COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2573/97

of 15 December 1997

fixing the reference prices for fishery products for the 1998 fishing year

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3318/94 [2], and in particular the first subparagraph of Articles 22 (6) and 23 (5) thereof,

Whereas Article 22 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides, among other things, for reference prices valid for the Community to be fixed each year, by product category, for the products specified in Annexes I, II, III, IV (B) and V to that Regulation, subject to the consultation procedures laid down for certain products within the framework of the GATT;

Whereas Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 allows, *inter alia*, the fixing of reference prices for the products referred to in Annex IV (A) before the beginning of each marketing year;

Whereas Article 22 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that the reference price for the products specified in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) thereto must be equal, respectively, to the withdrawal and selling prices fixed in accordance with Article 11 (1) and Article 13 thereof;

Whereas Community withdrawal and selling prices for the products concerned were fixed for the 1998 fishing year by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2572/97 [3];

Whereas, the reference prices for the products specified in Annexes I (B) and (C) and IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 are determined on the basis of the average of the reference prices for the fresh product, account being taken of the processing costs and of the need to ensure a price relationship in keeping with the market situation;

Whereas the reference prices for the products specified in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 must be derived from their guide prices by reference to the price level at which the intervention measures provided for in Article 16 (1) thereof may be taken, and fixed taking account of the situation on the market in those products;

Whereas the reference prices for the fishes of the species *Thunnus* and *Euthynnus*, specified in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 are based on the weighted average of the free-at-frontier prices recorded on the most representative markets in the Member States during the three preceding years;

Whereas for the carp and salmon referred to in Annex IV (A) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92, reference prices are fixed on the basis of the average of the producer prices recorded during the three years preceding the date on which the reference price is fixed for a product with commercial characteristics as set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2210/93 [4], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 843/95 [5];

Whereas, for the frozen and salted products specified in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for which no reference price is fixed for the fresh product, the reference prices are determined on the basis of the reference price applied to a commercially similar fresh product; however, given the quantities of certain frozen and salted products and the conditions governing their importation, it does not appear necessary to fix a reference price for such products in the immediate future;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The reference prices for the 1998 fishing year for the products specified in Annexes I, II, III, IV (A), (B) and V to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 shall be as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1998.

[1] OJ L 388, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 350, 31. 12. 1994, p. 15.
[3] See page 36 of this Official Journal.
[4] OJ L 197, 6. 8. 1993, p. 8.
[5] OJ L 85, 19. 4. 1995, p. 13.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 December 1997.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

1. **Reference prices of products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92**

Species	Size (1)	Reference price (ECU/tonne)			
		Gutted fish with head (1)		Whole fish (1)	
		Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra,. A (1)	B (1)
Herring of the species	1	0	0	128	128
Clupea harengus	2	0	0	198	198
ex 0302 40 05, ex 0302 40 10 and	3	0	0	186	186
ex 0302 40 98	4	0	0	116	116
	5	0	0	221	221
Sardines of the species	1	0	0	266	164
Sardina pilchardus	2	0	0	332	164
ex 0302 61 10	3	0	0	376	164
	4	0	0	244	164
Dogfish	1	616	451	616	410
(Squalus acanthias)	2	525	369	525	328
0302 65 20	3	287	205	287	164
Dogfish	1	516	387	484	322
(*Scyliorhinus* spp.)	2	516	387	451	322
0302 65 50	3	355	258	290	148
Redfish	1	0	0	917	917
(*Sebastes* spp.)	2	0	0	917	917
0302 69 31 and 0302 69 33	3	0	0	774	774
Cod of the species	1	1 063	1 004	768	590
Gadus morhua	2	1 063	1 004	768	590
0302 50 10	3	1 004	827	590	472
	4	791	543	449	319
	5	555	319	331	213
Coalfish	1	549	549	427	427
(Pollachius virens)	2	549	549	427	427
0302 63 00	3	543	543	421	421
	4	463	317	232	171
Haddock	1	739	657	575	492
(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)	2	739	657	575	492
0302 62 00	3	632	534	443	304
	4	534	435	369	246
Whiting	1	593	557	450	307
(Merlangius merlangus)	2	572	536	429	286
0302 69 41	3	536	436	393	164
	4	364	243	264	143
Ling (*Molva* spp.)	1	775	592	638	456
0302 69 45	2	756	574	620	437
	3	683	501	547	364
Mackerel of the species	1	0	0	208	196
Scomber scombrus	2	0	0	203	184
ex 0302 64 05, ex 0302 64 10 and	3	0	0	198	171
ex 0302 64 98					
Spanish mackerel of the species	1	0	0	234	207
Scomber japonicus	2	0	0	234	193
ex 0302 64 05, ex 0302 64 10 and	3	0	0	193	157
ex 0302 64 98	4	0	0	143	88

