COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2673/80

of 17 October 1980

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 on intervention procedure for raw tobacco

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1778/80 [2], and in particular Articles 5 (6) and 6 (10) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1779/80 of 30 June 1980 fixing, for the 1980 harvest, the norm and intervention prices, the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco and the reference qualities [3], amended the definition of the reference qualities of certain varieties of tobacco used hitherto in order to define more precisely their botanical and commercial characteristics ;

Whereas therefore the definition of other categories of these tobacco varieties, both leaf and baled, given in Annexes I and II to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1979/79 [5], should be adapted in time to permit the smooth running of the intervention operations ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 is hereby amended as follows :

1. Annex I is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation ;
2. Annex II is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 17 October 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 174, 9. 7. 1980, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 174, 9. 7. 1980, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 191, 27. 8. 1970, p. 5.
(5) OJ No L 228, 8. 9. 1979, p. 23.

ANNEX I

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 is amended as follows :

1. Number 4 is replaced by the following :

'4. (a) PARAGUAY and hybrids thereof, (b) DRAGON VERT and hybrids thereof, PHILIPPIN, PETIT GRAMMONT (Flobecq), SEMOIS, APPELTERRE

Lugs, Middle leaf or Tips

Class 1 Leaf sound, ripe of good combustibility, lively colour, relatively undamaged. Minor defects can be tolerated.

Class 2 Leaf sound, with minor defects as regards colour, texture, or ripeness but with satisfactory combustibility (1).

Class 3 Leaf sound with marked damage or defects as regards colour (pale or distinctly greenish), combustibility, soundness and firmness of texture or ripeness (clearly over or under-ripe) but having the minimum qualities required for intervention.

Additional class for individually-picked lugs

Class 1 S Leaf sound, ripe, of good combustibility, undamaged, not very close-grained uniformly lively in colour.

2. Number 10 is replaced by the following :

'10. (a) KENTUCKY and hybrids thereof, (b) MORO di CORI, (c) SALENTO

Category A Leaf of ample size, fully ripe, of firm and elastic texture, well cured and in good condition, brown with some damage, of good combustibility.

Category B Leaf fully ripe, of firm texture, with slight curing and condition defects, brown in colour, with some damage, with good combustibility (1).

Category C Leaf sufficiently ripe, of possible light or coarse texture, with some defects as regards condition, uneven brown in colour ; with some damage, possibly prominent.'

3. Numbers 13, 14 and 15 are replaced by the following :

'13. XANTI-YAKA

Category A Leaf sound and ripe, sessile, ovate/elliptical, with stems (midribs) not prominent and secondary veins at a rather broad angle ; possibly with slight curing defects, of generally light texture, yellow to brown in colour, with some slight damage, but in good condition, of good flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 15 cm.

Category B reasonably sound and ripe, sessile, of oval or eliptical shape, stems (midribs) not too prominent and well-spaced veins, with some curing defects, mainly of light texture, from yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition taken from all positions on the stalk with discreet flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaves not to exceed 20 cm (1).

Category C Leaf reasonably sound, sessile, ovate/elliptical, with stems (midribs) not too prominent and secondary veins at a rather broad angle ; possibly with curing defects, of a generally light to heavy texture, yellow to brown in colour, with pronounced damage but in good condition and suitable for storage ; from all the crowns, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and reasonably good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 20 cm.

14. (a) PERUSTITZA, (b) SAMSUN

Category A Leaf sound and ripe, sessile (Perustitza) or petiolate (Samsun), elliptical/lanceolate with a blunt tip (Perustitza) or rounded/elliptical (Samsun), with stems (midribs) not very prominent and secondary veins almost at an acute angle ; with slight curing defects, of generally light texture, yellow to brown in colour (Perustitza) or with a tendency towards reddishness (Samsun), with some slight damage, but in good condition, of good flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf not to exceed 20 cm.

