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Proposal for a
REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL
determining for the 1974/75 marketing year the threshold
prices for husked rice and broken rice and the protective
amount to be included in the threshold price for milled rice

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Articles 14 and 15 of Regulation 359/67/EEC ⁽¹⁾ lay down that the Council shall fix, before 1 May and according to the procedure provided for in Article 43(2) of the Treaty:
 - the threshold price for round grained husked rice;
 - the amount to be included in the threshold price for milled rice for the protection of the industry;
 - the threshold price for broken rice.
2. The threshold price for round grained husked rice is fixed in such a way that the sale price of the imported product will correspond to the level of the target price for the same product. In order to achieve this, the proposed Regulation takes into account the cost of transporting rice from Rotterdam to Duisburg in bargeloads of 250 to 500 metric tons, the costs of transshipment at Rotterdam and the import margin, which have been deducted from the target price.
3. The amount to be included in the threshold price for milled rice for the protection of the industry is proposed at a level which is unchanged in comparison with the previous marketing year.
4. Because the Community has a deficit in broken rice, it is proposed to fix the threshold price for this product at a level below that of the range fixed by Article 15(1) of Regulation 359/67/EEC.

(1) Council Regulation of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice (OJ No 174, 31.7.1967, p. 1), as last amended by the Act of Accession (OJ No L 73, 27.3.1972, p. 14).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
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Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC⁽¹⁾ of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice, as last amended by the Act of Accession⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 14 (4) and 15 (3) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Article 14 (2) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC provides that the threshold price for husked rice must be fixed in such a way that the selling price of imported husked rice on the Duisburg market corresponds to the target price; whereas this object can be attained by deducting from the target price certain standard costs, in particular transshipment costs and transport costs between Rotterdam and Duisburg, which are usually incurred when the products are imported;

Whereas Article 15 (1) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC provides that the threshold price for broken rice must be fixed between a lower and an upper limit calculated in relation to the threshold price for maize; whereas, in view of that relationship and of the need to import broken rice in order to ensure supplies for the Community, that threshold price should be fixed at a level corresponding in round figures to the lower limit;

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

Done at Brussels,

Whereas Article 14 (3) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC provides that the threshold prices for milled rice are to be derived from the threshold prices of husked rice to which an amount for the protection of the industry is to be added; whereas, in view of the situation of the Community rice industry, it appears appropriate to maintain during the 1974/75 marketing year the protective amount operative during 1973/1974.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation shall apply during the 1974/1975 rice marketing year.

Article 2

The threshold price for round-grained husked rice shall be 22,17 units of account per 100 kilogrammes.

Article 3

The threshold price for broken rice shall be 13,945 units of account per 100 kilogrammes.

Article 4

The amount to be included in the threshold price for milled rice for the protection of the industry shall be 0.55 unit of account per 100 kilogrammes of milled rice.

For the Council
The President

(1) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.