COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 637/91

of 15 March 1991

fixing the amount of the subsidy on oil seeds

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 No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3577/90 [2], and in particular Article 27 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 [3] fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 550/91 [4],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1569/72 of 20 July 1972 laying down special measures for colza, rape and sunflower seed [5], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2206/90 [6], and in particular Article 2 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas Article 27 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that a subsidy should be granted in respect of oil seeds harvested and processed within the Community when the target price for a species of seed is higher than the price on the world market; whereas these provisions at present apply only in respect of colza, rape and sunflower seeds;

Whereas the subsidy on oil seeds should, theoretically, be equal to the difference between those two prices;

Whereas the target price and the monthly increases in the target price for colza, rape and sunflower seed for the 1990/91 marketing year were fixed by Council Regulations (EEC) No 1317/90 [7] and (EEC) No 1318/90 [8];

Whereas a supplement to the target price for 'double zero' colza and rape seed was fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1317/90 for the 1990/91 marketing year;

Whereas the standard quality for sunflower seed has been maintained by the Council for the 1989/90 and 1990/91 marketing years; whereas the coefficients of equivalence applied to the prices of sunflower seed from third countries have been fixed by Commission Regulation No 225/67/EEC [9], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2869/87 [10];

Whereas the target prices and the intervention prices fixed by the Council are to be reduced in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1756/90 of 27 June 1990 establishing the target and intervention prices for colza, rape and sunflower seed and the guide and minimum prices for soya beans, fixed in ecus by the Council and reduced as a result of the monetary realignment of 5 January 1990 [11];

Whereas the abatement of the subsidy for colza and rape seed which arises, where appropriate, from the system of maximum guaranteed quantities for the 1990/91 marketing year, has been fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2509/90 [12];

Whereas the abatement of the subsidy for sunflower seed which arise from the system of maximum guaranteed quantities for the 1990/91 marketing year has been fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) 2833/90 [13];

'Whereas, owing to the lack of a target price for rape seed and of the adjustment in the rate of aid resulting from the maximum guaranteed quantity arrangements for the 1991/92 marketing year, the rate of the aid fixed in advance for this marketing year has only been able to be calculated provisionally on the basis of the Commission's price proposals to the Council; whereas this amount should therefore only be applied provisionally and should be confirmed or replaced once the prices and related measures and the consequences of the maximum guaranteed quantity arrangements for the 1991/92 marketing year are known;'

Whereas Article 29 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that the world market price, calculated for a Community frontier crossing point, is to be determined on the basis of the most favourable purchasing opportunities, quotations being adjusted where necessary to take account of quotations for competing products;

Whereas Article 4 of Council Regulation No 115/67/EEC of 6 June 1967 laying down criteria for determining world market prices for oil seeds and fixing the frontier crossing point [14], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1983/82 [15], fixed the said crossing point at Rotterdam; whereas Article 1 of that Regulation provides

[1] OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
[2] OJ No L 353, 17. 12. 1990, p. 23.
[3] OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 64, 11. 3. 1991, p. 51.
[5] OJ No L 167, 25. 7. 1972, p. 9.
[6] OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 11.
[7] OJ No L 132, 23. 5. 1990, p. 9.
[8] OJ No L 132, 23. 5. 1990, p. 11.
[9] OJ No 136, 30. 6. 1967, p. 2919/67.
[10] OJ No L 273, 26. 9. 1987, p. 16.
[11] OJ No L 162, 28. 6. 1990, p. 19.
[12] OJ No L 237, 1. 9. 1990, p. 7.
[13] OJ No L 268, 29. 9. 1990, p. 86.
[14] OJ No 111, 10. 6. 1967, p. 2196/67.
[15] OJ No L 215, 23. 7. 1982, p. 6.

that when the world market price is being determined account should be taken of all offers on the world market known to the Commission and of quotations on those exchanges which are significant for international trade; whereas Article 2 of Regulation No 225/67/EEC provides that offers and quotations which do not relate to shipments to be effected within 30 days following the date on which the world market price is determined should be disregarded; whereas offers and quotations which the Commission believes, in view of general price movements or information available to it, not to be representative of the real trend of the market must also be disregarded;