Species	Size (1)	Reference price (ECU/tonne)			
		Gutted fish with head (1)		Whole fish (1)	
		Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)
Anchovies (*Engraulis* spp.) 0302 69 55	1	0	0	794	447
	2	0	0	844	447
	3	0	0	695	447
	4	0	0	288	288
Plaice *(Pleuronectes platessa)* 0302 22 00					
	1	771	728	420	420
— 1 January to	2	771	728	420	420
30 April 1998	3	745	685	420	420
	4	582	514	394	394
	1	1 061	1 002	578	578
— 1 May to	2	1 061	1 002	578	578
31 December 1998	3	1 025	943	578	578
	4	801	707	542	542
Hake of the species *Merluccius merluccius* ex 0302 69 68	1	3 261	3 065	2 576	2 380
	2	2 478	2 315	1 924	1 761
	3	2 446	2 282	1 891	1 728
	4	2 022	1 895	1 565	1 272
	5	1 891	1 728	1 467	1 174
Megrim (*Lepidorhombus* spp.) 0302 29 10	1	1 557	1 190	1 465	1 099
	2	1 373	1 007	1 282	916
	3	1 245	879	1 117	751
	4	787	421	659	293
Ray's bream (*Brama* spp.) 0302 69 75	1	1 212	927	1 140	855
	2	855	570	784	499
Dab *(Limanda limanda)* ex 0302 29 90	1	678	598	558	439
	2	518	439	399	279
Flounder *(Platichthys flesus)* ex 0302 29 90	1	371	324	324	255
	2	278	232	232	162
Albacore or longfinned tuna *(Thunnus alalunga)* 0302 31 10 and 0302 31 90	1	2 185	1 311	1 703	1 609
	2	2 185	1 246	1 609	1 514
Cuttlefish *(Sepia officinalis* and *Rossia macrosoma)* ex 0307 41 10	1	0	0	1 007	756
	2	0	0	1 007	756
	3	0	0	630	378
		Whole or gutted fish with head (1)		Without head (1)	
		Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)
Monkfish (*Lophius* spp.) 0302 69 81	1	1 630	1 177	4 210	3 274
	2	2 083	1 630	3 976	3 040
	3	2 083	1 630	3 742	2 807
	4	1 744	1 291	3 274	2 339
	5	951	498	2 339	1 403

Species	Size (1)	All presentations	
		A (1)	B (1)
Shrimps of the species *Crangon crangon* ex 0306 23 31 and ex 0306 23 39	1	1 393	1 179
	2	643	643

		cooked in water		fresh or chilled	
		A (1)	B (1)	A (1)	B (1)
Deep-water prawns *(Pandalus borealis)* ex 0306 23 10	1	4 886	4 311	1 129	903
	2	1 724	1 724	—	—

		Whole (1)
Edible crabs *(Cancer pagurus)* ex 0306 24 30	1	1 259
	2	944

		Whole (1)			Tails (1)	
		E (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)
Norway lobster *(Nephrops norvegicus)* ex 0306 29 30	1	4 429	4 429	3 170	3 519	2 346
	2	4 429	3 030	1 772	2 933	1 564
	3	3 963	3 030	1 772	2 151	1 134
	4	2 564	2 098	1 166	1 799	547

