COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1074/77

of 17 May 1977

fixing the amounts of aid for fibre flax and hemp for the 1977/78 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 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organization of the market in flax and hemp (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 814/76 (2), and in particular Article 4 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (3),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (4),

Whereas Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 provides that the amount of aid for flax grown mainly for fibre and for hemp grown in the Community shall be fixed annually ;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 4 (2) of that Regulation, this amount shall be fixed per hectare sown and harvested so as to ensure a balance between the required volume of production within the Community and the potential outlets for that production ; whereas, when it it is fixed, account must be taken of the price for flax and hemp fibres and seeds on the world market, of the price for other competing natural products and of the guide price for linseed ;

Whereas application of these criteria entails fixing prices at levels higher than those adopted for the preceding marketing year ;

Whereas, for the 1976/77 marketing year, the amount of aid for flax grown mainly for fibre and produced in the United Kingdom was fixed at a level lower than that applicable in the other Member States ; whereas, for the 1977/78 marketing year, pursuant to Article 95 of the Act of Accession, the amount of aid applicable in the United Kingdom should be brought closer to the common level,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Sole Article

For the 1977/78 marketing year, the aid provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 shall be :

(a) as regards flax grown mainly for fibre :

— 163·72 units of account per hectare for the United Kingdom,

— 194·76 units of account per hectare for the other Member States ;

(b) as regards hemp, 176·88 units of account per hectare for all Member States.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

(1) OJ No L 146, 4. 7. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 94, 9. 4. 1976, p. 4.
(3) OJ No C 93, 18. 4. 1977, p. 11.
(4) OJ No C 77, 30. 3. 1977, p. 15.