COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2445/97

of 8 December 1997

fixing, for the 1998 fishing year, the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that a guide price shall be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of the said Regulation at a level which will help to stabilize market prices and avoid the formation of surpluses in the Community; whereas that level must also help support producers' income and at the same time take account of consumers' interest;

Whereas the guide price shall be based on the average of prices as defined in Article 9 (2) of that Regulation and on an assessment of production and demand prospects;

Whereas the application of these criteria involves for the 1998 fishing year, an increase for certain products and the stabilization or decrease of prices for others compared with prices applicable during the current fishing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The guide prices for the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 1998 for the products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 and the commercial specifications to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 1997.

For the Council

The President

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

ANNEX

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Guide price (ECU/tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Herrings of the species *Clupea harengus*	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	274
2. Sardines of the species *Sardina pilchardus*	Extra	3	Whole fish	521
3. Picked dogfish *(Squalus acanthias)*	Extra, A	2	Whole fish Gutted fish with head	1 026
4. Catshanks (*Scyliorhinus* spp.)	Extra, A	1	Whole fish Gutted fish with head	806
5. Redfish (*Sebastes* spp.)	A	2	Whole fish	1 132
6. Cod of the species *Gadus morhua*	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1 476
7. Coalfish *(Pollachius virens)*	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	762
8. Haddock *(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)*	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1 026
9. Whiting *(Merlangius merlangus)*	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	893
10. Ling (*Molva* spp.)	Extra, A	1, 2	Gutted fish with head	1 139
11. Mackerel of the species *Scomber scombrus*	Extra or A	1 2	Whole fish Whole fish	288
12. Mackerel of the species *Scomber japonicus*	Extra or A	1 2	Whole fish Whole fish	306
13. Anchovies (*Engraulis* spp.)	Extra	2	Whole fish	1 168
14. Plaice *(Pleuronectes platessa)*	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1. 1. 1998 to 30. 4. 1998: 1 032 1. 5. 1998 to 31. 12. 1998: 1 420
15. Hake of the species *Merluccius merluccius*	A	1	Gutted fish with head	3 623
16. Megrim (*Lepidorhombus* spp.)	Extra, A	1, 2	Whole fish, gutted fish with head	2 289
17. Ray's bream (*Brama* spp.)	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	1 782
18. Monkfish (*Lophius* spp.)	Extra, A	2, 3	Whole, or gutted with head	2 664
	Extra, A	2, 3	Without head	5 503

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19. Shrimps of the species *Crangon crangon*	A	1	Simply boiled in water	2 382
20. Edible crab *(Cancer pagurus)*	—	1	Whole	1 749
21. Norway lobster *(Nephrops norvegicus)*	Extra, A	1, 2	Whole	5 180
	Extra, A	2	Tails	4 345
22. Dab *(Limanda limanda)*	Extra, A	1	Gutted fish with head	961
23. Flounder *(Platichthys flesus)*	Extra, A	1	Gutted fish with head	558
24. Albacore or longfinned tuna *(Thunnus alalunga)*	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	2 103
		1	Gutted fish with head	2 428
25. Cuttlefish *(Sepia officinalis* and *Rossia macrosoma)*	Extra, A	1, 2	Whole	1 574
26. Sole (*Solea* spp.)	Extra, A	2, 3	Gutted fish with head	6 326
27. Deep-water prawns *(Pandalus Borealis)*				6 387
	A	1	Simply boiled in water	
	A	1	Fresh or chilled	1 673

(1) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92.