COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1580/86

of 23 May 1986

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize, sorghum and durum wheat

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 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1579/86 (2), and in particular Article 3 (5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (3),

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

Whereas production and consumption trends in the cereals sector call for more stringent intervention requirements; whereas this may be achieved only by introducing more restrictive requirements for the standard quality and, consequently, for the minimum quality required for intervention; whereas, to this end, on the one hand, the requirements relating to moisture content for cereals as a whole and to specific weight for common wheat and barley should be tightened up; whereas, on the other hand, the definition of the standard quality should include technical criteria for common wheat complying with the new guidelines in the cereals sector,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 (5) is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 1*

The standard quality for which the intervention price and the target price for common wheat are fixed shall be defined in accordance with the following physical and technical criteria:

1. *Physical quality criteria:*

   (a) common wheat of a sound and fair merchantable quality, free from abnormal smell and live pests, of a colour proper to this cereal;

   (b) moisture content: 14 %;

   (c) Total percentage of matter other than basic cereals, of unimpaired qualitiy: 5 % of which:

   — percentage of broken grains: 2 %,

   — percentage of grain impurities: 1,5 % ("grain impurities" means shrivelled grains, grains of other cereals, grains damaged by pests, grains showing discolouration of the germ and grains heated by drying),

   — percentage of sprouted grains; 1 %

   — percentage of miscellaneous impurities: 0,5 % ("miscellaneous impurities" consist of extraneous seeds, damaged grains, extraneous matter, husks, ergot, decayed grains, dead insects and fragments of insects);

   (d) Specific weight: 76 kilograms per hectolitre.

2. *Technical quality criteria:*

   (a) The technical quality for which the intervention price is fixed shall be defined as follows:

   — the dough from such wheat does not stick during the mechanical kneading process,

   — the protein content (N × 5,7), in terms of dry matter, is at least 11,5 %,

   — the Zeleny index is at least 25,

   — the Hagberg falling number is at least 230, including preparation (agitation) time of 60 seconds;

   (b) The technical quality for which the target price is fixed is defined as follows:

   — the dough from such wheat does not stick during the mechanical kneading process,

   — the protein content (N × 5,7), in terms of dry matter, is at least 12,5 %,

   — the Zeleny index is at least 38,

   — the Hagberg falling number is at least 240, including preparation (agitation) time of 60 seconds.'

(1) OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
(2) See page 29 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No C 53, 7. 3. 1986, p. 8.
(4) OJ No C 120, 20. 5. 1986.
(5) OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 22.

2. In Articles 2, 3, 4 and 4a, (b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) Moisture content: 14 %'.

3. In Article 3, (d) is replaced by the following:

'(d) Specific weight: 67 kilogrammes per hectolitre.'

4. In Article 5, (d) is replaced by the following:

'(d) Moisture content: 14 %'.

5. In Article 6, (b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) The methods necessary for determining:

— the matter other than basic cereals of unimpaired quality,

— moisture content,

— "mitadine" durum wheat grains,

— tannin content,

— dough mechanical kneadability,

— protein content,

— the Zeleny index,

— the Hagberg number

shall be established according to the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75.'

Article 2

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1995/81 [1] is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1986.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 May 1986.

For the Council

The President

G. BRAKS

(1) OJ No L 198, 20. 7. 1981, p. 2.