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~~REGULATION~~ for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in
Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for the
1978 fishing year

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the guide prices for fishery products listed in
Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for the
1978 fishing year

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the intervention prices for fresh or chilled sardines
and anchovies for the
1978 fishing year

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the Community producer price for tunny intended
for the canning industry for the
1978 fishing year

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

COM(77) 565 final.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 on the common organization of the market in fishery products, a guide price is to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex I A and C of the Regulation. This price is fixed for each fishing season on the basis of the average prices on the wholesale markets, or representative ports, during the three fishing years preceding the fixing of the price for a significant proportion of the Community output, for a product of defined market characteristics.

The starting point in the price fixing procedure has been the comparison of the mean of the prices set out below established during the period 1975/77 (1977 : six months) and that of the period 1975/76, the latter having been the base for the fixing of the guide price for 1977.

The mathematical method is not the only starting base. The results of this calculation have been further modified, taking into account the following points :

- the nature of the fish type : destined for the processing industry, or for direct human consumption,
- the effect of the guide price on the level of the price of withdrawal and the relationship desired between these two prices in relation to the lowest market prices;
- the level of prices quoted in the different representative ports during the last three years,
- the probably evolution of prices during the coming year.

A synthesis between these effects has been sought after and this has been resulted in proposals for price increases according to the species of 0 - 2 - 5 - 6 and 7 %.

The price proposals at the same time serve equally well the fishermen, the consumers and the tax payers.

For the consumers, it is important to emphasize that the price increases do not have an inflationary effect, since market prices are in general higher than the withdrawal and are expected to remain so.

The present regulation is intended to fix the guide price for the products of Annex I A and C of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for 1978.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I
(A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for the 1978
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 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/76 (2), and in particular Article 9 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 provides that a guide price shall be fixed each year for each of the products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to that Regulation at a level which will help to stabilize market prices without leading to the formation of structural surpluses within the Community;

Whereas Article 9 (2) thereof provides that the guide price shall be fixed for a product with given commercial specifications; whereas developments as regards the landing structure lead to a re-definition of the commercial specifications for certain of these products;

Whereas the guide prices for the said products were fixed for the 1977 fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No 3120/76 (3);

Whereas the application of the criteria aforesaid defined in Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 involves, for the 1978 fishing year, for some products, an increase in prices by comparison with those valid for the current fishing year; whereas in the absence of complete information concerning price trends for each fishery product with given commercial specifications, 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 now current,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The guide prices applicable until 31 December 1978 for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 and the products to which they relate are hereby fixed in the Annex hereto.

(1) O.J. No L 20, 28.1.1976, p. 1.

(2) O.J. No L 276, 7.10.1976, p. 5.

(3) O.J. No L 353, 23.12.1976, p. 1.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

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 (U.a./tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Herrings	Extra, A	1	whole fish	259
2. Sardines "Clupea pilchardus Walbaum" :				
(a) Atlantic	Extra	2	whole fish	440
(b) Mediterranean	Extra	2	whole fish	294
3. Redfish (Sebastes marinus)	A	2	whole fish	512
4. Cod	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 601
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
5. Saithe	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 347
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
6. Haddock	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 457
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
7. Whiting	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 488
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
8. Mackerel	Extra or A	1	whole fish	} 221
		2	whole fish	
9. Anchovies	Extra	2	whole fish	441
10. Plaice	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 597
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
11. Hake	A	2	gutted fish with head	1.318
12. Shrimps of the genus Crangon sp.p.	A	1	simply boiled in water	1.051

(1) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 on the common organization of the market in fishery products, a guide price is to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex II to the Regulation. It is to be fixed for a product with given commercial characteristics and based on the average of prices recorded on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the fixing of the price for a significant proportion of the Community output.

Examination of the development of prices for the products in question shows that an increase in prices for 1978 is justified only for cuttlefish, octopus and sea-bream.

PROPOSAL FOR A

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the guide prices for fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for the 1978 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 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/76 (2), and in particular Article 14(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 14(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 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 the guide prices for the said products were fixed for the 1977 fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No 3121/76 (3);

Whereas present information on prices leads to an increase in the guide prices for the products concerned, except for sardines and cuttlefish, for the 1978 fishing year over those for the previous fishing year,

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- (1) OJ No L 20, 28.1.1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 276, 7.10.1976, p. 5.
(3) OJ No L 353, 23.12.1976, p. 3.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The guide prices applicable until 31 December 1978 for products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 and the products to which they relate are hereby fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council,

ANNEX

Groupe of products	Commercial specifications	Guide price (in u.a./tonne
Sardines	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	315
Sea-bream of the species Dentex dentex and Pagellus	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	692
Squid (Loligo sp.p., Cmmastrephes sagittatus, Todarodes sagittatus, Illex coindetti)	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1.444
Cuttlefish of the species Sepia officinalis, Rossia macrosoma and Sepiola rondeleti	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1.053
Octopus	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	785

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Examination of the development of prices for the products in question shows that an increase in prices for 1978 is justified only for cuttlefish, octopus and sea-bream.

