COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2346/2002

of 19 December 2002

fixing for the 2003 fishing year the guide prices and Community producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products [1], and in particular Article 18(3) and Article 26(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Article 18(1) and Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 provide that a guide price and a Community producer price should be fixed for each fishing year in order to determine price levels for intervention on the market for certain fisheries products.

(2) Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires the guide price to be fixed for each of the products and groups of products listed in Annexes I and II to that Regulation.

(3) On the basis of the data currently available on the prices for the products concerned and the criteria referred to in Article 18(2) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, the guide prices should be increased, maintained or reduced for the 2003 fishing year depending on the species.

(4) Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires the Community producer price to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex III to that Regulation. It is, however, sufficient to establish the Community producer price for only one of the products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 since the prices for the other products may be calculated by means of the conversion factors established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3510/82 of 23 December 1982 [2].

(5) On the basis of the criteria laid down in the first and second indent of Article 18(2) and in Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, the Community producer price for the 2003 fishing year should be increased.

(6) Given the urgency of the matter, it is important to grant an exception to the six-week period mentioned in paragraph 1(3) of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments of the European Union annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 2003, the guide prices as provided for in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 shall be as set out in the Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

For the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 2003, the Community producer prices as provided for in Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 shall be as set out in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2002.

For the Council

The President

L. ESPERSEN

[1] OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22.

[2] OJ L 368, 28.12.1982, p. 27. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3899/92 (OJ L 392, 31.12.1992, p. 24).

ANNEX I

Annexes	Species Products listed in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000	Commercial presentation	Guide price (EUR/tonne)
I	1. Herring of the species *Clupea harengus*	Whole fish	268
	2. Sardines of the species *Sardina pilchardus*	Whole fish	572
	3. Dogfish *(Squalus acanthias)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1 112
	4. Spotted dogfish (*Scyliorhinus* spp.)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	782
	5. Redfish (*Sebastes* spp.)	Whole fish	1 189
	6. Cod of the species *Gadus morhua*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1 631
	7. Saithe *(Pollachius virens)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	806
	8. Haddock *(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1 062
	9. Whiting *(Merlangius merlangus)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	952
	10. Ling (*Molva* spp.)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1 226
	11. Mackerel of the species *Scomber scombrus*	Whole fish	303
	12. Mackerel of the species *Scomber japonicus*	Whole fish	321
	13. Anchovy (*Engraulis* spp.)	Whole fish	1 215
	14. Plaice *(Pleuronectes platessa)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head from 1.1.2002 to 30.4.2002	1 063
		Whole fish or gutted fish with head from 1.5.2002 to 31.12.2002	1 462
	15. Hake of the species *Merluccius merluccius*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	3 750
	16. Megrim (*Lepidorhombus* spp.)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	2 406
	17. Dab *(Limanda limanda)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	923
	18. Common flounder *(Platichthys flesus)*	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	552
	19. Albacore or longfinned tunas *(Thunnus alalunga)*	Whole fish	2 232
		Gutted fish with head	2 502
	20. Cuttlefish *(Sepia officinalis* and *Rossia macrosoma)*	Whole	1 637
	21. Monkfish (*Lophius* spp.)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	2 897
		Without head	5 928
	22. Shrimp of the species *Crangon crangon*	Simply boiled in water	2 478
	23. Northern prawn *(Pandalus borealis)*	Simply boiled in water	6 678
		Fresh or chilled	1 690
	24. Edible crab *(Cancer pagurus)*	Whole	1 766
	25. Norway lobster *(Nephrops norvegicus)*	Whole	5 337
		Tails	4 366
	26. Sole (*Solea* spp.)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	6 648

Annexes	Species Products listed in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000	Commercial presentation	Guide price (EUR/tonne)
II	1. Greenland halibut *(Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)*	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 996
	2. Hake of the genus *Merluccius* spp.	Frozen, whole, in original packages containing the same products	1 271
		Frozen, filleted, in original packages containing the same products	1 530
	3. Sea bream *(Dentex dentex* and *Pagellus* spp.)	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1 635
	4. Swordfish *(Xiphias gladius)*	Frozen, whole, in original packages containing the same products	4 060
	5. Cuttlefish *(Sepia officinalis) (Rossia macrosoma) (Sepiola rondeletti)*	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 986
	6. Octopus (*Octopus* spp.)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	2 057
	7. Squid (*Loligo* spp.)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 156
	8. Squid *(Ommastrephes sagittatus)*	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	961
	9. *Illex argentinus*	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	848
	10. Prawn of the family *Penaeidae*		
	— Prawn of the species *Parapenaeus longirostris*	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	4 160
	— Other species of the family *Penaeidae*	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	7 982

ANNEX II

Species Products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000	Commercial specifications	Community producer price (EUR/tonne)
Yellow-fin tuna (Thunnus albacares)	Whole, weighing more than 10 kg each	1 207

The Community producer prices for the other products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 shall be determined by means of the conversion factors referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 3510/82.