

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

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listed in Annex I(A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC)  
No 100/76 for the 1979 fishing year

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Proposal for a  
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fixing the intervention prices for fresh or **UNIVERSITY OF PITT**  
sardines and anchovies for the 1979 fishing year **LIBRARIES**

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fixing the Community producer price for tunny intended  
for the canning industry for the 1979 fishing year

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## 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 1976/78 (1978 : six months) and that of the period 1975/77, the latter having been the base for the fixing of the guide price for 1978.

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 probable evolution of prices during the coming year.

A synthesis between these effects has been sought after and this has resulted in proposals for price increases according to the species of 0 up to 5%. For two products, i.e. Redfish and Anchovies, it is proposed to decrease the guide price by respectively 4 and 3.7%. This decrease is necessary in the view of the particular market situation of these products.

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 1979.

Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) No 178 OF THE COUNCIL  
of 1978

fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in  
Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for the  
1979 fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 last amended  
by Regulation (EEC) No 2560/77 (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 the guide prices for the said products were fixed for the 1978  
fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No 2715/77 (3);

Whereas the application of the criteria aforesaid defined in Article 9 of  
Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 involves, for the 1979 fishing year, for some  
products, an increase, and for other products a decrease in prices by  
comparison with those valid for the current fishing year; whereas with  
regard to variations in the seasonal characteristics of plaice, the guide  
price should be increased from 1 April 1979; 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 :

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- (1) O.J. No L 20, 28.1.1976, p. 1.  
(2) O.J. No L 303, 28.11.1977, p. 1.  
(3) O.J. No L 315, 9.12.1977, p. 1.

Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 178  
of 1978

fixing the guide prices for fishery products listed  
in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 for the  
1979 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 last amended  
by Regulation (EEC) No 2560/77 (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 1978  
fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No 2716/77 (3);

Whereas given the data available at present concerning prices for the products  
in question it is necessary to maintain for the 1979 fishing year the  
same price level as that fixed for the previous fishing year ,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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

(2) OJ No L 303, 28.11.1977, p. 1

(3) OJ No L 315, 9.12.1977, p. 3

Article 1

The guide prices applicable until 31 December 1979 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.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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.S./Metric ton)
	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	300
3. Redfish (Sebastes marinus)	A	2	whole fish	492
4. Cod	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 606
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
5. Saithe	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 362
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6. Haddock	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 471
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
7. Whiting	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 479
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
8. Mackerel	Extra	1	whole fish	} 221
	or A	2	whole fish	
9. Anchovies	Extra	2	whole fish	425
10. Plaice	A	2	gutted fish with head	} 603 from 1.1.1979 to 31.3.1979
	or A	3	gutted fish with head	
11. Hake	A	2	gutted fish with head	1.370
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## 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 the present level of prices should be maintained for the 1979 fishing year.



Article 1

The guide prices applicable until 31 December 1979 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

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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

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 <i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i>	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	785
Squid ( <i>Loligo sp.p.</i> , <i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i> , <i>Todarodes sagittatus</i> , <i>Illex coindetti</i> )	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 444
Cuttlefish of the species <i>Sepia officinalis</i> , <i>Rossia macrosoma</i> and <i>Sepiola rondeleti</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 053
Octopus	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	785

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 on the common organization in fishery products, the intervention price for fresh or chilled sardines and anchovies is fixed and this intervention price can be fixed at a level of between 35 and 45 % of the guide price according to the production characteristics and the character of the particular market for each product.

The present regulation is intended to fix the intervention price in conformity with the dispositions of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76.

The present proposal reflects the Council declaration relating to the level of these prices. The Council invites the Commission to take into consideration, at the submission of the proposal relating to intervention prices, the importance which is attached to the need for these prices to be near the upper limit of the bracket shown in Article 9, paragraph 3" (of R/2129/70 (AGRI 691) of 20 October 1970).

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the intervention prices for fresh or chilled sardines and anchovies for the 1979 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 organisation of the market in fishery products (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2560/77 (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 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 1979 fishing year by Regulation (EEC) No /78 (3);

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

(2) OJ No L 303, 28.11.1977, p. 1.

(3) OJ No L

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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The intervention prices applicable until 31 December 1979 for fresh or 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	135
2. Anchovies	Extra	2	whole fish	191

(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 1979.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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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 an increase took place in the mean price. It is therefore proposed to increase the price valid for the 1979 campaign.

The present Regulation is intended to fix the Community production price for 1979 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 1979 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 last  
amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2560/77 (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 1978 fishing year by Regulation (EEC)  
No 2817/77 (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 Regu-  
lation (EEC) No 100/76 has increased; whereas it is therefore necessary  
to fix a new price for the 1979 fishing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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

(2) OJ No L 303, 28.11.1977, p. 1.

(3) OJ No L 315, 9.12.1977, p. 6.

Article 1

The Community producer price applicable until 31 December 1979 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	723

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

DATE : 27.10.1978

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : **Art. 811**

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 1979

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	COMPLETE FINANCIAL YEAR	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR
<b>5.0 EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(78)</b>	<b>(79)</b>
- CHANGED TO THE BUDGET (MARKETING/FIN. YEAR)			
- CHANGED TO NATIONAL ADMINSTR.	1)	-	1)
<b>5.1 RESOURCES</b>			
- ON REVENUE OF THE EC (GENERAL/STRUCT. INTIES)			
- NATIONAL			

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**5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE**

Measure limited to 1979 season  
1.1. - 31.12.1979

**5.1.1** ~~XX~~

**5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION**

**6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ?**

~~YES~~  YES

**6.1** ~~XX~~

YES  NO

**6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?**

YES  NO

**6.3 CREDITS TO BE WHIELD INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ?**

~~YES~~  YES  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 18 Meua in 1978. The 1979 credits allowed for in Article 811 of the Budget proposal of 20 Meua are therefore of a sufficient order.