		Gutted fish with head (1)		Whole fish (1)	
		Extra, A (1)	B (1)	Extra, A (1)	B (1)
Sole (*Solea* spp.) 0302 23 00	1	4 726	4 200	3 675	2 888
	2	4 726	4 200	3 675	2 888
	3	4 463	3 938	3 413	2 625
	4	3 675	3 150	2 625	2 100
	5	3 150	2 625	2 100	1 838

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

2. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

CN code	Description	Reference prices (ECU/tonne)
A. Frozen products falling within CN codes 0303 and 0304		
0303 31 10	Greenland halibut *(Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)*	1 631
0303 79 71	Sea bream (*Dentex dentex* and *Pagellus* spp.)	1 323
	Hake (*Merluccius* spp.)	
	Whole fish:	
0303 78 10	— with or without head	931
ex 0304 20 55, ex 0304 20 58	Fillets:	
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	1 165
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless	1 358
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	1 210
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless	1 299
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	1 373

CN code	Description	Reference prices (ECU/tonne)
ex 0304 20 56	*Merluccius hubbsi* Fillets:	
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	1 049
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless	1 222
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	1 089
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless	1 169
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	1 236
ex 0304 90 47	Pieces and other meat, except minced blocks	1 162
B. Frozen products falling within CN code 0306:		
0306 13 40	Deepwater rose shrimps *Parapenaeus longirostris*	3 502
0306 13 50	Shrimps of the genus *Penaeus*	6 787
C. Frozen products falling within CN code 0307:		
	Squid of the genus *Loligo*	
0307 49 35	— *Loligo patagonica:*	
	whole, not cleaned	898
	cleaned	1 078
0307 49 31	— *Loligo vulgaris:*	
	whole, not cleaned	1 797
	cleaned	2 156
0307 49 33	— *Loligo pealei:*	
	whole, not cleaned	1 078
	cleaned	1 258
ex 0307 49 38	— *Loligo opalescens:*	
	whole, not cleaned	719
	cleaned	854
0307 49 38	— other species:	
	whole, not cleaned	988
	cleaned	1 168
0307 49 51	Squid *(Ommastrephes sagittatus):*	
	whole, not cleaned	817
	tube	1 552
	cylinder	2 328
	Illex spp.	
ex 0307 99 11	— *Illex argentinus:*	
	whole, not cleaned	754
	tube	1 434
	cylinder	2 151
ex 0307 99 11	— *Illex illecebrosus:*	
	whole, not cleaned	754
	tube	1 434
	cylinder	2 151
ex 0307 99 11	— other species:	
	whole, not cleaned	754
	tube	1 434
	cylinder	2 151
0307 49 01, 0307 49 18	Cuttle fish *(Sepia officinalis* and *Rossia macrosoma)* and sépioles *(Sepiola rondeleti)*	1 656
0307 59 10	Octopus (*Octopus* spp.)	1 689

3. **Reference prices for the products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92**

Tuna (of the genus *Thunnus*), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito *(Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis)* and other species of the genus *Euthynnus*, fresh, chilled or frozen, for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604:

Product	Reference prices (ECU/tonne)		
	Whole	Gilled and gutted	Other (for example 'heads off')
A. Albacore or longfinned tuna *(Thunnus alalunga)*, frozen:			
0303 41 11, 0303 41 13, 0303 41 19	1 419	1 617	1 758
B. Yellowfin tuna *(Thunnus albacares)*:			
1) weighing more than 10 kg each (1): 0302 32 10, 0303 42 12, 0303 42 32, 0303 42 52	1 013	1 156	1 256
2) weighing not more than 10 kg each (1): 0302 32 10, 0303 42 18, 0303 42 38, 0303 42 58	790	901	980
C. Lisatos or stripe bellied bonito *(Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis)*:			
0302 33 10, 0303 43 11, 0303 43 13, 0303 43 19	628	716	779
D. Fish of the genus *Thunnus* and *Euthynnus* excluding Bluefin tuna *(Thunnus thynnus)*, fresh or chilled and bigeye tuna *(Parathunnus obesus* or *Thunnus obesus)*, fresh or chilled:			
ex 0302 39 19, 0302 69 21, ex 0303 49 41, ex 0303 49 43, ex 0303 49 49, 0303 79 21, 0303 79 23, 0303 79 29	760	866	942

