COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 279/81

of 30 January 1981

fixing reference prices for fishery products applicable until 31 December 1981

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3443/80 (2), and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 19 (6) thereof,

Whereas Article 19 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 provides *inter alia* for the fixing each year of reference prices valid in the Community for the products listed in Annexes I (A) and (C), II and IV (B) to that Regulation;

Whereas Article 19 (2) of the aforesaid Regulation provides that for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) thereto such price is to be equal to not less than 60 % and not more than 90 % of the guide price;

Whereas the guide prices, applicable until 31 December 1981, for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 have been fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 235/81 of 20 January 1981;

Whereas it is essential to fix reference prices if appropriate measures are to be applied to protect Community production; whereas the implementation of such measures is closely linked with those taken within the Community to stabilize markets, in particular by the application of the system of withdrawal prices, that is prices below which producers' organizations will not put for sale the produce of their members; whereas the reference price must be fixed by applying to the guide price a percentage lying within the limits used in applying the withdrawal price; whereas this percentage must be based in particular on the supply and demand situation on the market;

Whereas for these reasons the withdrawal prices, to the extent that these lie within the limits set for this purpose, and otherwise the lower of those limits, should be used in determining reference prices;

Whereas the reference prices for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 must be derived from the guide prices therefore and fixed by reference to the price level at which intervention measures in respect of these products become applicable; whereas the reference prices for these products should therefore be fixed at 85 % of the guide prices fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 235/81 of 20 January 1981;

Whereas, for the products listed in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76, reference prices are determined on the basis of the reference price for the fresh product;

Whereas the situation on the Community import market for frozen products as specified in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 may make it necessary to take measures to protect Community producers, particularly as frozen products may be used in place of fresh products; whereas it is therefore necessary to fix a reference price for these products which takes into account the normal relationship between the fresh and frozen product in their different stages of processing;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The reference prices applicable until 31 December 1981 for the products listed in Annexes I (A) and (C), II and IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 shall be as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 February 1981.

(1) OJ No L 20, 28. 1. 1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1980, p. 13.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 January 1981.

For the Commission

Georges CONTOGEORGIS

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

I. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76

Products	Reference price (ECU/tonne)
1. Herrings	238
2. Sardines:	
(a) Atlantic	369
(b) Mediterranean	272
3. Redfish	535
4. Cod	599
5. Saithe	360
6. Haddock	477
7. Whiting	389
8. Mackerel	193
9. Anchovies	343
10. Plaice	523 from 2. 2. 1981 to 30. 4. 1981
	628 from 1. 5. 1981 to 31. 12. 1981
11. Hake (Merluccius spp)	1 421
12. Shrimps of the genus Crangon spp	748

II. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76

Products	Reference price (ECU/tonne)
1. Sardines	324
2. Sea-bream, of the species Dentex dentex and Pagellus	819
3. Squid (Loligo spp)	1 731
4. Squid (Ommastrephes sagittatus, Todarodes sagittatus, Illex spp)	845
5. Cuttlefish of the species Sepia officinalis, Rossia macrosoma, Sepiola rondeleti	1 104
6. Octopus	839

III. Reference prices for frozen products listed in Annex IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76

Products	Presentation	Reference price (ECU/tonne)
1. Cod	Whole	719
	fillets	1 659
2. Saithe	Whole	474
	fillets	976
3. Haddock	Whole	591
	fillets	1 486
4. Redfish (Sebastes marinus)	Whole	655
	fillets	1 280
5. Mackerel	Whole	301
	fillets	585
6. Hake (Merluccius spp)	Whole	565
	fillets	919