

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A) and (D) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 for the 1983 fishing year

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 for the 1983 fishing year

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the Community producer price for tuna intended for the canning industry for the 1983 fishing year

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of this Regulation is to fix for 1983 the guide prices for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (D) to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products. Article 10 of the Regulation provides that a guide price is to be fixed for each of these products 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. In fixing the price, account is also to be taken of production and demand prospects and of other criteria relating to the stabilization of market prices, the support of producers' income and consumers' interests.

The starting point of the procedure for fixing prices for 1983 was a comparison of the average of prices referred to above recorded during the period from 1980 to 1982 (1982 : 6 months) with that for the period from 1979 to 1981, the latter having been used to fix the guide price for 1982.

Account is taken in the guide prices proposed for 1983 of the overall improvement of the fisheries market, market weaknesses observed in 1981 having continued only for some species. In view of that trend account was taken of the impact of guide prices for 1983 on the level of withdrawal prices and the desired relationship between the latter and the prices recorded on Community markets.

It is proposed therefore :

- to prolong in 1983, for herring and Atlantic sardines, the guide prices valid for 1982;
- to increase the guide price from, depending on the species, 2 % to 6 % for the other products.

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fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 10(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 10(1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 provides that a guide price shall be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex I (A) and (D) to that Regulation at a level which will help to stabilize market price 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 10(2) of the Regulation and on an assessment of production and demand prospects;

Whereas the application of the criteria laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 and referred to above involves for the 1983 fishing year an increase for certain products and the stabilization of prices for others compared with prices applicable during the current fishing year ; whereas in view of the seasonal variations in the characteristics of plaice, the guide price should be increased from 1 May 1983; whereas, in the absence of certain information concerning price trends for each fishery product with given commercial characteristics, consideration should be given to the relationship between the average weighted market prices recorded when the guide prices were fixed for the previous fishing year for these products, and the average weighted market prices now current,

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 379, 31.12.1981, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The guide prices for the 1983 fishing year for the products listed in Annex I (A) and (D) to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 and the products to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter in force on 1 January 1983.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

## ANNEX

(Ecu/tonne)

Species	Commercial specifications (*)			Guide price
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Herrings	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	336
2. Sardines (Sardina Pilchardus) :				
(a) Atlantic	Extra	3	Whole fish	521
(L) Mediterranean	Extra	3	Whole fish	400
3. Dogfish (Squalus acanthias)	x	x	x	800
4. Dogfish (Scylliorhinus sp.p.)	x	x	x	750
5. Redfish (Sebastes)	A	2	Whole fish	727
6. Cod	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	952
7. Saithe	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	
8. Haddock	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	722
9. Whiting	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	
10. Ling	x	x	x	820
11. Mackerel	Extra or A	1 2	Whole fish Whole fish	712
12. Anchovies	Extra	2	Whole fish	
13. Plaice	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1 January to 30 April 1983 } 722 1 May to 31 December 1983 } 895
14. Hake (Merluccius merluccius)	A	2	Gutted fish with head	2 103
15. Shrimps of the genus Crangon crangon	A	1	Simply boiled in water	1 374

(\*) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81

x These freshness categories, sizes and presentations will be specified during the examination of these proposals by the Council.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE :

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Article 301

2. ACTION : Three proposals for Council Regulations fixing the guide prices for fishery products (Annex I (A) and (D); Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81) and the producer price for tuna.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Articles 10, 15 and 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81

4. OBJECTIVES :

Annual fixing of prices in the fisheries sector

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ( )	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR ( 83 )
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REVENUE/INTERVENTIONS)			
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS	(1)		(1)
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
-NATIONAL			

YEAR ..... YEAR ..... YEAR .....

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

Measure restricted to the 1983 fishing year

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS

1 January to 31 December 1983

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

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

YES/NO

6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?

YES/NO

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ?

YES/NO

COMMENTS : (1) Since it is a matter of fixing prices, the impact on expenditure will be indirect. The expenditure in question is heavily dependent on developments in the market and the quantities landed. In 1982 appropriations amounted to 31.75 million ECU. Subject to certain doubts concerning the budget implications of the entry into force of the new arrangements for the organisation of markets, the 1983 appropriations of 37.05 million ECU provided for in Chapter 30 of the proposed budget can be considered adequate.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products provides that a reference price is to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex II to that Regulation based on 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.

An examination of price trends for the products in question indicates that the guide prices should be increased for certain products and maintained for others, at their current level, for the 1983 fishing year.



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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 (EEC) No 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 15(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 15(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 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 10 of that Regulation the prices should be increased for certain products and maintained for others for the 1983 fishing year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The guide prices for the 1983 fishing year for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 and the products to which they relate are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1983.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President.

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## ANNEX

(ECU/tonne)

Group of products	Commercial specifications	Guide price
1. Sardines	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	389
2. Sea-bream of the species <i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> sp.p.	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1 134
3. Edible crabs ( <i>cancer pagurus</i> )	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	575
4. Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1 652
5. Squid ( <i>Loligo</i> spp)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	2 118
6. Squid ( <i>Lodarodes sagittatus</i> )	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 065
7. Squid ( <i>Illex</i> sp.p.)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 065
8. 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	1 459
9. Octopus	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 047

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products provides that a Community producer price is to be fixed for tuna intended for the canning industry based on 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 the which the price is fixed.

It is proposed on the basis of the data available that the Community producer price for the 1983 fishing year be maintained.

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intended for the canning industry for the 1983 fishing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products,<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 17(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 17(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 provides that a Community producer price shall be fixed for tuna intended for the canning industry;

Whereas, on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 17(4) of the above Regulation, the price for the 1983 fishing year should be maintained,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Community producer price for the 1983 fishing year for tuna for the canning industry and the product to which it relates are hereby fixed as follows :

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(ECU/tonne)

Product	Commercial specifications	Community producer price
Albacore	Whole, not weighing more than 10 kg each	1 045

Article 2

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

