COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 348/78

of 20 February 1978

introducing a countervailing charge on mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids originating in Morocco

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 1034/77 (2), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 27 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that, if the entry price of a product imported from a third country remains at least 0·50 unit of account below the reference price for two consecutive market days, a countervailing charge must be introduced in respect of the exporting country concerned, save in exceptional circumstances; whereas this charge is equal to the difference between the reference price and the arithmetic mean of the last two entry prices available for that exporting country;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2592/77 of 24 November 1977 fixing for the 1977/78 marketing year the reference price for mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids (3), fixed for those products of quality Class I the reference price at 19·74 units of account per 100 kg net for the period 1 November 1977 to 28 February 1978;

Whereas the entry price for a given exporting country is equal to the lowest representative prices recorded for at least 30 % of the quantities from the exporting country concerned which are marketed on all representative markets for which prices are available, less the duties, and the charges indicated in Article 24 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72; whereas the meaning of representative price is defined in Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72;

Whereas in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2118/74 (4), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 385/75 (5), the prices to be taken into consideration must be recorded on the representative markets or, in certain circumstances, on other markets; whereas it is necessary, where appropriate, to multiply the prices with the coefficients fixed in Article 1 (2), of Regulation (EEC) No 2592/77;

Whereas for those products originating in Morocco the entry price calculated in this way has remained at least 0·50 unit of account below the reference price for two consecutive market days; whereas a countervailing charge should therefore be introduced for these fresh mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids originating in Morocco;

Whereas if the system is to operate normally the entry price should be calculated on the following basis:

— in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2·25 %, a rate of exchange based on their effective parity;

— for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded for a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in previous subparagraph,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A countervailing charge of 3·59 units of account per 100 kg net is applied to fresh mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and other similar citrus hybrids (subheading ex 08.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff) originating in Morocco.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 February 1978.

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 125, 19. 5. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 301, 25. 11. 1977, p. 20.
(4) OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 44, 18. 2. 1975, p. 8.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1978

For the Commission

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