Whereas offers and quotations relating to quantities of less than 500 tonnes and offers relating to seed of a quality other than that normally acceptable on the world market must also be disregarded;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation No 225/67/EEC provides that of the offers and quotations taken into consideration, those for delivery c and f should be increased by 0,2 %; whereas offers and quotations for delivery fas, fob or otherwise should be increased, as appropriate, by loading, transport and insurance costs from the point of shipment or loading to the frontier crossing point; whereas cif offers and quotations for frontier crossing points other than Rotterdam should be adjusted to allow for the difference in transport and insurance costs as compared with a product delivered cif Rotterdam; whereas the Commission should take account only of the loading, transport and insurance costs which to its knowledge are the lowest; whereas, finally, offers and quotations for delivery cif Rotterdam should be increased by ECU 0,242;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation No 115/67/EEC provides that the world market price should be determined for seed of the standard quality for which the target price has been fixed, delivered in bulk;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation No 225/67/EEC provides that offers and quotations relating to products presented otherwise than in bulk should be adjusted by deducting the additional value resulting from that presentation; whereas offers and quotations relating to a quality other than the standard quality for which the target price was fixed should be adjusted on the basis of the coefficients of equivalence shown in the Annex to that Regulation; whereas, in the case of offers on the world market for qualities of colza and rape seed other than those listed in that Annex, coefficients of equivalence derived from those listed in that Annex may, pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation No 225/67/EEC, be applied; whereas, when derived coefficients are being calculated, account must be taken of the differences between prices for the qualities of seed in question and prices for the qualities listed in that Annex, and of the characteristics of these various seeds;

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation No 115/67/EEC provides that, where no offer or quotation can be used as a basis for determining the world market price, that price should be determined on the basis of the value of the average quantities of oil and oil cake resulting from the processing of 100 kilograms of seed within the Community less an amount corresponding to the cost of processing these seeds into oil and oil cake; whereas the quantities and costs to be taken into consideration for the purposes of the calculation are fixed in Article 5 of Regulation No 225/67/EEC; whereas the value of those quantities should be determined in accordance with Article 6 of that Regulation;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation No 115/67/EEC provides that, where no offer or quotation can be used as a basis for determining the world market price and where it is, moreover, impossible to establish the value of the oil or oil cake processed from such seed, the world market price should be determined on the basis of the most recent known value for oil or oil cake, adjusted to take account of the trend of world prices for competing products by applying to that value the rules set out in Article 2 of Regulation No 115/67/EEC; whereas Article 7 of Regulation No 225/67/EEC defines competing products as those oils or oil cakes, as the case may be, which appear to have been offered in the largest quantities on the world market during the period under consideration;

Whereas, under Article 6 of Regulation No 115/67/EEC, the price determined for colza, rape and sunflower seeds must also be adjusted by an amount not exceeding the margin, as calculated in accordance with that Article, where that margin may affect the normal disposal of seeds harvested in the Community;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1594/83 of 14 June 1983 on the subsidy for oil seeds [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1321/90 [2], laid down rules for granting the subsidy on oil seeds; whereas, under that Regulation, where the subsidy to be granted is fixed in advance, the amount of such subsidy must be equal to the amount applicable on the day on which the application for advance fixing was lodged, adjusted by the difference between the target price valid on that day and the target price valid on the day on which the seeds are placed under control at an oil or feed mill and, where appropriate, a corrective amount; whereas Article 35 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83 of 21 September 1983 laying down detailed rules for the application of the subsidy system for oil seeds [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3603/90 [4], provides that such adjustment should involve increasing or reducing the amount of subsidy applicable on the day on which the application was lodged by the corrective amount and the difference between the target prices mentioned in Article 35 of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83;

[1] OJ No L 163, 22. 6. 1983, p. 44.
[2] OJ No L 132, 23. 5. 1990, p. 15.
[3] OJ No L 266, 28. 9. 1983, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 350, 14. 12. 1990, p. 57.

Whereas Article 37 of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83 provides that the corrective amount must be equal to the difference between the world market price for colza, rape and sunflower seeds and the forward price for those seeds valid for a shipment effected during the month in which the seeds were placed under control at an oil mill, those prices being determined in accordance with Articles 1, 4 and 5 of Regulation No 115/67/EEC ; whereas, if no offer and no price can be used for such determination, the method of calculation provided for in Article 37 of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83 should be used ; whereas the abovementioned difference may be adjusted in accordance with Article 38 of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83, account being taken of the prices of the main competing cereals ;

Whereas the aid for colza, rape or sunflower seed harvested or processed in Spain or Portugal is to be adjusted as provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 478/86 [1] ; whereas this aid is, for seed harvested in these Member States, to be determined in line with the provisions of Articles 95 (2) and (3) and 293 (2) and (3) of the Act of Accession ;

