COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 69/78

of 13 January 1978

fixing the price for sugar cane to be paid by sugar manufacturers to sellers of sugar cane in the French department of Réunion

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 2560/77 (2), and in particular Article 7 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 provides that conditions for purchasing sugar cane are governed by agreements within the trade between sugar cane producers and sugar manufacturers; whereas, where no agreements of this kind exist, conditions of purchase, and in particular the minimum proportion of the intervention price for cane sugar to be paid by sugar manufacturers to sellers of sugar cane, are to be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 36 of that Regulation;

Whereas no inter-trade agreement has been reached in Réunion on the price to be paid for cane in the 1977/78 sugar marketing year; whereas it is therefore necessary to fix a minimum price for cane, to specify the collection centres as the delivery stage to which it should apply and to specify a standard quality which may be considered as representative of the cane processed in that department;

Whereas it is advisable for fix the minimum price for cane on the basis of the price received by the manufacturer; whereas this may be calculated from the derived intervention price fob Réunion for raw sugar, plus 4·4 % for the value of the molasses, less a lump sum of 0·84 unit of account per 100 kilograms of raw sugar with a 98 % yield for expenditure incurred between the ex-factory stage and the fob stage;

Whereas it is appropriate to fix the minimum price for cane so that its value represents two-thirds of that received by the manufacturer;

Whereas the payment for cane with a sugar content differing from the standard quality should be adjusted by applying a formula already used by planters and sugar manufacturers;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation shall apply to cane processed into sugar produced within the quota in the French department of Réunion during the 1977/78 sugar year.

Article 2

1. Without prejudice to the application of the provisions of Article 27 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74, sugar manufacturers shall pay the sellers of sugar cane a minimum price equal to 21·87 units of account per tonne of standard quality cane on delivery to the collecting centres used during the 1977/78 sugar marketing year.

2. Standard quality cane shall have the following characteristics:

(a) Sound, fair and of marketable quality;

(b) Recoverable sugar content 11 %. The recoverable sugar content shall be calculated according to the formula set out in the Annex.

Article 3

Where the recoverable sugar content of the cane differs from that specified in Article 2, the minimum price of the cane shall be calculated by weighting the price referred to in Article 2 (1) by a coefficient obtained by dividing by eight the percentage recoverable sugar content of the cane, less three.

Article 4

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

(1) OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 303, 28. 11. 1977, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEX

Subject to point 2, the formula to be used to obtain the sugar content is as follows :

$$SR = 0{\cdot}94\ S\ (1 - 1{\cdot}275\ f) - 1{\cdot}90$$

0·94 = coefficient to take account of the difference between the sugar content on entry into the factory and after processing as well as the non-representativity of samples taken in 1977/78,

S = sugar in grams % grams of press juice,

f = 0·5 b = weight of bagasse in the unit weight of cane,

SR = % of raw sugar recoverable from a 98 % yield

1·90 = standard allowance for sugar processing wastage.