COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 843/76

of 9 April 1976

applying quality class 'III' to certain fruit for the 1976/77 marketing year

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 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2482/75 (2), and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation No 211/66/EEC of 14 December 1966 (3) added a class 'III' to the common quality standards for peaches and table grapes, while the same class was added to the common quality standards for cherries and strawberries by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1194/69 of 26 June 1969 (4); whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 379/71 of 19 February 1971 laying down common quality standards for citrus fruit (5), and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1641/71 of 27 July 1971 laying down quality standards for dessert apples and pears (6), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1833/73 (7), laid down a class 'III' for the products concerned;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the quality class 'III' may be applied only if the products concerned are needed to meet consumer demand; whereas this appears to be the case at present for lemons, table grapes, cherries and strawberries; whereas, in view of the considerable fluctuations in production from one marketing year to another, the period of application of quality class 'III' should be limited;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A quality class 'III' as defined in the common quality standards shall apply, for the period specified in each case, in respect of the products listed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 9 April 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Lemons:	from 1 June 1976 to 31 May 1977;
Table grapes:	from 1 May 1976 to 30 April 1977;
Cherries:	from 1 April to 30 September 1976;
Strawberries:	from 1 April to 31 December 1976.

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(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 254, 1. 10. 1975, p. 3.
(3) OJ No 233, 20. 12. 1966, p. 3939/66.
(4) OJ No L 157, 28. 6. 1969, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 45, 24. 2. 1971, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 172, 31. 7. 1971, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 185, 7. 7. 1973, p. 17.