COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 427/2004
of 4 March 2004
fixing the reference prices for certain fishery products for the 2004 fishing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 29(1) and (5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 provides that reference prices valid for the Community may be fixed each year, by product category, for products that are the subject of a tariff suspension pursuant to Article 28(1). The same holds for products which, by virtue of being either the subject of a binding tariff reduction under the WTO or some other preferential arrangements, must comply with a reference price.

(2) For the products listed in its Annex I(A) and (B) to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, the reference price is the same as the withdrawal price fixed in accordance with Article 20(1) of that Regulation.

(3) The Community withdrawal and selling prices for the products concerned are fixed for the 2004 fishing year by Commission Regulation (EC) No 425/2004 [2].

(4) The reference price for products other than those listed in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 is established on the basis of the weighted average of customs values recorded on the import markets or in the ports of import in the three years immediately preceding the date on which the reference price is fixed.

(5) There is no need to fix reference prices for all the species covered by the criteria laid down in Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, and particularly not for those imported from third countries in insignificant volumes.

(6) 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 2004 fishing year of fishery products as provided for in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 4 March 2004.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22.
[2] See page 14 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX (*)

1. **Reference prices for products referred to in Article 29(3)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000**

Species	Size (1)	Reference price (EUR/tonne)			
		Gutted, with head (1)		Whole fish (1)	
		Additional TARIC code	Extra, A (1)	Additional TARIC code	Extra, A (1)
Herring of the species *Clupea harengus* ex 0302 40 00	1		—	F011	125
	2		—	F012	192
	3		—	F013	182
	4a		—	F016	115
	4b		—	F017	115
	4c		—	F018	240
	5		—	F015	214
	6		—	F019	107
Redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) ex 0302 69 31 and ex 0302 69 33	1		—	F067	953
	2		—	F068	953
	3		—	F069	800
Cod of the species *Gadus morhua* ex 0302 50 10	1	F073	1 174	F083	848
	2	F074	1 174	F084	848
	3	F075	1 109	F085	652
	4	F076	881	F086	489
	5	F077	620	F087	359
		Boiled in water		Fresh or refrigerated	
		Additional TARIC code	Extra, A (1)	Additional TARIC code	Extra, A (1)
Deepwater prawns (*Pandalus borealis*) ex 0306 23 10	1	F317	4 936	F321	1 115
	2	F318	1 731	—	—

(1) The freshness, size and presentation categories are those laid down in accordance with Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000.

2. **Reference prices for fishery products referred to in Article 29(3)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000**

Product	Additional TARIC code	Presentation	Reference price (EUR/tonne)
1. Redfish (*Sebastes* spp.)		Whole:	
ex 0303 79 35 ex 0303 79 37	F411	— with or without head	941
		Fillets:	
ex 0304 20 35 ex 0304 20 37	F412	— with bones ('standard')	1 896
	F413	— without bones	2 139
	F414	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 263

(*) The additional code to be mentioned for all categories other than those explicitly referred to in points 1 and 2 of the Annex is 'F499: Other'.

Product	Additional TARIC code	Presentation	Reference price (EUR/tonne)
2. Cod (*Gadus morhua, Gadus ogac* and *Gadus macrocephalus*) and fish of the species *Boreogadus saida*			
ex 0303 60 11, ex 0303 60 19, ex 0303 60 90, ex 0303 79 41	F416	Whole, with or without head	1 084
		Fillets:	
ex 0304 20 29	F417	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard')	2 428
	F418	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, without bones	2 746
	F419	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	2 602
	F420	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, without skin	2 973
	F421	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 932
ex 0304 90 38	F422	Pieces and other meat, except minced blocks	1 378
3. Coalfish (*Pollachius virens*)		Fillets:	
ex 0304 20 31	F424	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard')	1 518
	F425	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, without bones	1 672
	F426	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	1 476
	F427	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, without skin	1 715
	F428	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	1 769
ex 0304 90 38	F429	Pieces and other meat, except minced blocks	987
4. Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)		Fillets:	
ex 0304 20 33	F431	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard')	2 310
	F432	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, without bones	2 686
	F433	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin	2 537
	F434	— individual or fully interleaved fillets, without skin	2 794
	F435	— blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg	2 960
5. Alaska pollack (*Theragra chalcogramma*)		Fillets:	
ex 0304 20 85	F441	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard')	1 159
	F442	— interleaved or in industrial blocks, without bones	1 324
6. Herring (*Clupea harengus, Clupea pallasii*)		Herring flaps	
ex 0304 10 97	F450	— exceeding 80 g a piece	500
ex 0304 90 22	F450	— exceeding 80 g a piece	455