COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 996/92

of 22 April 1992

introducing a countervailing charge and suspending the preferential customs duty on imports of tomatoes originating in Turkey

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 1623/91 (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 655/92 of 16 March 1992 fixing the reference price for tomatoes for the 1992; marketing year (3) fixed the reference price for products of class I for the month of April 1992 at ECU 197,27 per 100 kilograms net;

Whereas the entry price for a given exporting country is equal to the lowest representative price or the arithmetic mean of the lowest 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 1035/72; 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) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 655/92;

Whereas, for Turkish tomatoes, 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 tomatoes;

Whereas, in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3671/81 of 15 December 1981 on imports into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey (6), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1555/84 (7), when the Commission introduces a countervailing charge on imports of tomatoes originating in Turkey, at the same time it reintroduces for the product in question the conventional rate of customs duty; whereas, therefore, a rate of customs duty of 11 % should be reintroduced for these tomatoes, with a minimum charge of ECU 2 per 100 kilograms net;

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 coefficient provided for in the last paragraph of Article 3 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85 (8), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2205/90 (9),

— 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. A countervailing charge of ECU 29,22 per 100 kilograms net is applied on imports of tomatoes falling within CN code 0702 00 originating in Turkey.

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 150, 15. 6. 1991, p. 8.
(3) OJ No L 70, 17. 3. 1992, p. 10.
(4) OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1985, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 367, 23. 12. 1981, p. 3.
(7) OJ No L 150, 6. 6. 1984, p. 4.
(8) OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 1.
(9) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 9.

2. The rate of customs duty on imports of these products shall be 11 % with a minimum charge of ECU 2 per 100 kilograms net until 14 May 1992 and of 18 % with a minimum charge of ECU 3,5 per 100 kilograms net from 15 May 1992.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 April 1992.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 April 1992.

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