex.

Article 2

In the case of buying-in operations carried out by the intervention agencies in the milk and milk products sector between 1 and 14 March 1976 inclusive, these bodies shall pay to sellers, in addition to the buying-in price for 1975/76, an amount equal to the difference, expressed in the national currency, between this buying-in price and that for the beginning of the 1976/77 marketing year.

The compensatory amounts fixed in pursuance of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 [2], shall not be affected by the foregoing paragraph.

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[1] OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 10.
[2] OJ No L 106, 12. 5. 1971, p. 1.

Article 3

However, in Germany the intervention price for skimmed-milk powder, until 15 September 1976, shall be the price valid in national currency in that Member State before 15 March 1976.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 March 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL

ANNEX I

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

	units of account per 100 kg from:	
	15 March to 15 September 1976	16 September 1976
(a) Target price for milk	16·29	16·76
(b) Intervention price for:		
— butter:		
— in Ireland	210·35	216·03
— in the United Kingdom	172·36	176·62
— in the other Member States	218·08	223·80
— skimmed-milk powder	90·16	91·37
— Grana Padano cheese:		
— 30 to 60 days old	208·91	213·79
— at least six months old	250·69	255·84
— Parmigiano Reggiano cheese at least six months old	271·81	276·96

ANNEX II

BEEF AND VEAL

(u.a./100 kg liveweight)

	Ireland and the United Kingdom	Other Member States
Guide price for:		
— calves (1)	128·57	139·04
— adult bovine animals	109·81	118·74
Intervention price for adult bovine animals (2)	98·83	106·87
Price level referred to in the first sentence of Article 6 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 (2)	—	106·87

(1) It is accepted that this price may be deleted within the framework of a new import system for this product.
(2) Pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 6 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

ANNEX III

PIGMEAT

	units of account per 100 kg	Period of application
Basic price for pig carcases of standard quality	114·48	From 15 March 1976 to 31 October 1977 (1)

(1) Derogation from Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75.

The standard quality shall be the quality for pig carcases of Class II of the Community scale for grading pig carcases laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 2760/75, excluding those carcases with a weight of less than 70 kg and those with a weight equal to or greater than 160 kg.