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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 601/76
of 15 March 1976**

**laying down special measures in particular for the determination of the offers of
olive oil on the world market**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC
of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a
common organization of the market in oils and
fats⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No
1707/73⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 36 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the provisions currently in force provide for
a single levy for the different qualities of unrefined
olive oil ; whereas the offers taken into consideration
for the fixing of the said levy may, in certain cases, be
unrepresentative of the real trend of offers for one or
more such qualities ; whereas, in these conditions, it
appears necessary to provide for the possibility of
replacing the cif price by a price determined in
respect of the real offer price for these qualities ;

Whereas the world market in olive oil is limited and
lacks transparency, thereby sometimes preventing the
precise study of its true tendency and therefore the
correct fixing of import levies ; whereas a consequence
of this situation is that in certain cases olive oil can be
imported into the Community at other than the
threshold price level which can in some cases cause
disturbance of the Community market ;

Whereas all the measures for common organization of
the market in olive oil are being reviewed with a view
to an overall revision of the system ;

Whereas in order to put right the above difficulties,
pending the result of this revision, the trading system

should be altered by providing for the determination
of the levy under a tendering procedure ;

Whereas certain by-products are subject to an import
levy derived from that applicable to olive oil ; whereas
experience has shown that in practice there are no
imports of by-products with a very low oil content to
be used for extraction of such oil ; whereas therefore
no import levy should be imposed on such
by-products ;

Whereas the period of applicability of this Regulation
should be limited to a period sufficient to assess its
efficacy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Where free quotations on the world market are not a
determining factor for the offer price for one or more
qualities of unrefined olive oil, a price determined on
the basis of the offer price shall be substituted for the
cif price referred to in Article 13 of Regulation No
136/66/EEC for only those qualities concerned.

Article 2

1. When offers of unrefined olive oil on the world
market do not correspond to real purchasing possibili-
ties in quantities which are representative of the
market, the import levy referred to in Articles 13, 14
and 15 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall be fixed
by tendering procedure.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 175, 29. 6. 1973, p. 5.

2. At regular intervals the persons concerned shall submit an application for an import licence to the competent bodies in the Member States and at the same time shall put up a special guarantee for an amount to be decided.

The application for an import licence shall be accompanied by a statement of:

- (a) the quantity of the product covered by the application;
- (b) the rate of levy per 100 kilogrammes of oil which the applicant undertakes to pay at the time of import.

3. The Commission shall determine the minimum rate of the levy in units of account per 100 kilogrammes of oil.

4. Licences shall be issued for applications stating a rate of levy greater than or equal to the minimum rate determined by the Commission. In this event the applicant shall be bound to import the quantity of oil stated in his application at the rate of levy stated therein.

Article 3

Notwithstanding Article 15 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC no levy shall be imposed on imports of olive-oil cakes and other residues falling within subheading 23.04 A of the Common Customs Tariff which have an oil content of not more than 3%.

Article 4

The detailed rules for the implementation of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1976.

It shall be applicable until 31 October 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 602/76**of 15 March 1976****laying down special measures in particular for the determination of the offers of olive oil on the Greek market**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 162/66/EEC
of 27 October 1966 on trade in oils and fats between
the Community and Greece⁽¹⁾, and in particular
Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the provisions currently in force provide for
a single levy for the different qualities of unrefined
olive oil; whereas the offers taken into consideration
for the fixing of the said levy may, in certain cases, be
unrepresentative of the real trend of offers for one or
more such qualities; whereas, in these conditions, it
appears necessary to provide for the possibility of
replacing the free-at-frontier price by a price deter-
mined in respect of the real offer price for these quali-
ties;

Whereas the Greek market in olive oil is limited and
lacks transparency, thereby sometimes preventing the
precise study of its true tendency and therefore the
correct fixing of import levies; whereas a consequence
of this situation is that in certain cases olive oil can be
imported into the Community at other than the
threshold price level which can in some cases cause
disturbance of the Community market;

Whereas all the measures for common organization of
the market in olive oil are being reviewed with a view
to an overall revision of the system;

Whereas in order to put right the above difficulties,
pending the result of this revision, the trading system
should be altered by providing for the determination
of the levy under a tendering procedure;

Whereas certain by-products are subject to an import
levy derived from that applicable to olive oil; whereas
experience has shown that in practice there are no
imports of by-products with a very low oil content to
be used for extraction of such oil; whereas therefore
no import levy should be imposed on such
by-products;

Whereas the period of applicability of this Regulation
should be limited to a period sufficient to assess its
efficacy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Where free quotations on the Greek market are not a
determining factor for the offer price for one or more
qualities of unrefined olive oil, a price determined on
the basis of the offer price shall be substituted for the
free-at-frontier price referred to in Article 3 of Regula-
tion No 162/66/EEC for only those qualities
concerned.

