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Subsidies for oranges - Supplementary proposals

The Commission has submitted to the Council a proposal to supplement the draft regulations for oranges and forward last December. +)

As it will take some time to give effect to the system of subsidies for growers proposed last month, action should meanwhile be taken to offset the consequences of the reduction of 15% in the reference price if made.

The Commission therefore proposes that for 1965/66 producer member countries should subsidize exporters of Community-grown sweet oranges. Subsidies would be granted for exports to other member countries during any period when a charge should have been levied. The subsidy will equal the charge that would have been levied, less any charge actually made.

If the machinery for distributing subsidies to growers cannot be set up in time for 1966/67, the Council may, on a proposal from the Commission, extend the export subsidy arrangements to cover that year.

+) See IP(212) of 22 Dec 1965