COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 407/91

of 20 February 1991

introducing a countervailing charge on cucumbers originating in the Canary Islands

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 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 3920/90 (2), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 27 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 provides that, if the entry price of a product imported from a third country remains at least ECU 0,6 below the reference price for two consecutive market days, a countervailing charge must be introduced in respect of the exporting country concerned, save in exceptional circumstances; whereas this charge is equal to the difference between the reference price and the arithmetic mean of the last two entry prices available for that exporting country;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 222/91 of 30 January 1991 fixing fr the 1991 marketing year the reference prices for cucumbers (3) fixed the reference price for products of class I for the period 11 to 20 February 1991 at ECU 144,61 per 100 kilograms net;

Whereas the entry price for a given exporting country is equal to the lowest representative prices recorded for at least 30 % of the quantities from the exporting country concerned which are marketed on all representative markets for which prices are available less the duties and the charges indicated in Article 24 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No whereas the meaning of representative price is defined in Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2118/74 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3811/85 (5), the prices to be taken into consideration must be recorded on the representative markets or, in certain circumstances, on other markets; whereas it is necessary to multiply the prices with the coefficient fixed in the first indent of Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 222/91;

Whereas, for cucumbers originating in the Canary Islands the entry price calculated in this way has remained at least ECU 0,6 below the reference price for two consecutive market days; whereas a countervailing charge should therefore be introduced for these cucumbers;

Whereas, if the system is to operate normally, the entry price 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 paragraph of Article 3 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85 (6), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2205/90(7),

— 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, in accordance with Article 4 of Protocol 2 to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, the products, including cucumbers specified in Annex A to the Protocol, qualify for preferential arrangements, subject to the tariff quota determined by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3414/90 (8) concerning certain adjustments to the arrangements applicable to the Canary Islands,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

When cucumbers falling within CN codes 0707 00 11 and 0707 00 19 and originating in the Canary Islands are imported, a countervailing charge shall be levied, the amount of which shall be fixed at ECU 2,93 per 100 kilograms net weight.

However this charge shall not be levied on quantities imported into Spain within the tariff quotas fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 3414/90.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 22 February 1991.

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 375, 31. 12. 1990, p. 17.
(3) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1991, p. 26.
(4) OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1985, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 9.
(8) OJ No L 330, 29. 11. 1990, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1991.

For the Commission
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