Whereas Article 33 of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83 provides for the publication of the amount of the final subsidy obtained from the conversion into each of the national currencies of the amount in ecus resulting from the calculation referred to above plus or minus the differential amount ; whereas Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1813/84 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1539/90 [3], defined the elements which determine the differential amounts ; whereas these elements are equal to the incidence on the target price less percentage referred to in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the said regulation or the subsidy of the coefficient derived from the percentage referred to in Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1569/72 ; whereas, according to these provisions, this percentage represents :

(a) for those Member States whose currencies are maintained as between themselves within a spread at any given moment of 2,25 %, the difference between :

— the conversion rate used under the common agricultural policy, and

— the conversion rate resulting from the central rate multiplied by the correcting factor referred to in Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1677/85 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2205/90 [5] ;

(b) for Member States other than those referred to in (a), the difference between :

— the agricultural conversion rate, and

— the average rate of the ecu as published in the C Series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities* during a period to be determined multiplied by the factor referred to in the second indent of point (a) ;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1813/84 specifies the spot and forward exchange rates and the period to be used for calculating the differential amounts ; whereas in cases where, for one or more months, quotations of forward exchange rates are not available, the rates adopted for the previous months or the following months, as the case may be, must be used ;

Whereas the subsidy should be fixed whenever the market situation makes it necessary and in such a way as to ensure its being applied at least once a week ; whereas the subsidy may be altered whenever it becomes obvious that such alteration is necessary ;

Whereas it follows from applying these provisions to the offers and quotations known to the Commission that, pursuant to Article 33 of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83 the amount of the subsidy in ecus and the amount of the subsidy in each of the national currencies must be fixed in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation ; whereas, pursuant to the same Article, the spot and forward exchange rates for the ecu in national currencies determined in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1813/84 must also be published,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The amounts of the subsidy and the exchange rates referred to in Article 33 (2) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2681/83 shall be as set out in the Annexes hereto.

2. However, the amount of the aid fixed in advance for the 1991/92 marketing year for the rape seed shall be confirmed or replaced with effect from 16 March 1991 to take account of the prices and related measures for the 1991/92 marketing year and of the consequences of the maximum guaranteed quantity arrangements.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 March 1991.

[1] OJ No L 53, 1. 3. 1986, p. 55.
[2] OJ No L 170, 29. 6. 1984, p. 41.
[3] OJ No L 145, 8. 6. 1990, p. 20.
[4] OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 6.
[5] OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 9.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1991.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Aids to colza and rape seed other than 'double zero'

(amounts per 100 kg)

	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7 (1)	5th period 8 (1)
1. Gross aids (ECU):						
— Spain	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	11,246	11,246
— Portugal	27,646	27,724	27,662	27,662	18,216	18,216
— Other Member States	20,676	20,754	20,692	20,692	11,246	11,246
2. Final aids:						
Seed harvested and processed in:						
— Federal Republic of Germany (DM)	48,68	48,86	48,71	48,71	26,48	26,49
— Netherlands (Fl)	54,84	55,05	54,89	54,89	29,83	29,86
— BLEU (Bfrs/Lfrs)	1 003,95	1 007,74	1 004,73	1 004,73	546,06	546,22
— France (FF)	163,25	163,87	163,38	163,38	88,79	88,79
— Denmark (Dkr)	185,67	186,37	185,81	185,81	100,99	100,99
— Ireland (£ Irl)	18,170	18,238	18,184	18,184	9,883	9,878
— United Kingdom (£)	15,818	15,875	15,820	15,820	8,366	8,327
— Italy (Lit)	36 420	36 557	36 448	36 448	19 809	19 657
— Greece (Dr)	4 204,52	4 196,84	4 136,46	4 099,63	1 845,08	1 724,98
— Spain (Pta)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1 809,62	1 789,32
— Portugal (Esc)	5 824,88	5 841,88	5 827,68	5 816,70	3 859,31	3 815,46

ANNEX II

Aids to colza and rape seed 'double zero'

(amounts per 100 kg)

