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Proposal for a  
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(presented by the Commission)

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**Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for the 1995 fishing year**

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 on the common organization of the market in fishery products provides that, for each of the products listed in Annex II, a guide price is to be fixed for a product with given commercial characteristics on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

Examination of the market price trends and the level of the guide prices for frozen products suggests that the guide prices should be kept at their current level in the 1995 fishing year for octopus, squid (*Illex*) and shrimps (*Penaeidae*).

Prices for sea bream and especially hake have been falling, as have those for deepwater rose shrimps (*Parapenaeus longirostris*).

In these circumstances the Commission proposes to adjust the Community guide prices to the long-term market trends and thus reduce the price for hake by 6%, for sea bream by 3% and for shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*) by 1% for the 1995 fishing year.

On the other hand, since the prices for squid (*Loligo*) and cuttlefish have risen substantially mainly in the first half of 1994, the guide price should be increased by 3%.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products <sup>1</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1891/93 <sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9 (3),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 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, according to the data available at present concerning prices for the products in question and the criteria laid down in Article 9 (2), of that Regulation, these prices should be maintained and decreased according to the species for the 1995 fishing year,

Whereas the prices or amounts fixed in ecus by this Regulation are determined in accordance with the agrimonetary system applicable in 1994 as provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92<sup>3</sup>, as

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 388, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 172, 15.07.1993, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ No L 387, 28.12.1992, p. 1.

amended by Regulation (EC) No 3528/93<sup>4</sup>, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof; whereas, as a result, they should enter into force in that year;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

#### **Article 1**

The guide prices for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 1995 for the products listed in Annex II Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 and the commercial categories to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

#### **Article 2**

This Regulation shall enter into force on 31 December 1994.

It shall apply from 1 January 1995.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

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<sup>4</sup> Of No L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 32.

## ANNEX

(ECU/tonne)

GROUP OF PRODUCTS	COMMERCIAL SPECIFICATIONS	GUIDE PRICE
1. Sea-bream ( <i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> spp.)	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1252
2. Squid of the species <i>Loligo patagonica</i>	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	914
3. Squid ( <i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i> )	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	796
4. <i>Illex argentinus</i>	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	750
5. Cuttlefish of the species <i>Sepia officinalis</i> , <i>Rossia macrosoma</i> and <i>Sepiola rondeletti</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1583
6. Octopus ( <i>Octopus</i> spp.)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1408
7. Lesser or Greenland halibut ( <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> )	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1511
8. Whole hake of the genus <i>Merluccius</i> spp.	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1078
9. Fillets of hake of the genus <i>Merluccius</i> spp.	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1359
10. - Prawns of the species <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i> - Other species of the family <i>Penaeidae</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	4838 6483

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Regulation is to fix the guide prices for 1995 for the products in Annex I(A), (D) and (E) to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products. Article 9 of that Regulation states that a guide price for each of these products is to be fixed for each fishing year on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output and a product with given commercial characteristics on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed. Account is also taken of the production and demand prospects and other criteria relating to the stabilization of market prices, support for producers' incomes and consumers' interests.

As in previous years, the procedure for fixing the prices for 1995 has been based on a comparison between the average of prices recorded between 1992 and the first six months of 1994 and that for the period between 1991 and 1993, which was used as a basis for fixing the guide prices for 1994. Information concerning Finland, Norway and Sweden has been included where it is available.

Generally speaking the crisis in the fishing industry is continuing to affect the majority of species.

White fish production, which has been rising, especially in the first half of 1994, has not been accompanied by a significant recovery of prices, even though prices for flat fish have risen in the short term.

In view of the long-term trend of prices, the Commission proposes a reduction of 1-6% in the prices for various species of white fish, with the exception of dogfish, megrim, monkfish, sole and flounder, for which it recommends no change or a slight rise (whole monkfish).

Production of pelagic species (six months in 1994) seems to be stabilizing at the level for last year but withdrawals are rising (herring) or continue to be at very high levels (Spanish mackerel, Atlantic sardine).

