COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1660/92

of 26 June 1992

fixing for the 1992/93 marketing year the reference prices for apples

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

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 1156/92 (2), and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices valid for the whole Community are fixed annually before the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas because of the importance of apple-growing in the Community it is necessary to fix a reference price for apples;

Whereas apples harvested during a given crop year are marketed from July of one year to June of the following year; whereas reference prices should therefore be fixed for the period from 1 July up to and including 30 June of the following year;

Whereas to take seasonal variations into account, the year should be divided into several periods and a reference price fixed for each of these periods;

Whereas Article 23 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 stipulates that reference prices are to be fixed at the same level as for the preceding marketing year, adjusted, after deducting the standard cost of transporting Community products between production areas and Community consumption centres in the preceding year, by:

— the increase in production costs for fruit and vegetables, less productivity growth, and

— the standard rate of transport costs in the current marketing year;

Whereas the resulting figure may nevertheless not exceed the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State plus transport costs for the current year, after this amount has been increased by the rise in production costs less productivity growth; whereas the reference price may, however, not be lower than in the preceding marketing year;

Whereas producer prices are the average of the prices recorded during the three years prior to the date of fixing the reference price, for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics, on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest, for the products or varieties which represent a considerable proportion of production marketed throughout the year or for part of it and which satisfy specified requirements as regards market preparation; whereas when the average of prices recorded on each representative market is being calculated, prices which could be considered excessively high or excessively low in relation to normal price fluctuations on that market must be disregarded;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1992/1993 marketing year, the reference prices for apples (CN codes 0808 10 91, 0808 10 93 and 0808 10 99), expressed in ecus per 100 kilograms net, shall be as follows for packed class I fruit, all sizes:

July:	46,25
August:	41,11
September:	43,98
October:	43,78
November:	44,61
December:	45,95
January:	48,62
February:	50,44
March:	52,73
April:	54,00
May:	56,31
June:	57,08.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1992.

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 122, 7. 5. 1992, p. 3.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 June 1992.

For the Commission
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