COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 277/93

of 8 February 1993

derogating from Regulations (EEC) No 2974/92 and (EEC) No 3212/92 concerning the basic and buying-in prices of mandarins and oranges for the 1992/93 marketing year

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 1754/92 [2], and in particular Article 16 b (4) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3150/91 [3] fixed the intervention thresholds for mandarins and oranges in the 1991/92 marketing year at 35 800 tonnes and 1 181 800 tonnes respectively; whereas, on the basis of information received from the Member States in the autumn of 1992, the Commission determined that those thresholds had been exceeded by 59 478 tonnes in the case of mandarins and by 376 862 tonnes in the case of oranges; whereas, as a consequence, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 a (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 and Article 2 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2240/88 of 19 July 1988 fixing, for peaches, lemons and oranges, the rules for applying Article 16 b of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1623/91 [5], and following the monetary realignment of 13 and 17 September 1992, Commission Regulations (EEC) No 2974/92 [6] and (EEC) No 3212/92 [7] reduced the basic and buying-in prices of mandarins and oranges for the 1992/93 marketing year;

Whereas, in the light of corrections transmitted by several Member States, the intervention thresholds for mandarins and oranges were in fact exceeded by 53 230 tonnes and by 448 164 tonnes respectively; whereas, in order to save the Community unjustified expenditure, and in accordance with 16 a (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 and Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2240/88, immediate reductions of 17 and 11 % should be made in the basic and buying-in prices for mandarins and oranges respectively fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1378/92 [8] for the 1992/93 marketing year, notwithstanding the reduction due to the agrimonetary changes;

Whereas, purusant to Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3816/92 of 28 December 1992 providing for, in the fruit and vegetables sector, the abolition of the compensation mechanism between Spain and the other Member States and allied measures [9], common basic and buying-in prices shall be applicable in Spain from 1 January 1993;

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

Notwithstanding Regulations (EEC) No 2974/92 and (EEC) No 3212/92 and for the period between the entry into force of this Regulation and the end of the 1992/93 marketing year, the basic and buying-in prices for mandarins and oranges fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1378/92 shall be reduced by 17,22 % in the case of mandarins and by 11,24 % in the case of oranges to give the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 180, 1. 7. 1992, p. 23.
(3) OJ No L 299, 30. 10. 1991, p. 27.
(4) OJ No L 198, 26. 7. 1988, p. 9.
(5) OJ No L 150, 15. 6. 1991, p. 8.
(6) OJ No L 299, 15. 10. 1992, p. 20.
(7) OJ No L 320, 5. 11. 1992, p. 10.
(8) OJ No L 147, 29. 5. 1992, p. 7.
(9) OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 10.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 February 1993.

For the Commission
René STEICHEN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

BASIC AND BUYING-IN PRICES

1992/93 marketing year

MANDARINS

For the period 12 to 28 February 1993

(ECU/100 kg net)

	Basic price	Buying-in price
February (from 12 to 28)	28,21	17,94

These prices refer to quality I class mandarins, size 54 to 69 millimetres, put up in packings.

SWEET ORANGES

For the period 12 February to 31 May 1993

(ECU/100 kg net)

	Baisc price			Buying-in price		
	EEC-10	Spain	Portugal	EEC-10	Spain	Portugal
February (from 12 to 28)	27,80	27,80	24,47	18,07	18,07	15,91
March	29,71	29,71	26,38	18,43	18,43	16,35
April and May	30,34	30,34	27,01	18,68	18,68	16,60

These prices refer to oranges of the varieties Moro, Navel, Navellina, Salustiana, Sanguinello and Valencia late, quality I class, size 67 to 80 millimetres, put up in packings.