Article 2

1. When offers of unrefined olive oil on the Greek
market do not correspond to real purchasing possibili-
ties in quantities which are representative of the
market, the import levy referred to in Articles 3, 4 and
5 of Regulation No 162/66/EEC shall be fixed by
tendering procedure.

2. At regular intervals the persons concerned shall
submit an application for an import licence to the
competent bodies in the Member States and at the
same time shall put up a special guarantee for an
amount to be decided.

The application for an import licence shall be accom-
panied by a statement of :

- (a) the quantity of the product covered by the applica-
tion;
- (b) the rate of levy per 100 kilogrammes of oil which
the applicant undertakes to pay at the time of
import.

3. The Commission shall determine the minimum
rate of the levy in units of account per 100 kilo-
grammes of oil.

4. Licences shall be issued for applications stating a
rate of levy greater than or equal to the minimum rate
determined by the Commission. In this event the
applicant shall be bound to import the quantity of oil
stated in his application at the rate of levy stated
therein.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 197, 29. 10. 1966, p. 3393/66.

Article 3

Notwithstanding Article 5 of Regulation No 162/66/EEC no levy shall be imposed on imports of olive-oil cakes and other residues falling within subheading 23.04 A of the Common Customs Tariff which have an oil content of not more than 3 %.

Article 4

Imports of the products referred to in Article 9 of Regulation No 162/66/EEC shall be subject to Council Regulation (EEC) No 601/76 of 15 March 1976 laying down special measures in particular for the determination of the offers of olive oil on the world market⁽¹⁾.

Article 5

The detailed rules for the implementation of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 38 of Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1707/73⁽³⁾.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1976.

It shall be applicable until 31 October 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL

⁽¹⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 175, 29. 6. 1973, p. 5.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 603/76**of 17 March 1976****fixing the import levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour groats and meal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (5) thereof,

Whereas the import levies on cereals, wheat and rye flour, and wheat groats and meal were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 38/76⁽³⁾ and subsequent amending Regulations ;

Whereas it follows from applying the provisions contained in Regulation (EEC) No 38/76, to the offer

prices and today's quotations known to the 28 that the levies at present in force should be altered as shown in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The import levies to be charged on the products listed in Article 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 are hereby fixed as shown in the table annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 March 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1976.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 306, 26. 11. 1975, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 6, 13. 1. 1976, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 March 1976 fixing the import levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour groats and meal

(u.a./metric ton)		
CCT heading No	Description of goods	Levies
10.01 A	Common wheat and meslin	31.45
10.01 B	Durum wheat	60.42 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁵⁾
10.02	Rye	49.58 ⁽⁶⁾
10.03	Barley	23.92
10.04	Oats	21.94
10.05 B	Maize other than hybrid maize for sowing	35.92 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
10.07 A	Buckwheat	0
10.07 B	Millet	19.20 ⁽⁴⁾
10.07 C	Grain sorghum	36.13 ⁽⁴⁾
10.07 D	Canary seed ; other cereals	0 ⁽⁵⁾
11.01 A	Wheat or meslin flour	55.75
11.01 B	Rye flour	81.15
11.02 A I a	Durum wheat groats and meal	104.24
11.02 A I b	Common wheat groats and meal	59.03

⁽¹⁾ Where durum wheat originating in Morocco is transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy is reduced by 0.50 u.a./metric ton.

⁽²⁾ Where maize originated in the ACP or OCT is imported into the French overseas departments, the levy is reduced by 6 u.a./metric ton as provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75.

⁽³⁾ Where maize originating in the ACP or OCT is imported into the Community the levy is reduced by 1.50 u.a./metric ton.

⁽⁴⁾ Where millet and sorghum originating in the ACP or OCT is imported into the Community the levy is reduced by 50 %.

⁽⁵⁾ Where wheat and canary seed produced in Turkey are transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy is reduced by 0.50 u.a./metric ton.

