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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in
Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81
for the 1990 fishing year

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in
Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 for the
1990 fishing year

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
fixing the Community producer price for tuna intended for the
industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code
1604 for the 1990 fishing year

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Regulation is to fix the guide prices for 1990 for the products in Annex I(A), (D) and (E) of Regulation (EEC) N° 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products. Article 10 of that Regulation states that a guide price for each of these products shall be fixed for each fishing year on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output and a product with given commercial characteristics on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed. In fixing the price, account is also taken of the production and demand prospects and other criteria relating to the stabilization of market prices, support for producers' incomes and consumers' interests.

As in previous years, the procedure for fixing the prices for 1990 has been based on a comparison between the average of prices recorded between 1987 and the first six months of 1989 and that for the period between 1986 and 1988, which was used as a basis for fixing the guide prices for 1989.

Generally speaking, the Community market for white fish has been very stable over the reference period. With overall Community production on the decrease, price fluctuations have been small and withdrawals marginal. In these circumstances, the Commission proposes that the guide prices for 1989 be maintained at their present level except for haddock and hake, for which species the guide prices should be adjusted upwards in view of the considerable difference between their average market prices and their respective guide prices. Also, the Commission feels that it would be wise to reduce slightly the guide prices of species for which the market situation is poor or for which the difference between the average price and the guide price offers no safety margin (catshark).

An assessment of the market situation and foreseeable developments for pelagic species is further complicated in particular by production levels that fluctuate from one year to the next and by changes in the structure of the Community market for certain species following enlargement.

The slowing down of the fall in herring prices has been confirmed and production is rising while withdrawals are stable. It should be noted that prices for mackerel are falling, as is production. The market situation for Atlantic sardine varies according to Member State and total Community output is dropping steadily.

It should be stressed that the slight rise in the prices for Mediterranean sardines in 1988 was the result in particular of a drop in output in relation to 1987 and was not confirmed in 1989.

Given the close connections between the two species of sardine, it would not be advisable to separate them for price policy purposes.

The price for anchovies, which became common to the Community as a whole on 1 January 1990, may be adjusted upwards slightly as a result of the very favourable market situation.

Among the new species included in the Community system of storage aid as a result of the Act of Accession, the Commission proposes a substantial decrease in the price for nephrops (tails); a species for which the gap between average market price and guide price has widened considerably over the last few years.

Consequently, it is proposed that:

- the guide price for herring, Atlantic sardine, Mediterranean sardine and catshark be reduced by 1 %, that for mackerel by 2 % and that for nephrops (tails) by 10 %;
- the 1989 guide prices for cod, hake, redfish, saithe, plaice, dogfish, ling, megrim, ray's bream, monkfish (with or without head), Spanish mackerel, edible crab and nephrops be maintained;
- the guide prices for haddock and hake be increased by 1 % and those for anchovies and shrimps by 2 %.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N°
of
fixing the guide prices for the fishery products
listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of Regulation (EEC) N° 3796/81
for the 1990 fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) no 2886/89 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 10 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 provides that a guide price shall be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of the 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 10 (2) of that Regulation and on an assessment of production and demand prospects ;

Whereas the application of the criteria laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 and referred to above involves for the 1990 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 ; whereas, in the absence of certain information concerning price trends for each fishery product with given commercial characteristics, consideration should be given to the relationship between the average weighted market prices recorded when the guide prices were fixed for the previous fishing year for these products, and the average weighted market prices recorded currently ;

(1) OJ n° L 379, 31.12.1981, p. 1.

(2) OJ n° L 282, 02.10.1989, p. 1.

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Whereas in accordance with Articles 169 and 356 of the Act of Accession, a fifth approximation of guide prices must take place on 1 January 1990 for Atlantic sardines of the species *Sardina pilchardus* and anchovies (*Engraulis spp.*),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The guide prices for the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 1990 for the products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 and the categories to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1990.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

ANNEX

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Guide price (ECU/tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Herrings of the species <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	From 1 January to 31 July 1990 } 267 and from 1 October to 31 December 1990) From 1 August to } 243 30 September 1990)
2. Sardines of the species <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>				
a) Atlantic :				
- Member States other than Spain and Portugal	Extra	3	Whole fish	481
- Spain, Portugal	Extra	3	Whole fish	378
b) Mediterranean	Extra	3	Whole fish	454
3. Pickled dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	Extra, A	2	{ Whole fish { Guttet fish with head }	852
4. Catsharks (<i>Scyliorhinus</i> spp.)	Extra, A	1	{ Whole fish { Guttet fish with head }	766
5. Redfish (<i>Sebastes</i> spp.)	A	2	Whole fish	889
6. Cod of the species <i>Gadus</i> <i>medius</i>	A or A	2 3	Guttet fish with head Guttet fish with head }	1 230
7. Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	A ou A	2 3	Guttet fish with head Guttet fish with head }	648

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Guide price (ECU/tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
8. Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	A	2	Gutted fish, with head	885
	or			
9. Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	A	2	Gutted fish, with head	799
	or			
10. Ling (<i>Molva</i> spp.)	A	3	Gutted fish, with head	920
	A			
11. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Extra, A	1, 2	Gutted fish, with head	264
	or			
12. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber japonicus</i>	A	2	Whole fish	323
	Extra	1	Whole fish	
13. Anchovies (<i>Engraulis</i> spp.)	Extra	2	Whole fish	915
	or			
14. Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	A	2	Gutted fish, with head	From 1 January } 774
	or			
	A	3	Gutted fish, with head	From 1 May } 1 055
				to 31 December 1990)

