COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the main intervention centres for oil seeds for the 1976/77 marketing year and the derived intervention prices applicable at these centres

Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on compensatory amounts for colza and rape seeds

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following the Council Decision to increase the target price and basic intervention prices for colza and rape seed and for sunflower seed by 8% for the 1976/77 marketing year, the following must also be established for the same year:

- the main intervention centres and the derived intervention prices applicable thereof;
- the compensatory amounts applicable to colza and rape seed harvested in Denmark and the United Kingdom.
- 1. With respect to intervention centres for colza and rape seed, the regions were redefined for the 1974/75 marketing year to permit, among other things, the abolition of supplementary aid for colza seed processed in Italy.

 With respect to the Community as a whole, the new regional divisions did not affect the marketing of the Community colza harvest, which is now almost complete.

 However, as regards Italy, it should be racelled that since 1973 and up to today, the colza market has been disrupted by problems caused by the presence of erucic acid in colza oil, so that it is impossible to make a definitive appreciation of the functioning of the new regional divisions, in that country. There is no doubt that the Italian consumer has evinced a distaste for colza oil to such an extent that consumption in Italy declined from about 212 000 m.t. in 1972 to 11 000 m.t. in the first nine months of 1975, eentailing a considerable drop in imports of colza from both non-member countries and Member States in 1975.

 Lastly, since transport costs have changed little compared with 1975/76, it is proposed to maintain the regional divisons as they are for the 1976/77 marke ting

proposed to maintain the regional divisons as they are for the 1976/77 marke ting year and to increase the derived intervention prices by the amount of the increase in the basic intervention price.

Taking account of the 8% increase in the basic intervention price for sunflower seed, the derived intervention price for these seeds should be increased by the same amount.

2. Article 52 of the Amt concerning the Conditionssof Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties provides that the derived intervention prices applicable in Denmark and the United Kingdom should be gradually aligned with the levels of the common prices. Therefore, the difference between the common prices and the prices ruling in the two Member States in question should be reduced by one third, and accordingly the compensatory amounts applicable thereto reduced accordingly.

3. Financial implications

This proposal is a normal consequence of the annual price decisions. There are no financial implications other than those already taken into account in connection with the price proposals (doc. COM/75 600 final/2 pp. 119-130).

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Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the main intervention centres for oil seeds for the 1976/77 marketing year and the derived intervention prices applicable at these centres

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 22 (2), first subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 22 (2) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the main intervention centres for colza, rape and sunflower seeds, and the derived intervention prices applicable thereto must be fixed for the 1976/77 marketing year;

Whereas the places with the largest markets situated in the main production areas should be taken as the main intervention centres; whereas, to ensure an appropriate price level for Community seeds in deficit areas, the most representative places for the processing of seeds should also be used, as well as places situated outside production areas which are representative as regards internal trade and the export of seeds;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, derived intervention prices must be fixed at a level permitting seed to move freely within the Community, under natural conditions of price formation and in accordance with the needs of the market; whereas, to that end, intervention prices should be fixed so that the differences between them correspond to the price differences to be expected in the case of a normal harvest;

Whereas the derived intervention prices for the 1975/76 marketing year were fixed in Denmark and the United Kingdom at a level lower than the common level; whereas these prices should move towards alignment with the common prices, in accordance with Article 52 of the Act of Accession;

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 175, 29.6.1973, p. 5

Whereas the experience gained during the course of the 1975/76 marketing year has shown that the number of intervention centres for colza and rape seeds adopted in the course of that marketing year should be maintained for the 1976/77 marketing year; Whereas the production of sunflower seeds has increased greatly in Italy in comparison with previous marketing years, while remaining relatively stable in the other producer Member States; whereas, in consequence, new intervention centres should be determined for these seeds in Italy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1976/77 marketing year, the main intervention centres for colza, rape and sunflower seeds and the derived intervention prices applicable in these centres shall be those shown in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1976 for colza and rape seeds, and on 1 September 1976 for sunflower seeds.

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

Done at

For the Council

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Main intervention centres and derived intervention prices applicable in these centres

A. For colza and rape seed

Centres	Intervention prices in units of account per 100 kilogrammes of standard quality seed		
Antwerp Copenhagen Arhus Düsseldorf Hamburg Mannheim Regensburg Bordeaux Bourges Châlons-sur-Marne Chartres Châteauroux Dijon Dunkerque Gennevilliers Le Pauzin Lyon Marseille Rouen Sète Strasbourg Dublin Genoa Rotterdam Hull Liverpool Tilbury	26.40 25.16 26.40 26.40 26.35 24.87 25.56 25.28 25.61 25.67 25.18 25.45 26.30 25.98 25.54 25.45 26.30 25.56 26.30 25.56 26.30 25.56 26.30 25.56 26.30 25.54 26.30 25.56 26.30 27.26 26.77 26.50 24.12 23.21		

B. For sunflower seed

Bordeaux	27•44
Bourges	26.02
Le Pouzin	27.13
Marseille	27.75
Rouen	26.95
Genoa	27.80
Pisa	27.44
Siena	27.29
Perugia	27.12
Macerata	26.91
Campobasso	26.65
Foggia	26.57

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession (1), and in particular Article 62 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1605/75⁽²⁾ laid down the compensatory amounts to be deducted from the subsidy or the export refund for colza and rape seeds harvested in Denmark and the United Kingdom during the 1975/76 crop year and placed under control at the oil mill or exported during that year;

Whereas for the crop year 1976/77, the derived intervention prices applicable in Denmark and the United Kingdom shall move towards alignment with the common prices in accordance with Article 52 of the Act of Accession; whereas the compensatory amounts applicable during this crop year should in consequence be diminished,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 27.3.1972, p. 14 (2) OJ No L 164, 27.6.1975, p. 7

Article 1

1. For colza and rape seeds harvested in Denmark and in the United Kingdom and placed under control at the oil mill pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (ECC) No 2114/71 $^{(3)}$ or exported during the 1976/77 crop year, the compensatory amounts to be deducted from the subsidy referred to in Article 27 of Regulation No $136/66/\text{EEC}^{\left(4\right)}$ and from the export refund referred to in Article 28 of that Regulation shall be as follows:

Denmark:

0.62 u.a. per 100 kg

United Kingdom:

2.65 u.a. per 100 kg

2. The compensatory amounts so deducted shall not exceed the subsidy and export refund amounts which are applicable.

Article 2

Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1976.

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

Done at

For the Council

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 222, 2.10.1971, p. 2 (4) OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66