⁽⁶⁾ The import levy charged on rye produced in Turkey and transported directly from that country to the Community is laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2754/75 and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2622/71.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 604/76**of 17 March 1976****fixing the premiums to be added to the import levies on cereals, flour and malt**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organ-
ization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75⁽²⁾, and in particular
Article 15(6) thereof,

Whereas the premiums to be added to the levies on
cereals and malt were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No
2832/75⁽³⁾ and subsequent amending Regulations ;

Whereas, on the basis of today's cif prices and cif
forward delivery prices, the premiums at present in
force, which are to be added to the levies, should be

altered as shown in the tables annexed to this Regula-
tion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The scale of the premiums to be added, pursuant to
Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75, to the
import levies fixed in advance in respect of cereals
and malt is hereby fixed as shown in the tables
annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 March
1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1976.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 306, 26. 11. 1975, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 283, 1. 11. 1975, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 March 1976 fixing the premiums to be added to the import levies on cereals, flour and malt

A. Cereals and flour

(u.a. / metric ton)

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6
10.01 A	Common wheat and meslin	0	0	0	0
10.01 B	Durum wheat	0	0	0	3.23
10.02	Rye	0	2.42	2.42	0
10.03	Barley	0	0	0	0.16
10.04	Oats	0	3.23	3.23	3.23
10.05 B	Maize other than hybrid maize for sowing	0	0	0	0
10.07 A	Buckwheat	0	0.40	0.40	0.40
10.07 B	Millet	0	0	0	0
10.07 C	Grain sorghum	0	0.81	0.81	1.61
10.07 D	Other	0	0	0	0
11.01 A	Wheat or meslin flour	0	0	0	0

B. Malt

(u.a. / metric ton)

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7
11.07 A I (a)	Unroasted malt, obtained from wheat, in the form of flour	0	0	0	0	0
11.07 A I (b)	Unroasted malt, obtained from wheat, other than in the form of flour	0	0	0	0	0
11.07 A II (a)	Unroasted malt, other than that obtained from wheat, in the form of flour	0	0	0	0.28	0.28
11.07 A II (b)	Unroasted malt, other than that obtained from wheat, other than in the form of flour	0	0	0	0.21	0.21
11.07 B	Roasted malt	0	0	0	0.25	0.25

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 605/76**of 16 March 1976****establishing the standard average values for customs purposes of citrus fruits
and apples and pears**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No
1570/70 of 3 August 1970 establishing a system of
standard average values for citrus fruits⁽¹⁾, as last
amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1937/74 of 24 July
1974⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No
1641/75 of 27 June 1975 establishing a system of
standard average values for the determination of the
value for customs purposes of apples and pears⁽³⁾, and
in particular Articles 2 and 8 thereof,

Whereas it follows from the application of the notes
and criteria laid down by Regulation (EEC) No
1570/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 1641/75 to the

elements communicated to the Commission in accor-
dance with Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No
1570/70 and Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No
1641/75 that the standard average values should be
fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The standard average values provided for in Article 2
(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1570/70 and in Article 2
(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1641/75 shall be as shown
in the tables in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 March
1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 March 1976.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 171, 4. 8. 1970, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 203, 25. 7. 1974, p. 25.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 165, 28. 6. 1975, p. 45.

ANNEX

Table I : Citrus fruits

Code	Description of goods	Amount of standard average values/100 kg gross							
		Bfrs/Lfrs	Dkr	DM	FF	£ Irish	Lit	Fl	£ sterling
1.	Lemons :								
1.1	— Spain	900	140.67	58.54	103.31	11.70	18 212	61.05	11.70
1.2	— Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1.3	— Countries in southern Africa.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1.4	— Other African countries and countries on the Mediterranean	776	121.38	50.51	89.15	10.10	15 715	52.68	10.10
1.5	— USA	1 033	161.47	67.20	118.59	13.43	20 905	70.08	13.43
1.6	— Other countries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.	Sweet oranges :								
2.1	— Countries on the Mediterranean :								
2.1.1	— Navels (with the exception of Navel sanguines), Navelines, Navelates, Salustianas, Vernas, Valencia lates, Maltese blondes, Shamoutis, Ovalis, Trovita, Hamlins	874	136.66	56.87	100.38	11.37	17 694	59.32	11.37
2.1.2	— Sanguines and semi-sanguines, including Navel sanguines and Maltese sanguines.	1 009	157.76	65.65	115.87	13.13	20 426	68.48	13.13
2.1.3	— Other	517	80.77	33.61	59.33	6.72	10 458	35.06	6.72
2.2	— Countries in southern Africa.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.3	— USA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.4	— Brazil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.5	— Other countries	1 068	166.98	69.49	122.64	13.89	21 619	72.48	13.89
3.	Grapefruit and pomelos :								
3.1	— Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.2	— Cyprus, Israel, Gaza, Egypt, Turkey	684	106.87	44.47	78.49	8.89	13 836	46.38	8.89
3.3	— Countries in southern Africa.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.4	— USA	1 224	191.27	79.60	140.48	15.91	24 764	83.02	15.91
3.5	— Other American countries.	680	106.30	44.24	78.07	8.84	13 762	46.14	8.84
3.6	— Other countries	708	110.66	46.05	81.27	9.21	14 327	48.03	9.21
4.	Clementines.	2 141	334.48	139.20	245.67	27.83	43 306	145.18	27.83
5.	Mandarines including Wilkings	1 625	253.89	105.66	186.48	21.13	32 871	110.20	21.13
6.	Monreales and Satsumas	1 180	184.41	76.74	135.45	15.34	23 876	80.04	15.34
7.	Tangerines	1 784	278.73	116.00	204.72	23.19	36 087	120.98	23.19