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the intervention prices for fresh or chilled sardines and anchovies for the 1978 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 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/76, and in particular Article 9 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 provides that intervention prices should be fixed for fresh or chilled sardines and anchovies at a level designed to ensure the stability of market prices without leading to the formation of structural surpluses in the Community;

Whereas Article 9 (3) of the same Regulation provides that the intervention price should be fixed at a level between 35 % and 45 % of the guide price depending on the production and marketing characteristics peculiar to each product;

Whereas the guide prices for fishery products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 have been fixed for the 1978 fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No 177 (3);

Whereas given the present state of information on the market situation for the products in question and the absence of any experience in relation to purchase on the open market of these products, the intervention prices should be fixed at a level such as to ensure maximum support of the market,

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(1) OJ No L 20, 28.1.1976, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 276, 7.10.1976, p. 5.

(3) OJ No L

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The intervention prices applicable until 31 December 1978 for fresh and chilled sardines and anchovies and the products to which they relate are hereby fixed as follows :

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Intervention price (u.a./tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Sardines				
a) Atlantic	Extra	2	whole fish	198
b) Mediterranean	Extra	2	whole fish	132
2. Anchovies	Extra	2	whole fish	198

(1) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 on the common organization of the market in fishery products, a community production price for tunny intended for canning is fixed, and this price can be fixed for a product defined by its market characteristics on the base of the mean of the wholesale market prices or in the representative ports during the three fishing seasons preceding the fixing of this price and for a significant part of the Community production.

Examination of the market situation has established that a slight reduction took place in the mean price. Nevertheless taking into account the price evolution established for the first half of 1977, it is proposed that the price valid for the 1977 campaign be maintained for the 1978 fishing campaign.

The present Regulation is intended to fix the Community production price for 1978 in conformity with the disposition of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76.

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the Community producer price for tunny intended for the
canning industry for the 1978 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 100/76⁽¹⁾ of 19 January 1976 on the
common organization of the market in fishery products, as amended by Regulation
EEC No 2429/76 (2), and in particular Article 16 (5) thereof,

having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

whereas Article 16 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 provides that a Community
producer price shall be fixed for tunny intended for the canning industry;

whereas the Community producer price for tunny intended for the canning industry
was fixed for the 1977 fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No 3122/76 (3);

whereas the average of prices recorded for the past three fishing years in accordance
with the detailed rules laid down in Article 16 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 has
shown a slight increase in relation to the average for the 1977 fishing year; whereas,
however, having regard to market prices during the first six months of 1977, the price
for the 1978 fishing year should remain the same as that for 1977,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Community producer price applicable until 31 December 1978 for tunny intended
for the canning industry and the product to which it relates are hereby fixed as
follows :

Product	Commercial specifications	Community producer price (in u.a./tonne)
Yellow-finned tunny	Whole, not weighing more than 10 kg each	700

(1) OJ No L 20, 28.1.1976, p. 1.

(3) OJ No L 353, 23.12.1976, p. 5.

(2) OJ No L 276, 7.10.1976, p. 5.

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : 24.10.1976

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Art. 711 Interventions, fishery products
2. ACTION : Four proposals for Council Regulations fixing the guide price for fishery products (Annex I (A and C); Annex II), production price (tunny) and intervention prices for sardines and anchovies for the fishing season 1978.
3. LEGAL BASIS : Articles 9, 14 and 26 of Reg. (EEC) No 100/76 of the Council
4. OBJECTIVES :
- Annual fixing of prices in the fisheries sector.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (77)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (78)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUND/INTERVENTIONS)			
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.	1)	-	1)
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
NATIONAL			

YEAR YEAR YEAR

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 ~~PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE~~ Measure limited to 1978 season
1.1. - 31.12.1978

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? YES ~~XXX~~

6.1 ~~FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFERS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES BUDGETS~~ YES/NO

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

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

COMMENTS : 1) Concerning the fixing of prices, the incidence of expenses is indirect. The expenses concerned -withdrawal or purchasing measures and compensation - are strongly dependant on the development of the market situation and consequently, the quantities landed. These expenses rose to about 10,5 M.u.a. in 1976 and to about 10 M.u.a. in 1977. The 1977 credits allowed for in Article 710; 711 of the Budget proposal of 18 M.u.a. are therefore of a sufficient order.

