COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 597/95

of 17 March 1995

applying the duty in the Common Customs Tariff to fresh lemons originating in Cyprus

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1252/73 of 14 May 1973 on imports of citrus fruits originating in Cyprus [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Article 5 (2) and (3) of Annex I to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus provides for a reduced rate of duty on imports into the Community of fresh lemons originating in Cyprus; whereas, during the period in which reference prices are applied, this reduction is dependent on the observance of a specified price on the Community market; whereas detailed rules for the application of this system are contained in Regulation (EEC) No 1252/73; whereas, in certain respects, these rules refer to provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables [2], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1252/73 provides that, where products are imported, the duty in the Common Customs Tariff is applied where quotations for that product, in accordance with the provisions of Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 recorded on the representative Community markets at the importer/wholesaler stage or converted to that stage, adjusted by the conversion factors and following deduction of import charges other than customs duties, remain lower than the reference price in force, plus the incidence of the Common Customs Tariff on that price and a standard amount fixed at 1,2 units of account (ECU 1,739) per 100 kilograms, for three consecutive market days on the representative markets of the Community with the lowest quotations;

Whereas the conversion factors and import charges other than customs duties are those used for the purpose of calculating the entry price referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72; whereas the method of calculating import charges other than customs duties is, for certain cases, defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1252/73;

Whereas the representative market rates defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 [4], are used to convert amounts expressed in third country currencies and are used as the basis for determining the agricultural conversion rates of the Member States' currencies; whereas detailed rules on the application and determination of these conversions were set by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 157/95 [6];

Whereas application of these rates to quotations recorded for lemons imported into the Community and originating in Cyprus indicates that the conditions set out in the first paragraph of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1252/73 are fulfilled; whereas the duty in the Common Customs Tariff should, therefore, be applied to the products in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

As from 21 March 1995, the duty in the Common Customs Tariff shall be applied to fresh lemons (CN code ex 0805 30 20) imported into the Community and originating in Cyprus.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 March 1995.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1995.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 133, 21. 5. 1973, p. 113.
[2] OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.
[6] OJ No L 24, 1. 2. 1995, p. 1.