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Guide price (ECU/tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
15. Hake of the species <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	A	1	Gutted fish with head	2 988
16. Macrin (<i>Lepidochromis</i> spp.)	Extra, A	1, 2	Whole fish, gutted fish with head	1 869
17. Ray's cream (<i>Brana</i> spp.)	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	1 500
18. Monkfish (<i>Lophius</i> spp.)	Extra, A	2, 3	Whole, gutted, with head	2 121
	Extra, A	2, 3	Without head	5 040
19. Shrimps of the species <i>Crangon crangon</i>	A	1	Simply boiled in water	1 576
20. Edible crab (<i>Cancer pagurus</i>)	-	1	Whole	1 500
21. Norway lobster (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>)	E, A	1, 2	Whole	4 400
	E, A	2	Tails	9 063

(1) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No. 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products states that, for each of the products listed in Annex II, a guide price shall be fixed for a product with given commercial characteristics on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

Examination of the price trends for frozen products suggests that the guide prices should be kept at their current level in the 1990 fishing year for sardines, cuttlefish and octopus and increased for sea bream.

The rise in production - linked to the considerable fluctuations in stocks - of squid of the species Loligo patagonica, combined with imports of a species of Loligo which is a substitute for the patagonica, has led to a sharp rise in stocks and the collapse of market prices.

Although the market situation for squid of the species Illex has improved in comparison with 1988, world prices are still well below the Community guide price.

In these circumstances, the Commission proposes to adjust the guide prices to the long-term market trends and thus reduce significantly Community guide prices for the 1990 fishing year.

(Loligo patagonica = - 17 % ; Illex = - 15 %)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No /89

of

fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex II to
Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 for the 1990 fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the
common organization of the market in fishery products (1), as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 2886/89 (2), and in particular Article 15 (5),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 15 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 provides that a guide
price shall be fixed annually for each of the products or groups of products
listed in Annex II to that Regulation ;

Whereas, according to the data available at present concerning prices for the
products in question and the criteria laid down in Article 10 of that
Regulation, these prices should be increased, maintained and increased
according to the species for the 1990 fishing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The guide prices for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 1990 for the
products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 and the categories
to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

(1) OJ N° L 379, 31.12.1981, p. 1.

(2) OJ N° L 282, 02.10.1989, p. 1.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1990.

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council

ANNEX

(ECU/tonne)

Group of products	Commercial specifications	Guide price
1. Sardines of the species <i>Sardinus pilchardus</i>	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	389
2. Sea-bream (<i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> spp.)	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1 312
3. Squid of the species <i>Loligo patagonica</i>	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	1 088
4. Squid (<i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i>)	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	864
5. <i>Illex argentinus</i>	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	864
5. Cuttlefish of the species <i>Sepia officinalis</i> , <i>Rossia macrozona</i> and <i>Sepiola rondeletti</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 594
6. Octopus (<i>Octopus</i> spp.)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 248

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products states that, for tuna intended for use by the canning industry, a Community production price shall be fixed for a product with given commercial characteristics on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

Despite the relative stability of average annual prices recorded over the last three years and the fairly sharp price fluctuations during each fishing year, Community production prices must be fixed in accordance with the structure of the market, the main feature of which is increasing competition, especially in the processing industry.

In these circumstances, the Commission proposes that the Community tuna production price be reduced by 1 % for the 1990 fishing year.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No

of

fixing the Community producer price for tuna intended for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604 for the 1990 fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1) as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2886/89 (2), and in particular Article 17 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 17 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 provides that a Community producer price shall be fixed for tunas (of the genus *Thunnus*), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*) and other species of the genus *Euthynnus* intended for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604 ;

Whereas, on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 17 (2) of the abovementioned Regulation, the price for the 1990 fishing year should be decreased,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Community producer price for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 1990 for tunas (of the genus *Thunnus*), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*) and other species of the genus *Euthynnus* for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604 and the category to which it relates are hereby fixed as follows :

(1) OJ No L 379, 31.12.1981, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 282, 02.10.1989, p. 1.

(ECU/tonne)

Product	Commercial specifications	Guide price
Yellowfin tunas (Thunnus albacares)	Whole, weighing more than 10 kg each	1 239

Article 2

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : 4.10.89

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Article 401

2. ACTION : Three proposals for Council Regulations fixing the guide prices for fishery products (Annex I (A) and (D) and (E); Annex II to Regulation (CEE) No 3796/81 and the producer price for tuna.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Articles 10, 15 and 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81

4. OBJECTIVES : Annual fixing of prices in the fisheries sector (1990)

5. FINANCIAL CONCURRENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR
5.0 EXPENDITURE -CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (INTERVENTIONS)		()	(90)
5.1			29 mio Ecus

YEAR YEAR YEAR

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE Measure restricted to the 1990 fishing year

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS 16.10.89 - 15.10.90

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

Withdrawals, premiums : 13 mio Ecus
Allowances sardines : 7 mio Ecus
Allowances tuna and storage aid : 9 mio Ecus

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? ~~NO~~
YES

6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ? ~~NO~~
YES

6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ? ~~YES~~/NO

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ? YES/~~NO~~

COMMENTS :

Since it is a matter of fixing prices, the impact on expenditure will be indirect. The expenditure in question is heavily dependent on developments in the market and the quantities landed.

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