Table II : Apples and pears

8.	Apples :								
8.1	— Countries of the southern hemisphere.	— ⁽¹⁾	—	— ⁽¹⁾	— ⁽¹⁾	— ⁽¹⁾	— ⁽¹⁾	— ⁽¹⁾	— ⁽¹⁾
8.2	— European third countries	779	—	50.69	89.46	13.84	15 770	52.87	13.84
8.3	— Countries of the northern hemisphere other than European countries	—	—	—	—	19.65	—	—	19.65
9.	Pears :								
9.1	— Countries of the southern hemisphere.	1 794	244.19	116.68	205.92	— ⁽¹⁾	36 299	121.69	— ⁽¹⁾
9.2	— European third countries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.3	— Countries of the northern hemisphere other than European countries	1 943	352.08	126.37	223.02	—	39 313	131.77	—

⁽¹⁾ The standard average value for this code number is established by Regulation (EEC) No 1762/75 of 7 July 1975 (OJ No L 179, 10. 7. 1975).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 606/76**of 17 March 1976****amending Regulation (EEC) No 2101/75 on a standing invitation to tender in order to determine a levy and/or refund on exports of white sugar**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Article 1

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 of 19 December 1974 on the common organization of the market in sugar⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 19 (4) thereof,

Article 4 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2101/75 shall be amended to read as follows :

Whereas, since France has decided to introduce Summer Time from 28 March 1976, the relevant provisions of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2101/75 of 11 August 1975 on a standing invitation to tender in order to determine a levy and/or refund on exports of white sugar⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 247/76⁽⁴⁾, should be amended ;

'4. During the period in which Summer Time applies in Italy and in France, the time limits laid down in the previous paragraphs shall be regarded as extended by one hour in those Member States. During the periods in which Summer Time does not apply in the United Kingdom and in Ireland, the above time limits shall be regarded as brought forward by one hour in those Member States.'

Article 2

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

This Article shall enter into force on 28 March 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1976.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 306, 26. 11. 1975, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 214, 12. 8. 1975, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 30, 5. 2. 1976, p. 7.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 607/76

of 17 March 1976

introducing a countervailing charge on cucumbers originating in Bulgaria

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization
of the market in fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last
amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2482/75⁽²⁾, and in
particular the first subparagraph of Article 27 (2)
thereof,

Whereas Article 25a(1) of Regulation (EEC) No
1035/72 provides that, if the entry price of a product
imported from a non-member country is alternatively
above and below the reference price for five to seven
consecutive market days a countervailing charge is
introduced in respect of that non-member country,
save in exceptional cases; whereas that charge is intro-
duced when three entry prices fall below the reference
price and one of those entry prices is at least 0.5 unit
of account below the reference price;

Whereas that charge is equal to the difference
between the reference price and the last available
entry price by at least 0.5 unit of account below the
reference price;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 248/76 of
4 February 1976, fixing, for the months of February
and March 1976, the reference prices for cucum-
bers⁽³⁾, fixed for the products of category quality I,
the reference price at 59.94 units of account per 100
kg net for the month of March 1976;

Whereas the entry price for a given exporting country
is equal to the lowest on the average of the lowest
representative prices recorded for at least 30 % of the
quantities from the exporting country concerned
which are marketed on all representative markets for
which prices are available, less the duties and the
charges referred to in Article 24(3) of Regulation
(EEC) No 1035/72; whereas the meaning of represen-
tative price is defined in Article 24(2) of Regulation
(EEC) No 1035/72;

Whereas it is necessary to record the prices to be
taken into consideration on the representative markets
referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 2118/74⁽⁴⁾, as

amended by Regulation (EEC) No 385/75⁽⁵⁾, and to
apply the coefficient fixed in Article 1 (2) of Regula-
tion (EEC) No 248/76 to those prices;

Whereas for Bulgarian cucumbers, the entry prices
calculated in this way have for five consecutive market
days been alternatively above and below the reference
price; whereas three of these entry prices are more
than 0.5 unit of account below the reference price;
whereas a countervailing charge should therefore be
introduced for cucumbers originating in Bulgaria;

Whereas in accordance with the provisions of Article
26 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 that charge is
applied in principle for six days;

Whereas if the system is to operate normally it should
be calculated on the following basis:

- in the case of currencies which are maintained in
relation to each other at any given moment within
a band of 2.25 % a rate of exchange based on
their effective parity,
- for other currencies an exchange rate based on the
arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each
of these currencies recorded for a given period, in
relation to the Community currencies referred to
in the previous subparagraph;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation
are in accordance with the opinion of the Manage-
ment Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A countervailing charge of 12.11 units of account per
100 kg net is applied to cucumbers (subheading ex
07.01 P of the Common Customs Tariff) originating
in Bulgaria.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 March
1976. Subject to the provisions of the second subpara-
graph of Article 26 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No
1035/72, this Regulation shall be applicable until 24
March 1976.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 254, 1. 10. 1975, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 30, 5. 2. 1976, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 220, 10. 8. 1974, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 44, 18. 2. 1975, p. 8.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1976.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 608/76
of 17 March 1976
fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 of 19 December 1974 on the common organization of the market in sugar⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 15 (7) thereof,

Whereas the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1675/75⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 599/76⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas it follows from applying the rules and other provisions contained in Regulation (EEC) No 1675/75 to the information at present available to the Commis-

sion that the levies at present in force should be altered as shown in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The levies referred to in Article 15 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 are, in respect of white sugar and standard quality raw sugar, hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 March 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 March 1976.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 306, 26. 11. 1975, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 168, 1. 7. 1975, p. 61.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 71, 17. 3. 1976, p. 15.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 March 1976 fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Levy (u.a./100 kg)
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid : A. Denatured : I. White sugar II. Raw sugar B. Undenatured : I. White sugar II. Raw sugar	 6.21 2.72 ⁽¹⁾ 6.21 2.72 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 % ; if the yield is other than 92 %, the levy applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 837/68.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 15 March 1976

on the system of aid to be applied in France for certain wine-growers

(76/306/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 93 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the French Government's request,

Whereas the abundant 1973/74 and 1974/75 harvests have yielded supplies in excess of the normal requirements of a wine-growing year;

Whereas the French Government has requested authorization to grant aid to wine-growers in certain predominantly wine-growing regions of the French Republic subject to special production constraints in which specific difficulties have arisen with repercussions extending beyond the present wine year;

Whereas, having regard to the above difficulties, and in view of the exceptional nature of this situation, the French Government should be authorized to grant this aid;

Whereas it is necessary to define the conditions for granting this aid, by determining the maximum amount thereof and authorizing it for a sufficient period;

Whereas, in addition, the French Republic should be permitted to adopt the arrangements for granting this aid,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is hereby authorized to grant aid up to a maximum of one French franc per degree per hectolitre to certain full-time wine growers. It shall adopt the arrangements for granting this aid, in particular the criteria governing yield and the vine varieties of vineyards.

Article 2

The authorization referred to in Article 1 is valid for three years from the date on which this Decision takes effect.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE
of 15 March 1976
amending Directives 66/403/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of seed pota-
toes and vegetable seed

(76/307/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43
and 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parlia-
ment⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and
Social Committee⁽²⁾,

Whereas it results from Article 15 of Council Direc-
tive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of
seed potatoes⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive
75/444/EEC⁽⁴⁾ and from Article 32 of Council Direc-
tive 70/458/EEC of 29 September 1970 on the
marketing of vegetable seed⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by
Directive 73/438/EEC⁽⁶⁾, that after 1 July 1975
Member States may no longer establish under their
own responsibility the equivalence of inspections and
checks carried out in third countries; whereas,
however, the work intended to enable such equival-
ence to be determined at Community level has not
yet been completed;

Whereas, therefore, in order to prevent the Member
States' traditional trade patterns being disturbed, the
Member States should, on the one hand, be granted
the possibility in respect of seed potatoes of extending
the validity of decisions on equivalence already taken
by them and, on the other hand, the abovementioned
date should be postponed in respect of vegetable seed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 15
of Directive 66/403/EEC :

'2a. Member States are hereby authorized to
extend until 31 December 1976 the validity of
decisions taken in accordance with paragraph 2
before 1 July 1975.'

Article 2

In the second sentence of Article 32 (2) of Directive
70/458/EEC '30 June 1975' shall be replaced by '30
June 1977'.

Article 3

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regula-
tions and administrative provisions necessary to
comply with this Directive with effect from 1 July
1975.

They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 50, 4. 3. 1976, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2320/66.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 225, 12. 10. 1970, p. 7.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.