(1) Reference to weight applies to whole products.

4. **Reference prices for certain products listed in Annex IV (A) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92:**

Product	Form	Periods from	Reference prices (ECU/t)
Carp falling within CN code 0301 93 00	live, weighing at least 800 g	1. 1. to 31. 7.1998	1 403
		1. 8. to 30.11.1998	1 683
		1.12. to 31.12.1998	1 683
Atlantic salmon *(Salmo salar)* fresh, chilled or frozen falling within CN codes			
ex 0302 12 00,	— whole	—	3 163
ex 0303 22 00,	— gutted	—	3 514
ex 0304 10 13,	— gutted without head	—	3 867
ex 0304 20 13	— fillets	—	4 866

5. **Reference prices for the product listed in Annexes IV (B) and V to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92**

Frozen and salted products falling within CN code 0303 and 0304:

Species	Presentation	Reference prices (ECU/tonne)
1. Redfish *(Sebastes* spp.)	Whole fish:	
0303 79 35 0303 79 37	— with or without head	933
	Fillets:	
	— with bones ('standard')	1 858
0304 20 35 0304 20 37	— boneless	2 098
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 219
ex 0304 90 31	Pieces and other meat	1 311
2. Cod *(Gadus morhua, Gadus ogac* and *Gadus macrocephalus)* and fish of the species *Boreogadus saida*	Whole fish:	
0303 60 11, 0303 60 19, 0303 60 90, 0303 79 41	— with or without head	1 062
	Fillets:	
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard')	2 356
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless	2 639
0304 20 21 0304 20 29	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	2 500
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless	2 886
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 818
ex 0304 90 35, ex 0304 90 38, ex 0304 90 39	Pieces and other meat	1 392
3. Coalfish *(Pollachius virens)*	Whole fish:	
0303 73 00	— with or without head	728
	Fillets:	
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, (standard)	1 473
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless	1 623
0304 20 31	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	1 476
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless	1 665
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	1 700
ex 0304 90 41	Pieces and other meat, except minced blocks	977

Species	Presentation	Reference prices (ECU/tonne)
4. Haddock *(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)*	Whole fish:	
0303 72 00	— with or without head	886
	Fillets:	
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones (standard)	2 198
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless	2 633
0304 20 33	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	2 512
	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless	2 739
	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 931
ex 0304 90 45	Pieces and other meat, except minced blocks	1 038
5. Mackerel of the species *Scomber scombrus* and *Scomber japonicus* and fish of the species *Orcynopsis unicolor*	Whole fish:	
0303 74 10 0303 74 11 0303 74 20	— with head	399
0303 79 60 0303 79 61 0303 79 62	— without head	441
0304 20 53	Fillets:	710
ex 0304 90 97	Sides	575
6. Alaska pollack *(Theragra chalcogramma)* ex 0304 20 85	Fillets:	
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard')	1 115
	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless	1 285
7. Swordfish *(Xiphias gladius)* ex 0303 79 87	Whole fish, with or without head	3 164
8. Cod *(Gadus morhua, Gadus ogac* and *Gadus macrocephalus)* and fish of the species *Borreogadus saida*	Salted fish, not dried or smoked, and fish in brine	
	< 1,1 kg	2 612
0305 62 00, 0305 69 10	≥ 1,1 kg; < 2,1 kg	2 869
	≥ 2,1 kg	3 313