COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 420/93

of 25 February 1993

making imports of certain fishery products subject to observance of the reference price

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1), and in particular Article 22 (6) thereof,

Whereas Article 22 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 envisages, *inter alia,* that where the free-at-frontier price of a specified product, imported from a third country, stays below the reference price and where considerable quantities of that product are imported, imports of products listed, *inter alia,* in Annex I (Section A), Annex IV (Section B) and Annex V may be made subject to the condition that the free-at-frontier price is at least equal to the reference price;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3191/82 (2) laid down detailed rules for the reference price system in the fishery products sector and in particular for the determination of the free-at-frontier price referred to in Article 22 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92;

Whereas the reference prices for fishery products for the 1993 fishing year were fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3893/92 (3), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 351/93 (4);

Whereas for the last months it has been established that on the Community market the free-at-frontier price of significant quantities of certain fishery products remained below the reference price for these products; whereas, in view of this, there is a danger that the stabilization measures on the Community market could be threatened; whereas, in order to avoid disturbances due to offers at abnormally low prices, it is necessary to require imports for the products in question to observe the reference price;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The placing into free circulation in the Community of the fishery products listed in the Annex shall be subject to the condition that the free-at-frontier price is at least equal to the reference price given in the Annex.

2. This Regulation does not apply to the frozen products listed in the Annex provided it can be proved, to the satisfaction of the competent customs authorities, that they were in transit towards the Community on the date of entry into force of this Regulation, and provided they are put into free circulation by 15 March 1993 at the latest.

Article 2

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

It shall apply until 30 June 1993.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1993.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 388, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 338, 30. 11. 1982, p. 13.
(3) OJ No L 392, 31. 12. 1992, p. 9.
(4) OJ No L 41, 18. 2. 1993, p. 12.

ANNEX

1. Chilled or fresh products

(Ecu/tonne)

Species	Size (1)	Reference price			
		Gutted fish with head		Whole fish	
		Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)
Cod of the species *Gadus morhua* 0302 50 10	1	947	894	684	526
	2	947	894	684	526
	3	894	736	526	421
	4	705	484	400	284
	5	494	284	295	189
Coalfish *(Pollachius virens)* 0302 63 00	1	484	484	376	376
	2	484	484	376	376
	3	478	478	371	371
	4	387	280	204	151
Haddock *(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)* 0302 62 00	1	696	618	541	464
	2	696	618	541	464
	3	595	502	417	286
	4	526	433	394	270
Hake of the species *Merluccius merluccius* ex 0302 69 65	1	2 819	2 650	2 227	2 058
	2	2 142	2 001	1 663	1 522
	3	2 114	1 973	1 635	1 494
	4	1 804	1 663	1 409	1 156
	5	1 691	1 550	1 325	1 071
		Whole or gutted fish with head		Without head	
		Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)
Monkfish *(Lophius* spp.) 0302 69 81	1	1 334	963	3 462	2 692
	2	1 704	1 334	3 269	2 500
	3	1 704	1 334	3 077	2 308
	4	1 426	1 056	2 692	1 923
	5	815	445	1 923	1 154

(1) The freshness categories, sizes and presentations are those defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92.

2. Frozen products

(Ecu/tonne)

Species	Presentation	Reference prices
1. Cod *(Gadus morhua, Gadus ogac* and *Gadus macrocephalus)* and fish of the species *Boreogadus saida*	Whole fish :	
ex 0303 60 11, ex 0303 60 19, ex 0303 60 90, ex 0303 79 41	— with or without head	937
ex 0304 20 21 ex 0304 20 29	Fillets :	
	— industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	2 037
	— industrial blocks, boneless	2 354
	— individual fillets, with skin	2 230
	— individual fillets, skinless	2 574
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 462

(Ecu/tonne)

Species	Presentation	Reference prices
ex 0304 90 35 ex 0304 90 38 ex 0304 90 39	Minced blocks	1 011
ex 0303 60 11, ex 0303 60 19, ex 0303 60 90, ex 0303 79 41, ex 0304 90 35, ex 0304 90 38, ex 0304 90 39	Pieces and other meat	1 191
2. Coalfish *(Pollachius virens)*	Whole fish :	
ex 0303 73 00	— with or without head	617
	Fillets :	
	— industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	1 223
	— industrial blocks, boneless	1 347
ex 0304 20 31	— individual fillets, with skin	1 250
	— individual fillets, skinless	1 383
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	1 412
ex 0304 90 41	Minced blocks	675
ex 0303 73 00, ex 0304 90 41	Pieces and other meat	811
3. Haddock *(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)*	Whole fish :	
ex 0303 72 00	— with or without head	817
	Fillets :	
	— industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	1 825
	— industrial blocks, boneless	2 397
ex 0304 20 33	— individual fillets, with skin	2 172
	— individual fillets, skinless	2 493
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 433
ex 0304 90 45	Minced blocks	807
ex 0303 72 00, ex 0304 90 45	Pieces and other meat	954
4. Hake *(Merluccius* spp.)	Whole fish :	
ex 0303 78 10	— with or without head	773
	Fillets :	
	— industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	1 039
	— industrial blocks, boneless	1 223
ex 0304 20 57	— individual fillets, with skin	1 058
	— individual fillets, skinless	1 135
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	1 224
ex 0304 90 47	Minced blocks	779
ex 0303 78 10 ex 0304 90 47	Pieces and other meat	1 026