COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3403/92

of 26 November 1992

fixing for the 1992/93 marketing year the Community offer price for sweet oranges applicable with regard to Spain and Portugal

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 Regulations (EEC) No 3709/89 [1] and No 3648/90 [2] laying down general rules for implementing the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal as regards the compensation mechanism on imports of fruit and vegetables originating respectively in Spain and Portugal, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1677/85 of 11 June 1985 on monetary compensatory amounts in agriculture [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2205/90 [4], and in particular Article 6 (3) thereof,

Whereas, Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3820/90 of 19 December 1990 [5], lays down detailed rules for the application of the compensation mechanism to imports of fruit and vegetables from Spain;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 152 and Article 318 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', of fruit and vegetables from Spain and Portugal for which a reference price is fixed with regard to third countries; whereas, the Community offer price for sweet oranges coming from Spain and Portugal should be fixed only during the period where a reference price is fixed with regard to third countries, this means from 1 December up to and including 31 May of the following year;

Whereas, in accordance with Articles 152 (2) (a) and 318 (1) (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 accordance with Article 1 of Regulations (EEC) Nos 3709/89 and 3648/90, 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 Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1677/85 provides that agricultural prices fixed in ecus must be reduced when the amendment of the agricultural conversion rate takes effect at the beginning of the marketing year following a monetary realignment, as a result of the dismantlement of transferred monetary gaps; whereas, because of automatic dismantlement of the negative monetary gaps created by the realignments of 13 to 17 September 1992. It is necessary to divide the prices in ecus by the coefficient reducing agricultural prices fixed at 1,002650 by Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2735/92 [6]; whereas, this adjustment does not, for opportunity reasons, in all cases lead to a lower Community offer price than in the preceeding marketing year;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria results in a Community offer price being fixed for sweet oranges for the period 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993;

(1) OJ No L 363, 13. 12. 1989, p. 3.
(2) OJ No L 362, 27. 12. 1990, p. 16.
(3) OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 6.
(4) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 9.
(5) OJ No L 366, 29. 12. 1990, p. 43.
(6) OJ No L 277, 22. 9. 1992, p. 18.

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 1992/93 marketing year, the Community offer price for sweet oranges (CN codes 0805 10 11, 15, 19, 21, 25, 29, 31, 35, 39, 41, 45 and 49) applicable with regard to Spain and Portugal, expressed in ecus per 100 kilograms net of packed products of class I, of all sizes, shall be as follows:

— From 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993: 22,66.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 December 1992.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1992.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission