COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 643/82

of 19 March 1982

fixing the reference prices for tomatoes for the period from 1 April to 10 July 1982

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1116/81 [2], and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof,

Whereas, under Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 reference prices valid for the whole Community are to be fixed at the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas tomatoes are produced in such quantities in the Community that reference prices should be fixed for them;

Whereas tomatoes harvested during a given crop year are marketed from January to December; whereas, for the present marketing year, on the information currently available it is not possible to fix reference prices beyond 10 July; whereas the quantities harvested in January to March are so small that there is no need to fix reference prices for that period of the year; whereas reference prices should therefore be fixed only for the period from 1 April to 10 July;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the reference prices are fixed on the basis of the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State plus an amount representing the costs of transporting Community products from production areas to Community marketing centres; whereas the trend of production costs in the fruit and vegetable sector must also be taken into account;

Whereas, to take seasonal variations into account, the year should be divided into several periods and a reference price fixed for each of these periods;

Whereas producer prices are to correspond to the average of the prices recorded on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest during the three years prior to the date on which the reference price is fixed, for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics, being a product or variety representing a substantial proportion of the production marketed over the year or over part thereof and satisfying specified requirements as regards market preparation; whereas, when the average of prices recorded on each representative market is being calculated, prices which could be considered excessively high or excessively low in relation to normal price fluctuations on that market are to be disregarded;

Whereas, up to 10 July, Community-produced tomatoes are grown mainly under glass; whereas the reference prices for this period of the marketing year must therefore be fixed for a product of that type; whereas tomatoes imported from certain third countries during the same period will have been grown in the open; whereas, although such tomatoes may be classed in Class I, their quality and price are not comparable with those of products grown under glass; whereas the prices for tomatoes not grown under glass should therefore be adjusted by a conversion factor;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the period from 1 April to 10 July 1982, the reference prices for tomatoes (subheading 07.01 M of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in ECU per 100 kilograms net of packed products of Class I, of all sizes, shall be as follows:

April:	168·50
May:	121·79
1 June to 10 July:	83·17

2. For the purpose of calculating the entry price the prices for tomatoes not produced under glass, imported from third countries, shall, after deduction of customs duties, be multiplied:

— for April, by a conversion factor of 1·80.
— for May, by a conversion factor of 1·70,
— from 1 June to 10 July by a conversion factor of 1·65.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1982.

[1] OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1981, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 March 1982.

For the Commission

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