COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3608/90
of 13 December 1990
fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

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 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organization of the market in sugar (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1069/89 (2), and in particular Article 16 (8) thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas Article 16 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 provides for charging a levy on imports of the products listed in Article 1 (1) of that Regulation;

Whereas the import levy on white sugar and raw sugar must be equal to the threshold price less the cif price; whereas the threshold price for each of these products was fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1313/90 of 14 May 1990 fixing, for the 1990/91 marketing year, the derived intervention prices for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet, the threshold prices, the amount of compensation for storage costs and the prices to be applied in Spain and Portugal (3);

Whereas the prices fixed by the Council have been reduced by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1738/90 (4) establishing the prices and amounts fixed in ecus by the Council in the sugar sector and reduced as a result of the monetary realignment of 5 January 1990;

Whereas the cif price for raw sugar and white sugar is calculated by the Commission for a Community frontier crossing point which was fixed at Rotterdam by Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 of the Council of 9 April 1968 determining the standard quality for raw sugar and fixing the Community frontier crossing point for calculating cif prices for sugar (5);

Whereas this price must be based on the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market established for each product on the basis of quotations or prices on that market adjusted for any deviation from the standard quality for which the threshold price is fixed; whereas the standard quality for raw sugar was defined by Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 and that for white sugar by Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 (6);

Whereas, when the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market are being established, the Commission must take account of all available information on offers on the world market, on quotations on the exchanges which are important for world trade, on prices recorded on important third-country markets, and on sales concluded in international trade of which it has knowledge either directly or through the agency of the Member States;

Whereas, however, pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 784/68 of the Commission of 26 June 1968 laying down detailed rules for calculating cif prices for white sugar and raw sugar (7), the Commission must disregard information if the goods concerned are not of sound and fair marketable quality or if the price quoted in an offer relates to small quantities and is not representative of the market; whereas offer prices which can be assumed not to be representative of the actual market trends must also be disregarded;

Whereas any offer or prices taken into consideration which are not for goods delivered in bulk cif Rotterdam must be adjusted; whereas when this adjustment is being made account must be taken of the difference in the cost of transporting the goods between the port of loading and the port of destination and between the port of loading and Rotterdam; whereas, if the price or the offer relates to goods in bags, it must be reduced by ECU 0,73 per 100 kilograms under the terms of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 784/68;

Whereas, if information on sugar of the standard quality is to be comparable, the price increases or reductions fixed pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 must be added to or deducted from the offers taken into consideration in the case of white sugar; whereas, in the case of raw sugar, the corrective factors provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 784/68 must be applied;

(1) OJ No L 177, 1. 7. 1981, p. 4.
(2) OJ No L 114, 27. 4. 1989, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 132, 23. 5. 1990, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 161, 27. 6. 1990, p. 27.
(5) OJ No L 89, 10. 4. 1968, p. 3.
(6) OJ No L 94, 21. 4. 1972, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 145, 27. 6. 1968, p. 10.

Whereas, pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 784/68, a special cif price may be established for sugar which has been specially treated or specially packed if the offer price for such sugar is lower than the cif price established pursuant to the provisions referred to above;

Whereas a cif price may, by way of exception, be left unchanged for a limited period if the offer price which served as a basis for the previous calculation of the cif price is not available to the Commission and if the offer prices which are available and which appear not to be sufficiently representative of actual market trends would entail sudden and considerable changes in the cif price;

Whereas the levy is altered only if the variation in the elements used to calculate it would entail an increase or a reduction of not less than ECU 0,24 per 100 kilograms in relation to the levy previously fixed;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 21 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81, the nomenclature provided for in this Regulation is incorporated in the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, levies should be calculated on the following basis:

— in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2,25 %, a rate of exchange based on their central rate, multiplied by the corrective factor provided for in the last subparagraph of Article 3 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85 [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2205/90 [2],

— for the other currencies, an exchange rate based on an average of the ecu rates published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, C series, over a period to be determined, multiplied by the coefficient referred to in the preceding indent;

Whereas these exchange rates being those recorded on 12 December 1990;

Whereas it follows from applying these provisions that the levies for white sugar and raw sugar should be as set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import levies referred to in Article 16 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 shall be, in respect of white sugar and standard quality raw sugar, as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 December 1990.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 December 1990.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 9.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 13 December 1990 fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

(ECU/100 kg)

CN code	Levy
1701 11 10	39,37 (1)
1701 11 90	39,37 (1)
1701 12 10	39,37 (1)
1701 12 90	39,37 (1)
1701 91 00	45,27
1701 99 10	45,27
1701 99 90	45,27 (2)

(1) Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 % ; if the yield is other than 92 %, the levy applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 837/68 (OJ No L 151, 30. 6. 1968, p. 42).

(2) In accordance with Article 16 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 this amount is also applicable to sugar obtained from white and raw sugar containing added substances other than flavouring or colouring matter.