COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 980/96

of 31 May 1996

reducing the basic and buying-in prices for cauliflowers and lemons for June 1996 as a result of the overrun in the intervention thresholds fixed for the 1995/96 marketing year

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 Commission Regulation (EC) No 1363/95 [2], and in particular Article 16b (4) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1111/95 [3] fixes the intervention thresholds for the 1995/96 marketing year at 63 800 tonnes for cauliflowers and 361 600 tonnes for lemons;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 16a (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 and Article 2 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2240/88 of 19 July 1988 fixing, for peaches, lemons and oranges, the rules for applying Article 16b of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1327/95 [5], and Article 2 (2) and (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1121/89 of 27 April 1989 on the introduction of an intervention threshold for apples and cauliflowers [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1327/95, where intervention measures taken during a marketing year in respect of cauliflowers and lemons relate to quantities in excess of the intervention thresholds fixed for those products for that marketing year, the basic and buying-in prices fixed for those products for the following marketing year are to be reduced by 1 % for each 20 200 tonnes by which the threshold is exceeded in the case of cauliflowers and 11 200 tonnes in the case of lemons;

Whereas, according to information provided by the Member States, intervention measures taken in the Community in respect of the 1995/96 marketing year involved 85 733 tonnes of cauliflowers and 483 002 tonnes of lemons; whereas the Commission has recorded overruns in the intervention thresholds amounting to 21 933 tonnes of cauliflowers and 121 402 tonnes of lemons;

Whereas it ensues from the foregoing that the basic and buying-in prices for cauliflowers and lemons fixed by Council Regulation (EC) No 944/96 [7] for the 1996/97 marketing year must be reduced by 1 % in the case of cauliflowers and 10 % in the case of lemons;

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

The basic and buying-in prices for cauliflowers and lemons for the period 1 to 30 June 1996 as fixed by Regulation (EC) No 944/96 are hereby reduced by 1 % in the case of cauliflowers and 10 % in the case of lemons and shall be as follows:

(ECU/100 kg)

	Basic price	Buying-in price
Cauliflowers	29,35	12,72
Lemons	46,14	27,08

These prices refer respectively to:

— packed trimmed cauliflowers of quality class I,

— packed lemons of quality class I, size 53 to 62 millimetres.

These prices do not reflect the cost of the packaging in which the product is presented.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 June 1996.

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 132, 16. 6. 1995, p. 8.
(3) OJ No L 111, 18. 5. 1995, p. 9.
(4) OJ No L 198, 26. 7. 1988, p. 9.
(5) OJ No L 128, 13. 6. 1995, p. 8.
(6) OJ No L 118, 29. 4. 1989, p. 21.
(7) OJ No L 129, 30. 5. 1996, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 May 1996.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission