COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3542/90

of 7 December 1990

fixing for the rest of the 1990/91 marketing year the Community offer prices for artichokes applicable with regard to Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3709/89 of 4 December 1989 laying down general rules for implementing the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal as regards the compensation mechanism on exports of fruit and vegetables originating in Spain [1], and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3815/89 [2] lays down detailed rules for the application of the compensation mechanism to imports of fruit and vegetables from Spain;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 152 of the Act of Accession, a compensation mechanism is to be introduced on imports into the Community as constituted at 31 December 1985, hereinafter referred to as the 'Community of Ten', from 1 January 1990, of fruit and vegetables from Spain for which a reference price is fixed with regard to third countries; whereas, Community offer prices for artichokes coming from Spain should be fixed only during the period where the reference prices are fixed with regard to third countries, this means from 1 November up to and including 30 June of the following year;

Whereas, the Community offer prices for artichokes applicable with regard to Spain for the period 1 November to 31 December 1990 were fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3127/90 [3];

Whereas, in accordance with Article 152 (2) (a) of the Act of Accession, a Community offer price is to be calculated annually on the basis of the arithmetic mean of the producer prices in each Member State of the Community of Ten, plus transport and packaging costs incurred by the products from the production regions to the representative consumption centres of the Community and bearing in mind developments in the cost of production in the fruit and vegetable sector; whereas the abovementioned producer prices correspond to the average prices recorded during the three years preceding the date of fixing of the Community offer price; whereas, however, the annual Community offer price cannot exceed the reference price applied for third countries;

Whereas, in order to take account of seasonal variations in prices, the marketing year should be divided into one or more periods and a Community offer price should be fixed for each of them;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3709/89, the producer prices to be used for the determination of the Community offer price are to be those of a domestic product defined by its commercial characteristics recorded on the representative market or markets located in the production areas where prices are lowest for products or varieties representing a considerable proportion of production marketed throughout the year or during a part of the latter and which meet Quality Class I requirements and conditions laid down as regards packaging; whereas the average price for each representative market must be established after disregarding prices which may be considered excessively high or excessively low compared with the normal fluctuations recorded on the market; whereas, moreover, if the average price for a Member State shows excessive variations with respect of normal price fluctuations, it shall not be taken into account;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 784/90 of 29 March 1990 fixing the reducing coefficient for agricultural prices in the 1990/91 marketing year as a result of the monetary realignment of 5 January 1990 and amending the prices and amounts fixed in ecus for that marketing year [4] establishes the list of prices and amounts to which the coefficient 1,001712 is applied in the framework of the arrangements on the automatic dismantlement of negative monetary gaps; whereas the prices and amounts fixed in ecus by the Commission for the 1990/91 marketing year must take account of the resulting reduction; whereas this reducing coefficient shall apply to the prices referred to above;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria results in Community offer prices being fixed for artichokes applicable with regard to Spain for the period 1 January to 30 June 1991 at the levels set out hereinafter;

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

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[1] OJ No L 363, 13. 12. 1989, p. 3.
[2] OJ No L 371, 20. 12. 1989, p. 28.
[3] OJ No L 299, 30. 10. 1990, p. 22.
[4] OJ No L 83, 30. 3. 1990, p. 102.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

For the rest of the 1990/91 marketing year, the Community offer prices for artichokes (CN code 0709 10 00) applicable with regard to Spain, expressed in ecus per 100 kilograms net of packed products of Class I, of all sizes, shall be as follows :

— 1 January to 30 April 1991 :	73,04,
— May 1991 :	65,94,
— June 1991 :	63,53.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1991.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1990.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission