

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69 fixing standard qualities for certain cereals and categories of flour, groats and meal and the rules for fixing the threshold prices of these categories of products.

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In pursuance of Article 5 (5) of Regulation No 120/67/EEC the threshold prices for flours of wheat, meslin and rye and wheat groats and meals must be fixed in accordance with the rules and in respect of the standard qualities laid down in Article 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69. The Regulation as it now stands lays down inter alia a milling margin of 13.75 units of account per metric ton of basic cereal and lump sums of 65.— and 60.— units of account per metric ton for the by-products, graded or not graded of common wheat and rye respectively.

The milling margin has not been changed since 1967 and no longer reflects the increase in costs.

The market prices of the by-products, fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69 for the calculation of threshold prices for common wheat and rye flours at 65.— and 60.— units of account per ton respectively and based on an average for the 1968/69 marketing year, have increased considerably since that time.

Studies made with experts from the Member States indicate that these two elements of the calculation must be adjusted to more realistic levels. It is therefore proposed to fix the milling margin at 25.— units of account per metric ton and the value of by-products at 85.— and 80.— units of account per metric ton for the by-products of common wheat flour and rye flour respectively.

This draft Regulation implements the up-dating which has become absolutely necessary.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC <sup>(1)</sup> of 13 June 1967 on the  
common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation  
(EEC) No 85/75 <sup>(2)</sup> and in particular Article 5 (5) (a) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69 <sup>(3)</sup> of 17 July 1969 lays down that  
in fixing the threshold prices for flours, groats and meals, particular account  
shall be taken of the costs of manufacturing these products;

Whereas, in view of the increases in operating costs and wages during recent  
years and the considerable increase in the market price of the by-products,  
the amounts for the milling margin and the fixed price for residues should  
be increased;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 117, 19.6.1967, p. 2269/67;

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 11, 16.1.1975, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 179, 21.7.1969, p.6

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Article 1

1. Article 6 (3) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69 is replaced by the following :

"(b) an amount representing the milling margin, fixed at 25,00 units of account per metric ton of common wheat for processing".

2. The second indent of Article 6 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69 is replaced by the following :

" - a fixed price for residues, whether or not sorted, of 85 units of account per metric ton".

3. Article 7 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1397/69 is replaced by the following :

"(2) The threshold price referred to in paragraph 1 shall be calculated in accordance with Article 6 (3) and (4), the word "rye" being substituted for the words "common wheat". The fixed price for residues, whether or not sorted, shall be 80 units of account per metric ton".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 August 1975.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President