COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1615/98

of 24 July 1998

fixing the minimum import price applicable to dried grapes during the 1998/99 marketing year as well as the countervailing charges to be imposed where that price is not observed

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 organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2199/97 [2], and in particular Article 13(8) thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96, the minimum import price for dried grapes is to be determined having regard to:

— the free-at-frontier price on import into the Community,

— the prices obtained in international trade,

— the situation on the internal Community market,

— the trend of trade with third countries;

Whereas Article 13(6) of the same Regulation provides that countervailing charges are to be fixed in reference to a scale of import prices; whereas the maximum countervailing charge is to be determined on the basis of the most favourable prices applied on the world market for significant quantities by the most representative non-member countries;

Whereas a minimum import price must be fixed for currants and other dried grapes;

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

1. The minimum import price applicable to dried grapes during the 1998/99 marketing year, which begins on 1 September 1998 and ends on 31 August 1999, shall be as set out in Annex I.

2. The countervailing charge to be imposed where the minimum import price referred to in paragraph 1 is not observed shall be as set out in Annex II.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 September 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 297, 21. 11. 1996, p. 29.
[2] OJ L 303, 6. 11. 1997, p. 1.

ANNEX I

MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES

(ECU per tonne)

CN code	Description	Minimum import price
0806 20	– Dried grapes:	
	– – In immediate containers of a net capacity of 2 kg or less:	
0806 20 11	– – – Currants	1 038,18
0806 20 12	– – – Sultanas	1 086,10
0806 20 18	– – – Other	1 086,10
	– – Other:	
0806 20 91	– – – Currants	870,57
0806 20 92	– – – Sultanas	910,75
0806 20 98	– – – Other	910,75

ANNEX II

COUNTERVAILING CHARGES

1. Currants falling within CN code 0806 20 11:

(ECU per tonne)

Import price applied		Countervailing charge to be levied
less than	but not less than	
1 038,18	1 027,80	10,38
1 027,80	1 007,03	31,15
1 007,03	975,89	62,29
975,89	944,74	93,44
944,74		104,96

2. Currants falling within CN code 0806 20 91:

(ECU per tonne)

Import price applied		Countervailing charge to be levied
less than	but not less than	
870,57	861,86	—
861,86	844,45	—
844,45	818,34	—
818,34	792,22	—
792,22		—

3. Dried grapes falling within CN codes 0806 20 12 and 0806 20 18:

(ECU per tonne)

Import price applied		Countervailing charge to be levied
less than	but not less than	
1 086,10	1 075,24	10,86
1 075,24	1 053,52	32,58
1 053,52	1 020,93	65,17
1 020,93	988,35	97,75
988,35		152,88

4. Dried grapes falling within CN codes 0806 20 92 and 0806 20 98:

(ECU per tonne)

Import price applied		Countervailing charge to be levied
less than	but not less than	
910,75	901,64	—
901,64	883,43	—
883,43	856,10	—
856,10	828,78	—
828,78		—