COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2685/77
of 6 December 1977
suspending 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 amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/76 (2), and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 19 (6) thereof,

Whereas Article 19 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 provides among other things that, where the entry price for a given product imported from a non-member country is lower than the reference price, in the case of the products listed in Annex II imports may be suspended or restricted to specified qualities, forms of presentation or end uses;

Whereas, by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3125/76 of 16 December 1976 fixing, for the 1977 fishing year, reference prices for fishery products (3), the reference price for frozen squid was fixed at 1 227 units of account per tonne;

Whereas Article 19 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 provides, that, for products in respect of which a reference price is fixed, an entry price is to be established on the basis of the lowest prices recorded for one and the same marketing stage on representative import markets or in representative ports of import, reduced by an amount equal to any customs duties and charges levied on those products and by the cost of transporting the products form those markets or ports to Community frontier crossing points;

Whereas the situation on the Italian market for frozen squid has led to the adoption of protective measures in respect of imports from non-member countries, with the exception of Greece, of species for which no reference price is provided for by Community rules; whereas, to that end, Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2619/77 of 28 November 1977 adopting protective measures applicable to imports of frozen squid (4) makes the importation of such squid conditional on the observance of a minimum price;

Whereas it is to be feared that imports, at the entry prices obtaining at present, of squid subject to the system of reference prices will result, given the interchangeability of the various species, in the same disturbances of the Italian market as those which led to the adoption of the protective measures;

Whereas imports of the products in question should, therefore, be suspended when they are effected at a level lower than the reference price,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. All imports into the Community of frozen squid as specified in the Annex hereto originating in and coming from non-member countries, with the exception of Greece, are hereby suspended.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to imports of products which comply with the reference price set out in the said Annex.

Article 2

The items to be taken into account in determining whether an import complies with the reference price as referred to in Article 1 (2) shall be as follows:

(a) the free-at-Community frontier price, before customs clearance;

(b) unloading costs.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 8 December 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 December 1977.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 20, 28. 1. 1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 276, 7. 10. 1976, p. 5.
(3) OJ No L 353, 23. 12. 1976, p. 11.
(4) OJ No L 304, 29. 11. 1977, p. 37.

ANNEX

CCT heading No	Description	Reference price (u.a./tonne)
03.03 B IV a) 1	Squid : aa) Ommastrephes sagittatus and Loligo spp ex bb) Todarodes sagittatus and Illex coindetti	1 227