COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1668/78

of 14 July 1978

fixing the reference prices for table grapes for the 1978 marketing year

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 1154/78 (2), and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices valid for the whole Community are to be fixed at the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas table grapes are produced in such quantities in the Community that reference prices should be fixed for them;

Whereas table grapes harvested during a given crop year are marketed from May to April of the next year; whereas the quantities harvested in May and June, during the first 10 days of July and also January to April of the next year are so small that there is no need to fix reference prices for these periods; whereas, due principally to developments in production techniques, a relatively large increase in the marketing of Community products during the last 10 days of November and in the month of December can be expected; whereas, however, the figures at present available are insufficiently conclusive to justify fixing a reference price for that period; whereas reference prices should be fixed only for the period 11 July up to and including 20 November;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the reference prices are fixed on the bases of the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State plus an amount representing the costs of transporting Community products from the production areas to Community marketing centres; whereas the trend of production costs in the fruit and vegetables sector must also be taken into account;

Whereas, to take seasonal variations into account, the year should be divided into several periods and a reference price fixed for each of these periods;

Whereas producer prices are to correspond to the average of the prices recorded on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest, during the three years prior to the date on which the reference price is fixed, for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics; being a product or variety representing a substantial proportion of the production marketed over the year or over part thereof and satisfying specified requirements as regards market preparation; whereas, when the average of prices recorded on each representative market is being calculated, prices which could be considered excessively high or excessively low in relation to normal price fluctuations on that market are to be disregarded;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1978 marketing year, the reference price for table grapes (subheading 08.04 A I of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kilograms net of packed products of Class I, of all sizes, shall be as follows:

— July (11 to 20):	—
(21 to 31):	30·69
— August:	30·69
— September and October:	27·02
— November (1 to 20):	27·30

Article 2

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

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 144, 31. 5. 1978, p. 5.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 July 1978.

For the Commission

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Vice-President