

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the minimum price for castor seeds for the 1978/79
marketing year

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 Laying down special measures in respect of castor seeds provides that a guide price and a minimum price for castor seed are to be fixed each year beginning with the 1978/1979 marketing year.
2. The proposal for a Regulation fixing the guide price for castor seeds has already been submitted to the Council with those concerning other farm prices, in anticipation of the formal adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77.
3. Contrary to the Commission's original proposal, Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 provides that a minimum price and a guide price are to be fixed at the same time. The present proposal, fixing the minimum price for castor seeds for the 1978/1979 marketing year, needs therefore to be considered together with the proposal on the guide price, which has already been submitted to the Council.
4. In accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77, the minimum price, which guarantees seed producers a price for their seeds as close as possible to the guide price, must take into account market fluctuations and the cost of transporting the seeds from farm to factory.

In line with these provisions, the Commission proposes a minimum price of 38 u.a./100 kg.



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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 2874/77 of 19 December 1977 laying down special measures in respect of castor seeds¹, and in particular Article 2 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 2 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 provides that the Council shall each year fix a minimum price for castor seeds; whereas that price must be fixed so as to give seed producers a selling price as close as possible to the guide price, taking into account market fluctuations and the cost of transporting the seeds from the production areas to the processing areas;

Whereas it follows from applying these criteria that the price for the 1978/79 marketing year should be as set out below;

Whereas, in order to achieve the above-mentioned objective, this minimum price must be fixed for a standard quality and a well-defined production stage,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹OJ No L 332, 24.12.1977, p. 1

Article 1

For the 1978/79 marketing year, the minimum price for castor seeds referred to in Article 2 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2874/77 shall be 38 units of account per 100 kilograms.

Article 2

1. The price referred to in Article 1 shall apply to seeds which meet the criteria referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No .../78.
2. The said price shall relate to goods ready for dispatch from the production areas.

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

Done at

For the Council