In addition to marketing problems, for these species, as well as for albacore, the difference between the average market price and the guide market price has become excessive and the Commission is therefore recommending price cuts of 4% to 5%.

Among the species included by the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal in the Community storage aid scheme, the Commission is recommending a substantial price cut for Norway lobster tails (for which the difference between the average market price and the guide price has widened appreciably in recent years).



It is proposed therefore:

- to lower the guide price for large spotted dogfish by 6%, for redfish by 2%, for cod by 3%, for saithe, haddock and whiting by 4%, for ling by 2%, for herring and sardine by 5%, for mackerel by 1%, for Spanish mackerel by 5%, for Ray's bream by 2%, for Norway lobster tails by 10% and for albacore tuna by 4%;
- to maintain in 1995 the guide prices applicable in 1994 for picked dogfish, anchovy, plaice, hake, megrim, monkfish tails, edible crab, whole Norway lobster, flounder and sole;
- to raise by 1% the guide price applicable in 1994 for whole monkfish and cuttlefish.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products <sup>1</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1891/93 <sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 9 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that a guide price shall be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of the Regulation at a level which will help to stabilize market prices and avoid the formation of surpluses in the Community ; whereas that level must also help support producers' income and at the same time take account of consumers' interest ;

Whereas the guide price shall be based on the average of prices as defined in Article 9 (2) of that Regulation and on an assessment of production and demand prospects ;

Whereas the application of these criteria involves for the 1995 fishing year, an increase for certain products and the stabilization or decrease of prices for others compared with prices applicable during the current fishing year ;

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<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 172, 15.07.1993, p. 1.

Whereas in accordance with Articles 169 and 356 of the Act of Accession, a tenth approximation of guide prices must take place on 1 January 1995 for Atlantic sardines of the species **Sardina pilchardus**,

Whereas the prices or amounts fixed in ecus by this Regulation are determined in accordance with the agrimonetary system applicable in 1994 as provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92<sup>3</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3528/93<sup>4</sup>, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof; whereas, as a result, they should enter into force in that year;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

#### **Article 1**

The guide prices for the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 1995 for the products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 and the commercial categories to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

#### **Article 2**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 31 December 1994.

It shall apply from 1 January 1995.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

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<sup>3</sup> OJ No L 387, 28.12.1992, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ No L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 32.

## ANNEX

Species	Commercial specifications <sup>(1)</sup>			Guide price (ECU/tonne)
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Herrings of the species <b>Clupea harengus</b>	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	235
2. Sardines of the species <b>Sardina pilchardus</b>	Extra	3	Whole fish	408
3. Picked dogfish ( <b>Squalus acanthias</b> )	Extra, A		Whole fish Gutted fish with head	) 875 )
4. Catshanks ( <b>Scyliorhinus spp.</b> )	Extra, A	1	Whole fish Gutted fish with head	) 647 )
5. Redfish ( <b>Sebastes spp.</b> )	A	2	Whole fish	910
6. Cod of the species <b>Gadus morhua</b>	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	) 1247 ) )
7. Coalfish ( <b>Pollachius virens</b> )	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	) 631 ) )
8. Haddock ( <b>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</b> )	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	) 879 ) )
9. Whiting ( <b>Merlangius merlangus</b> )	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	) 747 ) )
10. Ling ( <b>Molva spp.</b> )	Extra, A	1, 2	Gutted fish with head	934
11. Mackerel of the species <b>Scomber scombrus</b>	Extra or A	1 2	Whole fish Whole fish	) 237 ) )
12. Mackerel of the species <b>Scomber japonicus</b>	Extra or A	1 2	Whole fish Whole fish	) 284 ) )
13. Anchovies ( <b>Engraulis spp.</b> )	Extra	2	Whole fish	957
14. Plaice ( <b>Pleuronectes platessa</b> )	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1.1.1995 } - 30.4.1995 } 802 1.5.1995 - { - 31.12.1995 { 1103