	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7 (1)	5th period 8 (1)
1. Gross aids (ECU):						
— Spain	0,986	1,064	1,002	1,002	13,746	13,746
— Portugal	30,146	30,224	30,162	30,162	20,716	20,716
— Other Member States	23,176	23,254	23,192	23,192	13,746	13,746
2. Final aids:						
Seed harvested and processed in:						
— Federal Republic of Germany (DM)	54,56	54,74	54,60	54,60	32,36	32,38
— Netherlands (Fl)	61,48	61,68	61,52	61,52	36,46	36,49
— BLEU (Bfrs/Lfrs)	1 125,34	1 129,13	1 126,12	1 126,12	667,45	667,61
— France (FF)	182,99	183,60	183,12	183,12	108,53	108,53
— Denmark (Dkr)	208,12	208,82	208,26	208,26	123,44	123,44
— Ireland (£ Irl)	20,367	20,435	20,381	20,381	12,080	12,075
— United Kingdom (£)	17,767	17,824	17,769	17,769	10,315	10,276
— Italy (Lit)	40 823	40 961	40 852	40 852	24 213	24 060
— Greece (Dr)	4 761,78	4 754,10	4 693,72	4 656,89	2 402,34	2 282,24
— Spain (Pta)	242,92	255,76	244,39	237,42	2 191,86	2 171,56
— Portugal (Esc)	6 346,57	6 363,57	6 349,37	6 338,39	4 381,00	4 337,15

(1) Amount fixed provisionally, pending and subject to the setting of the prices and related measures and of the application of the maximum guaranteed quantity arrangements for the 1991/92 marketing year, on the basis in particular:

— of the Commission's proposals for the 1991/92 marketing year as regards the target price, the monthly increases, the reduction for rape seed other than 'double zero' and the arrangements applying to rape seed harvested in Spain;

— the adjustment resulting from the maximum guaranteed quantity arrangements and the agricultural conversion rates applied for the 1990/91 marketing year.

ANNEX III

Aids to sunflower seed

(amounts per 100 kg)

	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7
1. Gross aids (ECU):					
— Spain	30,792	30,925	30,838	30,592	30,450
— Portugal	39,708	39,845	39,765	39,524	39,384
— Other Member States	27,468	27,605	27,525	27,284	27,144
2. Final aids:					
(a) Seed harvested and processed in (1):					
— Federal Republic of Germany (DM)	64,66	64,99	64,80	64,23	63,90
— Netherlands (Fl)	72,86	73,22	73,01	72,37	72,00
— BLEU (Bfrs/Lfrs)	1 333,74	1 340,40	1 336,51	1 324,81	1 318,01
— France (FF)	216,88	217,96	217,33	215,42	214,32
— Denmark (Dkr)	246,66	247,89	247,17	245,01	243,75
— Ireland (£ Irl)	24,138	24,259	24,188	23,977	23,853
— United Kingdom (£)	21,103	21,207	21,136	20,943	20,831
— Italy (Lit)	48 384	48 625	48 484	48 059	47 813
— Greece (Dr)	5 705,58	5 710,82	5 643,14	5 542,51	5 506,19
— Portugal (Esc)	8 340,82	8 370,07	8 352,44	8 292,15	8 263,41
(b) Seed harvested in Spain and processed:					
— in Spain (Pta)	4 785,82	4 807,08	4 792,72	4 750,46	4 729,37
— in another Member State (Pta)	4 841,20	4 862,99	4 849,83	4 808,40	4 787,69

(1) For seed harvested in Member States other than Spain and processed in Spain, the amounts shown in 2 (a) to be multiplied by 1,0186140.

ANNEX IV

Exchange rate of the ecu to be used for converting final aids into the currency of the processing country when the latter is a country other than the country of production

(value of ECU 1)

	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7	5th period 8
DM	2,050710	2,048330	2,046430	2,044560	2,044560	2,039570
Fl	2,310890	2,308230	2,305930	2,303660	2,303660	2,297920
Bfrs/Lfrs	42,232200	42,192000	42,145900	42,109900	42,109900	42,013500
FF	6,987130	6,980510	6,975610	6,970830	6,970830	6,959170
Dkr	7,884100	7,882270	7,880770	7,880420	7,880420	7,875580
£Irl	0,770003	0,770197	0,771111	0,771578	0,771578	0,774066
£	0,702335	0,703770	0,704840	0,705845	0,705845	0,707772
Lit	1 531,19	1 534,04	1 536,39	1 538,63	1 538,63	1 546,16
Dr	221,13900	223,70300	226,32300	228,92600	228,92600	235,50400
Esc	178,36500	178,87500	179,42600	180,14100	180,14100	182,31900
Pta	127,67100	128,11900	128,48700	128,83100	128,83100	129,76700