COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1593/80

of 24 June 1980

fixing, for the 1980/81 sugar year, the sugar prices, the standard quality of beet and the coefficient for calculating the maximum quota

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 3330/74 of 19 December 1974 on the common organization of the market in sugar (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1396/78 (2), and in particular Articles 2 (2), 3 (5) and 4 (3) and the second subparagraph of Article 25 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1592/80 of 24 June 1980 on the application of the system of production quotas in the sugar and isoglucose sectors during the period 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981 (3),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (4),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (5),

Whereas, when sugar prices are fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and of the contribution which the Community intends 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, to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices ;

Whereas, in order to attain these objectives, the target price for sugar must be fixed at a level which, taking into account in particular the resultant level of the intervention price, ensures a fair remuneration for beet and sugar cane producers while at the same time respecting consumers' interests, and which is likely to maintain the balance between the prices of the principal agricultural products ;

Whereas, as a result of the characteristics of the sugar market, the risks involved in this trade are relatively slight ; whereas, consequently, when the intervention price for sugar is being fixed, the difference between the target price and the intervention price may be fixed at a relatively low level ;

Whereas the minimum price for beet must take account of the intervention price and of the costs of processing and delivering the beet to factories and be based on an estimated Community yield of 130 kilograms of white sugar per tonne of beet with a 16 % sugar content ;

Whereas, taking particular account of the rise in the price of energy, the abovementioned costs may be estimated at a flat-rate amount of 17·81 ECU per 100 kilograms of white sugar ; whereas that flat-rate amount is made up of the sum of the processing margin, estimated at 16·42 ECU, and the costs of delivering the beet to factories, estimated at 3·02 ECU, less a flat-rate amount of 1·63 ECU representing factories' receipts from the sale of molasses calculated on the basis of a yield of 38·5 kilograms per tonne of beet processed and an ex-factory price for molasses of 5·50 ECU per 100 kilograms of molasses adjusted on the basis of the evolution in recent years of the effective selling price ;

Whereas the standard quality chosen for beet should be a quality which takes account of production characteristics in the main beet-producing areas of the Community ;

Whereas, in the light of production trends resulting from specialization on the one hand and of the Community's sugar requirements and possible outlets on the other, the coefficient for the maximum quotas laid down in Article 25 of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 should be fixed at 1·275,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The target price for white sugar shall be 45·55 ECU per 100 kilograms.

2. The intervention price for white sugar shall be 43·27 ECU per 100 kilograms.

3. The area having the largest surplus consists of the following French departments : Aisne, Oise, Somme.

(1) OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 170, 27. 6. 1978, p. 1.
(3) See page 12 of this Official Journal.
(4) OJ No C 97, 21. 4. 1980, p. 33.
(5) Opinion delivered on 26 March 1980 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Article 2

The minimum price for beet for the area referred to in Article 1 (3) shall be 33·10 ECU per tonne delivered at the collection centre.

Article 3

Standard quality beet shall :

(a) be of sound, genuine and merchantable quality ;

(b) have a sugar content of 16 % at the reception point.

Article 4

The coefficient referred to in Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 shall be 1·275.

Article 5

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

It shall apply for the 1980/81 sugar year.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 24 June 1980.

For the Council

The President

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