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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1608/79
of 24 July 1979
fixing the guide price for castor seed for the 1979/80 marketing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 of 19 December 1977 laying down special measures for castor seed [1], and in particular Article 1 (1) and (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [2],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [3],

Whereas subparagraph 1 of Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 provides that a guide price for castor seed falling within subheading 12.01 B of the Common Customs Tariff shall be fixed annually;

Whereas, when this price is fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and of the contribution which the Community desires to make to the harmonious development of world trade; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are in particular to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, and to ensure that supplies are available and reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the third subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 provides more specifically that this price shall be fixed at a fair level for producers, having regard to the supply requirements of the Community; whereas, to this end, a balanced relationship should be maintained between this price and the price which may be obtained for substitute crops and, in particular, from those of other oil seed;

Whereas the guide price must be fixed for a standard quality to be determined taking into account the average quality of the seed harvested in the Community; whereas the quality laid down for the 1978/79 marketing year meets this requirement and can accordingly be used for the following marketing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1979/80 marketing year, the guide price for castor seed shall be 51·54 ECU per 100 kilograms.

Article 2

The price referred to in Article 1 shall relate to seed:

— in bulk, of sound, genuine and merchantable quality, and

— with an impurity content of 2 % and, for the seed as such, humidity and oil contents of 14 and 45 % respectively.

Article 3

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

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[1] OJ No L 332, 24. 12. 1977, p. 1.
[2] OJ No C 93, 9. 4. 1979, p. 49.
[3] OJ No C 171, 9. 7. 1979, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1979.

For the Council

The President

J. GIBBONS