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**REGULATION (EEC) No 2430/72 OF THE COUNCIL
of 21 November 1972**

**fixing basic and buying-in prices for sweet oranges for the period extending
from 1 December 1972 to 30 April 1973**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72¹ of 18 May 1972 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables, and in particular Articles 16 (1) and 35 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas the marketing of oranges harvested in a given crop year covers the period from October to June of the following year;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 16 (1) second subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the slack marketing periods at the beginning and end of the crop year should be excluded; whereas the quantities marketed in October and November and in May and June of the following year represent only a small percentage of the tonnage marketed over the whole of the crop year; whereas, therefore, these months should not be taken into account in determining the duration of the market year, which should thus be the period from 1 December to 30 April of the following year;

Whereas orange production in the Community includes several varieties; whereas different quotations, according to the different varieties, are recorded on the market; whereas, therefore, for the purposes of applying the intervention system, a sufficiently representative variety should be selected according to the different periods; whereas the products listed below fulfil this requirement:

— for December, Class I oranges of the Moro variety,

— for the period from January to April, Class I oranges of the Sanguinello variety;

Whereas, to take seasonal fluctuations in orange prices into account, the marketing year should be subdivided into a number of periods and basic and buying-in prices fixed for each one of these periods;

Whereas when the basic price is being determined, the surplus production areas which must be taken into account pursuant to Article 16 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 are:

- in December
and January: the Italian production areas of the Provinces of Catania and Syracuse,
- in February: the Italian production area of the Province of Syracuse,
- in March: the Italian production areas of the Provinces of Catania and Syracuse,
- in April: the Italian production area of the Province of Catania;

Whereas, in order to take into account the conditions of production peculiar to certain regions of the Community, by way of exception, and pending the introduction of measures to adapt cultivation techniques, the findings provided for in Article 17 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 should be permitted to apply to products belonging to other varieties more representative at regional level than the variety adopted for the whole of the Community;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the period from 1 December 1972 to 30 April 1973 the basic and buying-in prices of

¹ OJ No L 118, 20.5.1972, p. 1.

sweet oranges, expressed in units of account per 100 kg net weight, shall be as follows:

	<i>Basic price</i>	<i>Buying-in price</i>
December	15.9	10.9
January	13.3	9.2
February	13.5	9.4
March	15.0	9.6
April	15.6	9.9

2. The prices set out in paragraph 1 shall apply:

- for the month of December, to Class I oranges of the 67/80 mm size-grade, of the Moro variety,
- for the months from January to April inclusive, to Class I oranges of the 67/80 mm size-grade, of the Sanguinello variety, put up in packages.

Article 2

The prices set out in Article 1 (1) shall not include the cost of the packages in which the produce is put up.

Where all or part of the cost of the package in which the produce is put up is included in quotations for a product recorded on representative markets in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, such quotations shall be reduced by the cost of the package included therein.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1972.

Article 3

During the months from January to April inclusive, the findings referred to in Article 19 (1) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 shall also be carried out on the basis of quotations recorded on representative markets for the produce, for Class I oranges of the 60/76 mm size-grade, of the Common Biondo variety, put up in packages; in this case these prices, reduced if necessary by the cost of the packages included in them, shall be subject to a coefficient of 2.5.

Article 4

1. The information to be communicated pursuant to Article 17 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 shall relate to quotations, not including the cost of packaging, recorded for each of the varieties referred to in Article 1 (2) and, if need be, for the variety referred to in Article 3.

2. If, for the months from January to April inclusive, for a given representative market, the prices communicated pursuant to paragraph 1 refer to several varieties, the price to be taken into account in order to carry out the findings provided for in Article 19 (1) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 shall be the lowest one.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 December 1972.

For the Council

The President

P. LARDINOIS