# COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2273/96

## of 22 November 1996

## fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for the 1997 fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products [1], and in particular Article 9 (3),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that a guide price shall be fixed annually for each of the products or groups of products listed in Annex II to that Regulation;

Whereas, according to the data available at present concerning prices for the products in question and the criteria laid down in Article 9 (2), of that Regulation, these prices should be maintained and decreased according to the species for the 1997 fishing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The guide prices for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 1997 for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 and the commercial categories to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 November 1996.

*For the Council*

*The President*

S. BARRETT

[1] OJ No L 388, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3318/94 (OJ No L 350, 31. 12. 1994, p. 15).

*ANNEX*

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| Group of products | Commercial specifications | Guide price |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Sea-bream *(Dentex dentex* and *Pagellus* spp.) | Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products | 1 525 |
| 2. Squid of the species *Loligo patagonica* | Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products | 1 057 |
| 3. Squid *(Ommastrephes sagittatus)* | Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products | 961 |
| 4. *Illex argentinus* | Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products | 897 |
| 5. Cuttlefish of the species *Sepia officinalis, Rossia macrosoma* and *Sepiola Rondeletti* | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 1 968 |
| 6. Octopus *(Octopus* spp.) | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 1 911 |
| 7. Lesser or Greenland halibut *(Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)* | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 1 900 |
| 8. Whole hake of the genus *Merluccius* spp. | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 1 290 |
| 9. Fillets of hake of the genus *Merluccius* spp. | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 1 593 |
| 10. — Prawns of the species *Parapenaeus longirostris* | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 4 120 |
| — Other species of the family *Penaeidae* | Frozen, in original packages containing the same products | 7 985 |