Category B Leaf reasonably sound and ripe, sessile (Perustitza) or with leaf stalks (Samsun), of elliptical/lanceolate shape with fine points (Perustitza) or elliptical and rounded (Samsun), without prominent stems (midribs) and with veins at a rather acute angle, with slight curing defects, generally of light texture, in colour from yellow to brown (Perustitza), or reddish (Samsun), with marked damage but in good condition, taken from all positions on the stalk, with discreet flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaves not to exceed 25 cm (1).

Category C Leaf reasonably sound, sessile (Perustitza) or petiolate (Samsun), elliptical/lanceolate with a blunt tip (Perustitza) or rounded/elliptical (Samsun), with stems (midribs) not very prominent and secondary veins almost at an acute angle ; with some curing defects, of generally light to heavy texture, yellow to brown in colour (Perustitza) or with a tendency towards reddishness (Samsun), with prominent damage, but in good condition and suitable for storage ; from all the crowns, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and reasonably good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf not to exceed 25 cm.

15. ERZEGOVINA and similar varieties

Category A Leaf sound and ripe, sessile, ovate or elliptical, with stems (midribs) possibly prominent, secondary veins at a rather broad angle ; possibly with some curing defects, of generally light texture, yellow to brown in colour, with some slight damage, but in good condition, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 30 cm.

Category B Leaf reasonably sound and ripe, sessile, of oval or elliptical shape, with fairly prominent stems (midribs) and fairly open veins, with some curing defects, mainly of light texture, from yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition, taken from all positions on the stalk, with discreet flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaves not to exceed 35 cm (1).

Category C Leaf sufficiently sound and ripe, sessile ovate or elliptical, with stems (midribs) possibly prominent, secondary veins at a rather broad angle ; possibly with some curing defects, of generally light to heavy texture, yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition and suitable for storage ; from all the crowns, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and reasonably good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 35 cm (1)'

ANNEX II

Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1727/70 is amended as follows :

1. Number 10 is replaced by the following :

'10. (a) KENTUCKY and hybrids thereof, (b) MORO di CORI ; (c) SALENTO

I. Tobacco from the 1980 and subsequent harvests :

Category A Leaf of ample size, fully ripe, of firm and elastic texture, well cured and in good condition, brown with some damage, of good combustibility.

Category B Leaf fully ripe, of firm texture, with slight curing and condition defects, brown in colour, with some damage, with good combustibility (1).

Category C Leaf sufficiently ripe, of possibly light or coarse texture, with some defects as regards condition, uneven brown in colour ; with some damage, possibly prominent.

II. Tobacco from previous harvests :

Category A Leaf large or medium size, intact, fully ripe, of fine reasonably elastic and firm texture, with steps and veins not too prominent, carefully handled and preserved, uniformly brown in colour.

Category B Leaf fully ripe, of firm texture, carefully handled and preserved, brown in colour, with some damage (1).

Category C Leaf reasonably ripe, may be of light texture, not uniform in colour, with handling defects, some damage, and minor defects of condition.'

2. Number 13 is replaced by the following :

'13. XANTI-YAKA

I. Tobacco from the 1980 and subsequent harvest :

Category A Leaf sound and ripe, sessile, ovate/elliptical, with stems (midribs) not prominent and secondary veins at a rather broad angle ; possibly with slight curing defects, of generally light texture, yellow to brown in colour, with some slight damage, but in good condition, of good flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 15 cm.

Category B Leaf reasonably sound and ripe, sessile, of oval or elliptical shape, stems (midribs) not too prominent and well-spaced veins, with some curing defects, mainly of light texture, from yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition, taken from all positions on the stalk, with discreet flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaves not to exceed 20 cm (1).

Category C Leaf reasonable sound, sessile, ovate/elliptical, with stems (midribs) not too prominent and secondary veins at a rather broad angle ; possibly with curing defects, of a generally light to heavy texture, yellow to brown in colour, with pronounced damage but in good condition and suitable for storage ; from all the crowns, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and reasonably good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 20 cm.

II. Tobacco from previous harvests :

Category A Leaf ripe, healthy, carefully handled, light brown or yellow in colour, rather glossy, delicate or averagely consistent texture, open texture of small or medium size, normally from the upper or higher middle leaf.

