COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2656/78

of 13 November 1978

fixing for the 1978/79 marketing year the reference price for mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, Wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids

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 1766/78 (2), and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof,

Whereas Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that reference prices for the whole Community are to be fixed each year before the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas the importance of mandarin production in the Community is such that a reference price must be fixed for that product, such price to be operative also for tangerines, satsumas, clementines, Wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids;

Whereas the period during which mandarins harvested during a given crop year are marketed extends from October to 15 May of the following year; whereas the quantity put on the market during October and from 1 March to 15 May of the following year represents only a small percentage of that marketed over the whole marketing year; whereas the reference price should therefore be fixed only for the period running from 1 November to 28 February of the following year;

Whereas the fixing of a single reference price valid for the whole marketing year appears to be the solution most suited to the particular nature of the Community market in the product in question;

Whereas, under the second subparagraph of Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices for mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, Wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids are, beginning with the 1975/76 marketing year, to be fixed at a level equal to that of the previous marketing year, adjusted as necessary by a percentage not exceeding the difference between the percentages representing respectively the variation compared with the preceding marketing year in basic and buying-in prices and in the financial compensation provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 of 9 December 1969 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1122/78 (4);

Whereas for the 1978/79 marketing year the financial compensation provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 has been increased, by comparison with the preceding marketing year, by a percentage equal to that applied to the basic and buying-in prices; whereas the reference prices for the 1978/79 marketing year should therefore be maintained at the levels fixed for the previous year;

Whereas only mandarins imported from third countries are directly comparable, as regards their commercial value, with Community products; whereas for the other varieties and hybrids, conversion factors should be determined according to their respective commercial values and applied, in calculating the entry price, to the prices of such products imported from third countries;

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

1. For the 1978/79 marketing year, the reference price for fresh mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, Wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids of subheading ex 08.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff, expressed in units of account per 100 kilograms net of packed products of Quality Class I of all sizes, shall, for the period 1 November to 28 February, be 19·74.

2. In calculating the entry price, the prices for products imported from third countries, other than mandarins, shall, after deduction of customs duties, be adjusted by a conversion factor of:

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 204, 28. 7. 1978, p. 12.
(3) OJ No L 318, 18. 12. 1969, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 142, 30. 5. 1978, p. 13.

— 0·75 for clementines (excluding monreales),

— 1·00 for monreales, tangerines, satsumas, Wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 13 November 1978.

For the Commission

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