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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 643/79

of 29 March 1979

amending, as regards the French franc, the Italian lira, the pound sterling and the Irish pound, Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73 (2), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the representative rates currently applicable were fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 of 26 April 1977 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2580/78 (4); whereas certain adjustments of the rates to the economic circumstances of Member States may be carried out in France, in Ireland, in Italy and in the United Kingdom; whereas, therefore, a representative rate more closely reflecting economic circumstances should be fixed in respect of the currencies of these Member States; whereas, however, the current situation in the pigmeat sector makes it possible to bring forward for France the entry into effect of the representative rate in the sector in question;

Whereas adjustment of these rates must take account of its effects, particularly on prices, and of the current economic situation in the Member States concerned; whereas, for this reason in particular, it is necessary that the new rates should be applied generally within a reasonable period, linked in principle to the beginning of the marketing year or to an alteration in prices, without, however, ruling out their entry into immediate effect in certain cases;

Whereas it appears necessary, in order to avoid differential treatment of interdependent products, to provide that the new rates should apply to sugar and isoglucose as from the same date;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 of 9 December 1969 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1034/77 (6), provided for additional aid to small farmers to offset part of the losses in earnings resulting from the conversion of their plantations of orange and mandarin trees; whereas, in order not to delay the completion of the conversion measures of the plantations in question, the date of the entry into effect of the representative rates for the additional aid should be brought forward;

Whereas the Monetary Committee will be consulted; whereas, in view of the urgency, it is necessary to adopt the measures envisaged in the conditions laid down in Article 3 (2) of Regulation No 129,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 2a of Regulation (EEC) No 878/77, paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'3. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, as regards the French franc:

(a) the representative rate of one French franc = 0·152417 unit of account shall apply with effect from:

(1) OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.
(2) OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 106, 29. 4. 1977, p. 27.
(4) OJ No L 309, 1. 11. 1978, p. 13.
(5) OJ No L 318, 18. 12. 1969, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 125, 19. 5. 1977, p. 1.

— 1 July 1979 for the sugar and isoglucose sectors,

— 1 August 1979 for the cereals sector,

— 9 April 1979 in all other cases ; however, in the wine sector, other dates may be set for the distillation operations ;

(b) the representative rate of one French franc = 0·144796 unit of account shall apply with effect from :

— 9 April 1979 for the pigmeat sector,

— 1 July 1980 for the isoglucose sector,

— 1 August 1980 for the eggs, poultrymeat, ovalbumin and lactalbumin sectors,

— 16 December 1980 for the wine sector ; however, other dates may be set for the distillation operations,

— 1 January 1981 for the fishery products sector,

— the beginning of the 1980/81 marketing year for other products in the case of which a marketing year exists,

— the beginning of the 1980/81 milk marketing year for all other cases not referred to above.

4. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, as regards the Italian lira, the representative rate of Lit 100 = 0·0823045 unit of account shall apply with effect from :

(a) 9 April 1979 for the milk and milk products, beef and pigmeat sectors ;

(b) 1 July 1979 for the isoglucose sector ;

(c) 1 August 1979 for the eggs, poultrymeat, ovalbumin and lactalbumin sectors ;

(d) 16 December 1979 for the wine sector ; however, other dates may be set for the distillation operations ;

(e) 1 January 1980 for the fishery products sector ;

(f) the beginning of the 1979/80 marketing year, with the exception of that which is indicated under (h), for other products in respect of which the marketing year has not yet begun at the date of the entry into force of Regulation (EEC) No 643/79 ;

(g) the date of the fixing of the amount of aid to producers in respect of the 1978 crop for the hops sector ;

(h) 9 April 1979 :

— for the additional aid referred to in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69,

— in all other cases not mentioned above.

However, following the Council Decision concerning the fixing of agricultural prices for the 1979/80 marketing year, the representative rate of Lit 100 = 0·0788644 unit of account shall be applicable :

— from the date of application of the prices for the 1979/80 marketing year for beef and veal and for milk and milk products : for all the products for which the rate referred to in the first paragraph applies on that date,

— for the dates referred to in the first paragraph : in all remaining cases.

5. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, as regards the pound sterling, the representative rate of one pound sterling = 1·49794 units of account shall apply with effect from :

(a) 9 April 1979 for the milk and milk products, beef, pigmeat, sugar and isoglucose sectors and in all other cases not mentioned below ;

(b) 1 August 1979 for the eggs, poultrymeat, ovalbumin and lactalbumin sectors ;

(c) 16 December 1979 for the wine sector ; however, other dates may be set for the distillation operations ;

(d) 1 January 1980 for the fishery products sector ;

(e) the beginning of the 1979/80 marketing year for other products in respect of which the marketing year has not yet begun at the date of the entry into force of Regulation (EEC) No 643/79 ;

(f) the date of the fixing of aid to producers in respect of the 1978 crop for the hops sector.

6. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, as regards the Irish pound, the representative rate of one Irish pound = 1·26702 units of account shall apply as from 9 April 1979 in all sectors.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 29 March 1979.

For the Council

The President

P. MEHAIGNERIE