COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1403/94

of 20 June 1994

fixing for the 1994 marketing year the reference prices for table grapes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European 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 (EC) No 3669/93 [2], and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3528/93 [4], and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3824/92 of 28 December 1992 laying down the prices and amounts fixed in ecus as a result of the monetary realignments [5], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1663/93 [6], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

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

Whereas table grapes are produced in such quantities in the Community that reference prices should be fixed for them;

Whereas table grapes harvested during a given crop year are marketed from May to April of the next year; whereas the quantities harvested in May and June, during the first 20 days of July and also January to April of the next year are so small that there is no need to fix reference prices for these periods; whereas, due principally to developments in production techniques, a relatively large increase in the marketing of Community products during the last 10 days of November and in the month of December can be expected; whereas, however, the figures at present available are insufficiently conclusive to justify fixing a reference price for that period; whereas, reference prices should be fixed only for the period 21 July to 20 November inclusive;

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, 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 producer prices are to correspond to the average of the prices recorded on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest during the three years prior to the date on which the reference price is fixed, for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics, being a product or variety representing a substantial proportion of the production marketed over the year or over part thereof and satisfying 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 are to be disregarded;

[1] OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 338, 31. 12. 1993, p. 26.
[3] OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 320, 22. 12. 1993, p. 32.
[5] OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 29.
[6] OJ No L 158, 30. 6. 1993, p. 18.

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 3824/92 establishes a list of prices and amounts for the fruit and vegetables sector which are to be divided by a coefficient of 1,000426, fixing by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 537/93 [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1331/93 [2]; whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3824/92 lays down that the resulting reduction in the prices and amounts for each sector concerned shall be specified and the level of such reduced prices fixed; whereas, however, this adjustment may not result in a reference price level below that of the preceding marketing year, in accordance with Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72;

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 1994 marketing year, the reference prices for table grapes, falling within CN codes 0806 10 15 and 0806 10 19, expressed in ecus per 100 kilograms net of packed products of class I, of all sizes, shall be as follows:

21 July to 31 August:	51,92,
September and October:	49,20,
November (1 to 20):	44,87.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 July 1994.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 June 1994.

For the Commission
René STEICHEN
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 57, 10. 3. 1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ No L 132, 29. 5. 1993, p. 114.