COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1636/77

of 20 July 1977

laying down protective measures applicable to the import of peaches originating in Greece

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 1034/77 (2), and in particular Article 29 (2) thereof,

Whereas on 16 July 1977 the Italian Government requested the Commission to adopt protective measures against the import of peaches originating in Greece; whereas on 18 and 19 July 1977 further information was supplied in connection with this request;

Whereas peach production in the current marketing year in the two main Community producer countries is estimated at 1 590 000 tonnes; whereas production is at almost the same level as in the 1974 marketing year, the last comparable year, when nearly 80 000 tonnes had to be withdrawn from the market;

Whereas production in Greece, the main Community supplier, has increased considerably as compared with previous years and production in Spain, the second largest supplier to the Community, is particularly low, so that there are practically no further exports from this country;

Whereas, in the second 10-day period in July, prices declined markedly in the Community because of the substantial volume of Community production and of imports originating in Greece, which were particularly high in mid-July; whereas this hastened withdrawals which accounted for abnormally large quantities in the same period;

Whereas, given the development of the marketing year, the quantities marketed in the Community will increase over the next weeks; whereas, in particular, it is likely that Greek consignments to the Community will be speeded up; whereas it is therefore likely that prices will drop still further on Community markets; whereas this situation will inevitably swell the volume of withdrawals of Community products over the next weeks;

Whereas, from the above assessment of the essential aspects of the market situation, it may be concluded that the Community market is in danger of being seriously disturbed by imports of peaches originating in Greece which could jeopardize the aims of Article 39 of the Treaty; whereas, in the circumstances, protective measures should be adopted with respect to such imports; whereas the Community can invoke the provisions in the second subparagraph of Article 36 (1) of the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece, the conditions for application of this Article having been met;

Whereas to this end imports of peaches from Greece should be suspended for the period strictly necessary to arrest the fall in prices and thus eliminate the abovementioned threat of disturbances,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Entry into free circulation in the Community of peaches, other than nectarines (Common Customs Tariff subheading ex 08.07 B) of Greek origin shall be suspended from 25 to 27 July 1977.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 125, 19. 5. 1977, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1977.

For the Commission

The President

Roy JENKINS