Category B Reasonably sound and ripe, some minor curing defects, texture most often light, colour going from yellow to red with marked defects as regards damage but in good condition, even from the lugs (1).

Category C Light and coarse leaf, with defects as regards curing but capable of being stored, colour not uniform, marked damage, from all the stalk positions.'

3. Number 14 is replaced by the following :

'14. (a) PERUSTITZA, (b) SAMSUN

I. Tobacco from the 1980 and subsequent harvests :

Category A Leaf sound and ripe, sessile (Perustitza) or petiolate (Samsun), elliptical/lanceolate with a blunt tip (Perustitza) or rounded/elliptical (Samsun), with stems (midribs) not very prominent and secondary veins almost at an acute angle ; possibly with slight curing defects, of generally light texture, yellow to brown in colour (Perustitza) or with a tendency towards reddishness (Samsun), with some slight damage, but in good condition, of good flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf not to exceed 20 cm.

Category B Leaf reasonably sound and ripe, sessile (Perustitza) or with leaf stalks (Samsun), of elliptical/lanceolate shape with fine points (Perustitza) or elliptical and rounded (Samsun), without prominent stems (midribs) and with veins at a rather acute angle, with slight curing defects, generally of light texture, in colour from yellow to brown (Perustitza), or reddish (Samsun), with marked damage but in good condition, taken from all positions on the stalk, with discreet flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaves not to exceed 25 cm.

Category C Leaf reasonably sound, sessile (Perustitza) or petiolate (Samsun), elliptical/lanceolate with a blunt tip (Perustitza) or rounded/elliptical (Samsun), with stems (midribs) not very prominent and secondary veins almost at an acute angle ; with some curing defects, of generally light to heavy texture, yellow to brown in colour (Perustitza) or with a tendency towards reddishness (Samsun), with prominent damage, but in good condition and suitable for storage ; from all the crowns, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and reasonably good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf not to exceed 25 cm.

II. Tobacco of the Perustitza variety from previous harvests :

Category A Leaf ripe, healthy, carefully handled, light brown or yellow in colour, rather glossy, delicate or averagely consistent texture, open texture or small or medium size, normally from the upper or higher middle leaf.

Category B Reasonably sound and ripe, some minor curing defects, texture most often light, colour going from yellow to red with marked defects as regards damage but in good condition, even from the lugs (1).

Category C Light and coarse leaf, with defects as regards curing but capable of being stored, colour not uniform, marked damage from all the stalk positions.'

4. Number 15 is replaced by the following:

'15. ERZEGOVINA and similar varieties

I. Tobacco from the 1980 and subsequent harvests:

Category A Leaf sound and ripe, sessile, ovate or elliptical, with stems (midribs) possibly prominent, secondary veins at a rather broad angle; possibly with some curing defects, of generally light texture, yellow to brown in colour, possibly with some slight damage, but in good condition, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf not to exceed 30 cm.

Category B Leaf reasonable sound and ripe, sessile, oval or elliptical shape, with fairly prominent stems (midribs) and fairly open veins with some curing defects, mainly of light texture, from yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition, taken from all positions on the stalk, with discreet flavour, sufficient aroma and good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaves not to exceed 35 cm (1).

Category C Leaf sufficiently sound and ripe, sessile, ovate or elliptical, with stems (midribs) possibly prominent, secondary veins at a rather broad angle; possibly with some curing defects, of generally light to heavy texture, yellow to brown in colour, with marked damage but in good condition and suitable for storage; from all the crowns, of reasonably good flavour, sufficient aroma and reasonably good combustibility.

The length of the middle leaf does not exceed 35 cm.

II. Tobacco from previous harvests:

Category A Leaf ripe, healthy, carefully handled, light brown or yellow in colour, rather glossy, delicate or averagely consistent texture, open texture, of small or medium size, normally from the top or middle leaf.

Category B Reasonably sound and ripe, some minor curing defects, texture most often light, colour going from yellow to red with marked defects as regards damage but in good condition, even from the lugs (1).

Category C Light and coarse leaf, with defects as regards curing but capable of being stored, colour not uniform, marked damage from all the stalk positions.'