



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**fixing the Community producer price for the fishery products listed in Annex III 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 tuna intended for the canning industry, a Community producer price is to 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 years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

The average Community price has been increasing during 1997 and 1998 but has suffered a sharp decline during the first six months of 1999.

Since at the same time the Community producer price is close to the average market price, the Commission is proposing a decrease in Community producer prices for tuna by 2% for the 2000 fishing year.

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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 products¹, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3318/94², and in particular Article 17 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

- (1) Whereas Article 17(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that a Community producer price should be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex III to that regulation;
- (2) Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3510/82³ sets down the conversion factors applicable to different species of tuna; whereas it is not therefore necessary to fix the Community producer price for all species of tuna listed in Annex III to Regulation 3759/92 but only for yellow-fin tuna (**Thunnus albacares**) ;
- (3) Whereas, on the basis of the criteria laid down in the first and second indents of Article 9(2) and in Article 17(1) of the Regulation 3759/92, the price for the 2000 fishing year should be decreased ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ L 388, 31.12.1992, p. 1.
² OJ L 350, 31.12.1994, p. 15.
³ OJ L 368, 28.12.1982, p. 27

Article 1

The Community producer price for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 2000 for yellowfin tuna (**Thunnus albacares**) is hereby fixed as follows :

(EURO/tonne)

Species	Commercial specifications	Community producer price
Yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares)	Whole, weighing more than 10 kg each	1221

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT		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-	
5.1.1	ESTIMATED REVENUE	15.10.2000)	
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.			