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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL REGULATION**

**fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC)  
No 3759/92 for the 2000 fishing year**

(presented by the Commission)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 on the common organisation of the market in fishery products provides that, for each of the products listed in Annex II, a guide price is to be fixed for each product on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on representative markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

There have been some price decreases over the medium and short term for these products, which is largely a result of price developments in the international markets. The Commission therefore proposes for the 2000 fishing year that the Community guide prices should be adjusted downwards for cuttlefish and prawns (other *Penaeidae*) by -2% and for sea bream, squid (*Illex*), octopus, Greenland halibut and whole and filleted hake by -1%.

After a consideration of the price movements in the market and the level of guide prices, there should however be no change in the guide price for squid (*Ommastrephes sagittatus*) nor for prawns (*Parapenaeus*).

On the other hand, given that prices have risen considerably over the medium term, there should be a 2% rise in the guide price for squid (*Loligo patagonica*).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 <sup>1</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3318/94<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9 (3),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

- (1) Whereas Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that a guide price shall be fixed for each fishing year for each of the products or groups of products listed in Annex II to that Regulation ;
- (2) Whereas, according to the data available at present concerning prices for the products in question and the criteria laid down in Article 9 (2), of that Regulation, these prices should be increased, maintained or decreased according to the species for the 2000 fishing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

### *Article 1*

The guide prices for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 2000 for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 and the commercial categories to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 388, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 350, 31.12.1994, p. 15.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council  
The President*

## ANNEX II

(EURO/tonne)

GROUP OF PRODUCTS	COMMERCIAL SPECIFICATIONS	GUIDE PRICE
1. Sea-bream ( <b>Dentex dentex and Pagellus spp.</b> )	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1556
2. Squid of the species <b>Loligo patagonica</b>	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	1111
3. Squid ( <b>Ommastrephes sagittatus</b> )	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	961
4. <b>Illex argentinus</b>	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	879
5. Cuttlefish of the species <b>Sepia officinalis, Rossia macrosoma and Sepiola rondeletti</b>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1947
6. Octopus ( <b>Octopus spp.</b> )	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	2007
7. Lesser or Greenland halibut ( <b>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</b> )	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1937
8. Whole hake of the genus <b>Merluccius spp.</b>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1277
9. Fillets of hake of the genus <b>Merluccius spp.</b>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1545
10. - Prawns of the species <b>Parapenaeus longirostris</b> - Other species of the family <b>Penaeidae</b>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	4038
	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	7825

<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>		FISH-A-4	
		DATE: 26.10.99	
1.	BUDGET HEADING: B1-261	APPROPRIATIONS:	
2.	TITLE: Three proposals for Council Regulations fixing the guide prices for fishery products (Annex I, A,D and E, Annex II to Regulation (EEC) NO. 3759/92) and the Community producer price for tuna (Annex III)		
3.	LEGAL BASIS: Articles 9 and 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92		
4.	AIMS: Annual fixing of prices in the fisheries sector (2000 fishing year)		
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	12 MONTH PERIOD (EUR million)	FINANCIAL YEAR 2000 (EUR million)
	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (EUR million)		
5.0	EXPENDITURE		14
	- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)		
	- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES		
	- OTHER		
5.1	REVENUE		
	- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)		
	- NATIONAL		
5.0.1	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	Measures restricted to the 2000 fishing year (16.10.99-15.10.2000)	
5.1.1	ESTIMATED REVENUE		
5.2	METHOD OF CALCULATION:		
	- Community withdrawals:	Euro 6,0 million	
	- Compensatory allowance for tuna	Euro 3,5 million	
	- Autonomous withdrawals and carry-overs	Euro 2,5 million	
	- Community carry-overs	Euro 1,5 million	
	- Private storage aid :	Euro 0,5 million	
6.0	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?		
6.1	CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?		
6.2	WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY?	NO	
6.3	WILL APPROPRIATIONS NEED TO BE ENTERED IN FUTURE BUDGETS?	YES	
OBSERVATIONS: Since this is a price fixing measure the impact on expenditure is indirect. The expenditure in question will largely depend on developments in the market situation and on quantities landed.			