COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2725/77

of 8 December 1977

fixing for the 1976/77 sugar marketing year the amount of the production levy

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 Article 27 (7) thereof,

Whereas Article 7 (1) of Common Regulation (EEC) No 700/73 of 12 March 1973 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of the quota system for sugar [3], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1573/76 [4], provides that the amount of the production levy must be fixed for each sugar marketing year; whereas the criteria for fixing the said amount are laid down in Article 27 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 and in Article 7 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 700/73;

Whereas the total Community sugar production for the 1976/77 sugar marketing year was 10 002 723·5 tonnes; whereas the quantities carried forward to the 1977/78 sugar marketing year pursuant to Article 31 of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 amounted to 30 784·2 tonnes and the quantities produced during the sugar campaign in question but not carried forward exceeded the maximum quotas by 152 783·3 tonnes;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 27 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74, the guaranteed quantity shall be equal to human consumption in the Community less the quantity imported on preferential terms during the same period; whereas the guaranteed quantity may not be less than the sum of the basic quotas;

Whereas the quantity disposed of for human consumption in the Community during the period 1 October 1976 to 30 September 1977 may be estimated at 8 977 000 tonnes; whereas preferential imports totalled 1 415 176·7 tonnes, expressed as white sugar; whereas, therefore, the guaranteed quantity is 9 136 000 tonnes;

Whereas Article 7 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 700/73 provides that a fixed amount shall be calculated on the basis of the average of losses incurred in disposing of sugar during the period from 1 October of the relevant marketing year to 30 September of the following year;

Whereas 1 908 719·1 tonnes of surplus production was disposed of between 1 October 1976 and 30 September 1977; whereas the fixed amount calculated on the above basis is 18·227 units of account per 100 kilograms;

Whereas the total losses incurred in disposing of production in excess of the guaranteed quantity can thus be assessed at 124 518 844·12 units of account;

Whereas the total production above basic quotas but within maximum quotas and not carried forward was 1 220 496·7 tonnes; whereas the amount of the production levy is calculated by dividing the total losses by the last-mentioned quantity; whereas the amount so calculated is 10·20 units of account per 100 kilograms;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 834/76 of 6 April 1976 fixing for the 1976/77 sugar marketing year the derived intervention prices, the intervention prices for raw beet sugar, the minimum prices for beet, the threshold prices and the maximum amount of the production levy, and fixing the coefficient for calculating the special maximum quota [5], fixed the maximum amount of the production levy at 9·94 units of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar; whereas the levy should thus be fixed at 9·94 units of account;

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

(1) OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 134, 28. 5. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 67, 14. 3. 1973, p. 12.
(4) OJ No L 172, 1. 7. 1976, p. 52.
(5) OJ No L 100, 14. 4. 1976, p. 25.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The amount of the production levy for the 1976/77 sugar marketing year shall be 9·94 units of account per 100 kilograms of white sugar.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 8 December 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President