COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2619/77
of 28 November 1977
adopting protective measures applicable to imports of frozen squid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/76 [2], and in particular Article 22 (2) thereof,

Whereas on 24 November 1977 the Italian Government requested that the Commission adopt protective measures relating to the importation of frozen squid originating in non-member countries;

Whereas in recent months there has been a considerable increase in imports of frozen squid from non-member countries compared with imports during the corresponding period of previous years;

Whereas these imports have been effected at considerably lower prices and show a continuing downward trend;

Whereas, since the imported product has the same commercial characteristics as the Italian product, these imports cause a fall in prices of the latter; whereas in view of the foreseeable volume of imports and their prices it is to be feared that the fall already recorded will become excessive;

Whereas this situation has given rise to marketing difficulties for the domestic product which could worsen;

Whereas these marketing difficulties have led to increased stocks; whereas the sale of these stocks and of further production will be considerably hampered by the increased volume of imports at the price levels obtaining at present;

Whereas the data available to the Commission at present lead to the conclusion that as a result of imports the Italian squid market is affected by serious disturbances which could endanger the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty; whereas under these conditions it is necessary to adopt protective measures in respect of these products; whereas, therefore, importation of the products in question should be made conditional on the observance of a minimum price; whereas in view of the fact that these products can be substituted for products with the same commercial characteristics for which a reference price is fixed, the amount of the latter should be taken into account when fixing the minimum prices,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Importation into Italy of frozen squid falling within Tariff subheading 03.03 B IV a) 1, with the exception of squids of the Loligo spp, Ommastrephes sagittatus, Todarodes sagittatus and Illex coindetti species originating in and coming from non-member countries with the exception of Greece is hereby suspended.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to imports for which the price is equal to or more than a minimum import price of 1 227 units of account per tonne.

3. On importation the items to be taken into consideration with respect to the minimum price referred to in paragraph 2 are the following:

(a) free at frontier Community price before customs clearance;
(b) unloading costs.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 28 November 1977.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 20, 28. 1. 1976, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 276, 7. 10. 1976, p. 5.