COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1277/96

of 2 July 1996

fixing for the 1996/97 marketing year the minimum price to be paid to producers for dried plums and the amount of production aid for prunes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 of 24 February 1986 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2314/95 [2], and in particular Articles 4 (4) and 5 (5) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1206/90 [3], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2202/90 [4], lays down general rules for the system of production aid for processed fruit and vegetables;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 426/86, the minimum price to be paid to producers is to be determined on the basis of, firstly, the minimum price applying during the previous marketing year, secondly, the movement of basic prices in the fruit and vegetable sector, and thirdly, the need to ensure the normal marketing of fresh products for the various uses, including supply of the processing industry;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 lays down the criteria for fixing the amount of production aid; whereas account must, in particular, be taken of the aid fixed for the previous marketing year adjusted to take account of changes in the minimum price to be paid to products and the difference between the cost of the raw material in the Community and in the major competing third countries;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1996/97 marketing year:

(a) the minimum price referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 to be paid to producers for dried plums derived from prunes d'Ente;

and

(b) the production aid referred to in Article 5 of the same Regulation for prunes ready to be offered for human consumption,

shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

Where processing takes place outside the Member State in which the produce was grown, such Member State shall furnish proof to the Member State paying the production aid that the minimum price payable to the producer has been paid.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 2 July 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 49, 27. 2. 1986, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 233, 30. 9. 1995, p. 69.
(3) OJ No L 119, 11. 5. 1990, p. 74.
(4) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 4.

ANNEX

Minimum price to be paid to producers

Product	ECU/100 kg net, ex producer
Prunes d'Ente of the size category corresponding to 66 fruit per 500 grams	193,523

Production aid

Product	ECU/100 kg net, for products obtained from raw materials
Dried plums derived from prunes d'Ente of the size category corresponding to 66 fruit per 500 grams	82,505