15. Hake of the species <b>Merluccius merluccius</b>	A	1	Gutted fish with head	3124
16. Megrim ( <b>Lepidorhombus spp.</b> )	Extra, A	1, 2	Whole fish, gutted fish with head	1954
17. Ray's bream ( <b>Brama spp.</b> )	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	1461
18. Monkfish ( <b>Lophius spp.</b> )	Extra, A	2, 3	Whole, or gutted with head	2217
	Extra, A	2, 3	Without head	4513
19. Shrimps of the species <b>Crangon crangon</b>	A	1	Simply boiled in water	1730
20. Edible crab ( <b>Cancer pagurus</b> )	-	1	Whole	1463
21. Norway lobster ( <b>Nephrops norvegicus</b> )	E, A	1, 2	Whole	4248
	E, A	2	Tails	5566
22. Dab ( <b>Limanda limanda</b> )	Extra, A	1	Gutted fish with head	743
23. Flounder ( <b>Platichthys flesus</b> )	Extra, A	1	Gutted fish with head	449
24. Albacore or longfinned tuna ( <b>Thunnus alalunga</b> )	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	1723
		1	Gutted fish with head	2011
25. Cuttlefish ( <b>Sepia officinalis</b> and <b>Rossia macrosoma</b> )	Extra, A	1, 2	Whole fish	1310
26. Sole ( <b>Solea spp.</b> )	Extra, A		Gutted fish with head	4987

(1) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 on the common organization of the market in fishery products provides that, for tuna intended for use by the canning industry, a Community producer price is to be fixed for a product with given commercial characteristics on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on representative wholesale markets or in representative ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

The trend of the average Community producer price has shown a recovery of prices recorded over the last three years, confirmed during the first six months of 1994.

In view of the difference between the Community producer price and the average market price, the Commission is proposing, however, to lower the producer price for tuna by 3% for the 1995 fishing year.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products<sup>1</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1891/93<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 17 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 17 (<sup>1</sup>) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that a Community producer price shall be fixed for tunas (of the genus **Thunnus**), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito [**Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis**] and other species of the genus **Euthynnus** intended for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604 ;

Whereas, on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 17 (2) of the abovementioned Regulation, the price for the 1995 fishing year should be decreased,

Whereas the prices or amounts fixed in ecus by this Regulation are determined in accordance with the agrimonetary system applicable in 1994 as provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92<sup>3</sup>, as

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amended by Regulation (EC) No 3528/93<sup>4</sup>, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof; whereas, as a result, they should enter into force in that year;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

### Article 1

The Community producer price for the fishing year 1 January to 31 December 1995 for tunas (of the genus **Thunnus**), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito [**Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis**] and other species of the genus **Euthynnus** for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604 and the commercial category to which it relates are hereby fixed as follows :

(ECU/tonne)

Product	Commercial specifications	Guide price
Yellowfin tunas ( <b>Thunnus albacares</b> )	Whole, weighing more than 10 kg each	978

### Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 31 December 1994.

It shall apply from 1 January 1995.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

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<sup>4</sup> OJ No L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 32.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE: [REDACTED]

1. BUDGET HEADING : B I - 261

APPROPRIATIONS:

2. TITLE : Three proposals for Council Regulations fixing the guide prices for fishery products (Annexe I(A), (D) and (E) and Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 and the Community producer price for tuna (Annex III)

3. LEGAL BASIS : Articles 9 and 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

4. AIMS :

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE

5.0. EXPENDITURE

- CHARGED TO EC BUDGET
- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

5.1. RECEIPTS

1994	1995	
	33 Mio Ecus	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Measure applicable for the 1995 fishing year (16.10.94 - 15.10.95) only.		

5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION :

- Community and autonomous withdrawals and carry-overs: ECU 17 million
- Compensation for tuna: ECU 9 million
- Private storage aid: ECU 2 million
- Compensatory allowance for sardines: ECU 5 million

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

6.1. FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET

6.2. NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

NO

6.3. CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS

YES

COMMENTS : Since this measure involves the fixing of prices, its impact on expenditure is indirect, the expenditure in question being heavily dependent on market developments and landings.

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