COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1437/97

of 23 July 1997

fixing for the 1997/98 marketing year the minimum price to be paid to producers and the buying-in price to be applied by storage agencies for unprocessed dried figs, the amount of production aid for dried figs, and amending Regulation (EEC) No 626/85

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables [1], and in particular Articles 3 (3), 4 (9) and 9 (8) thereof,

Whereas Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/97 of 19 March 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 as regards the system of production aid for products processed from fruit and vegetables [2] fixes the dates of the marketing years;

Whereas Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 set the criteria for fixing the minimum price and the amount of the production aid respectively;

Whereas Articles 1 and 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1709/84 of 19 June 1984 on minimum prices payable to producers and amounts of production aid for certain processed fruit and vegetables eligible for production aid [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2322/89 [4], define the categories of unprocessed dried figs and dried figs respectively for which the minimum price and the aid are fixed; whereas, therefore, the minimum price and production aid for the 1997/98 marketing year should be fixed;

Whereas the criteria for fixing the price at which storage agencies but in dried figs are determined in Article 9 (2) (a) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96; whereas a single buying-in price equal to the minimum price reduced by 5 %, corresponding to category D as defined in Part I of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1709/84 should be fixed;

Whereas paragraph 3 of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 626/85 of 12 March 1985 on the purchasing, selling and storage of unprocessed dried grapes and figs by storage agencies [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1363/95 [6], should be deleted since the provisions of that paragraph are now null and void;

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 1997/98 marketing year:

(a) the minimum price referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be ECU 80,496 per 100 kilograms net from the producer for unprocessed dried figs in category C;

(b) the production aid referred to in Article 4 of that Regulation shall be ECU 27,986 per 100 kilograms net for dried figs in category C.

Article 2

For the 1997/98 marketing year, the buying-in price referred to in Article 9 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be ECU 58,741 per 100 kilograms net.

Article 3

Paragraph 3 of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 626/85 is hereby deleted.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1997.

[1] OJ No L 297, 21. 11. 1996, p. 29.
[2] OJ No L 78, 20. 3. 1997, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 162, 20. 6. 1984, p. 8.
[4] OJ No L 220, 27. 9. 1989, p. 58.
[5] OJ No L 72, 13. 3. 1985, p. 7.
[6] OJ No L 132, 16. 6. 1995, p. 8.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 July 1997.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission