COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1466/77

of 30 June 1977

fixing, for the 1977/78 marketing year, the amounts of the levy in connection with the offsetting of storage costs for sugar

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 of 19 December 1974 on the common organization of the market in sugar [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1110/77 [2], and in particular the last subparagraph of Article 8 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 provides that storage costs for sugar and for certain Community syrups and for imported preferential sugar shall be reimbursed at a flat rate by the Member States;

Whereas, for the 1977/78 marketing year, the monthly amount of the reimbursement has been fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1113/77 of 17 May 1977 fixing, for the 1977/78 sugar year, the derived intervention prices, the intervention price for raw beet sugar, the minimum prices for beet, the threshold prices, the maximum amount of the production levy and the amount of the repayment to offset storage costs [3] at 0·30 unit of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar;

Whereas Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 provides also that the Member States shall charge levies on sugar manufacturers and on importers or refiners of preferential sugar;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1358/77 of 20 June 1977 laying down general rules for offsetting storage costs for sugar and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 750/68 [4], the quantity in store to be taken into consideration for the reimbursement of one month's storage costs is equal to the average quantities of sugar held in store at the beginning and at the end of the month in question; whereas, for the 1977/78 marketing year, the quantities of Community sugar in store each month may be estimated by reference to anticipated stocks at the beginning of the marketing year, estimated monthly production, the quantities likely to be imported outside preferential conditions in the month under consideration and the quantities likely to be disposed of for domestic consumption or exported during the same month; whereas total average monthly stocks during the 1977/78 marketing year can be estimated at approximately 61·8 million tonnes of sugar expressed in white value; whereas the total reimbursement for Community sugar can thus be estimated at approximately 185·4 million units of account for the 1977/78 marketing year;

Whereas Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1358/77 provides that the amount of the levy for Community sugar shall be calculated by dividing total anticipated reimbursements by the anticipated quantity of sugar which will be disposed of during the sugar marketing year in question and produced within the maximum quotas; whereas total anticipated reimbursements are to be increased or decreased as the case may be by the amounts carried forward from preceding sugar marketing years; whereas the amount carried forward from the marketing year 1976/77 will probably be zero;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 442/70 of 9 March 1970 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of offsetting storage costs for sugar [5], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1465/77 [6], provides that the levy is to be fixed per 100 kilograms of white sugar; whereas the quantity of Community sugar which will be disposed of during the 1977/78 marketing year for home consumption

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(1) OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 134, 28. 5. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 134, 28. 5. 1977, p. 11.
(4) OJ No L 156, 25. 6. 1977, p. 4.
(5) OJ No L 55, 10. 3. 1970, p. 10.
(6) See page 1 of this Official Journal.

or for export may be estimated at approximately 10·5 million tonnes of sugar expressed in white value; whereas the amount of the levy for Community sugar should therefore be 1·77 units of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar;

Whereas Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 1358/77 specifies that the amount of the levy for preferential sugar shall be calculated in the same way; whereas total average monthly stocks during the 1977/78 marketing year can be estimated at approximately 3·1 million tonnes of sugar expressed in white value; whereas the total reimbursement for preferential sugar can thus be estimated at approximately 9·3 million units of account for the 1977/78 marketing year; whereas the quantity of preferential sugar to which the evv will apply during the same period may be estimated at 1·3 million tonnes of sugar expressed in white value; whereas the amount of the levy for preferential sugar should therefore be 0·71 unit of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1977/78 marketing year, the amount of the levy referred to in Article 8 (1) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 is hereby fixed at 1·77 unit of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar.

2. For the 1977/78 marketing year, the amount of the levy referred to in Article 8 (1) (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 is hereby fixed at 0·71 unit of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 June 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President