COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1550/78

of 4 July 1978

fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 of 19 December 1974 on the common organization of the market in sugar (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1396/78 (2), and in particular Article 15 (7) thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas Article 15 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 provides for charging a levy on imports of the products listed in Article 1 (1) of that Regulation ;

Whereas the import levy on white sugar and raw sugar must be equal to the threshold price less the cif price ; whereas the threshold price for each of these products was fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1399/78 of 20 June 1978 fixing, for the 1978/79 sugar year, the derived intervention prices, the intervention price for raw beet sugar, the minimum prices for beet, the threshold prices, the maximum amount of the production levy and the amount of the repayment to offset storage costs, and fixing the coefficient for calculating the special maximum quota (3) ;

Whereas the cif price for raw sugar and white sugar is calculated by the Commission for a Community frontier crossing point which was fixed at Rotterdam by Council Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 of 9 April 1968 determining the standard quality for raw sugar and fixing the Community frontier crossing point for calculating cif prices for sugar (4) ;

Whereas this price must be based on the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market established for each product on the basis of quotations or prices on that market adjusted for any deviation from the standard quality for which the threshold price is fixed ; whereas the standard quality for raw sugar was defined by Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 and that for white sugar by Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 of 17 April 1972 (5) ;

Whereas, when the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market are being established, the Commission must take account of all available information on offers on the world market, on quotations on the exchanges which are important for world trade, on prices recorded on important third-country markets, and on sales concluded in international trade of which it has knowledge either directly or through the agency of the Member States ;

Whereas, however, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 784/68 of 26 June 1968 laying down detailed rules for calculating cif prices for white sugar and raw sugar (6), the Commission must disregard information if the goods concerned are not of sound and fair marketable quality or if the price quoted in an offer relates to small quantities and is not representative of the market ; whereas offer prices which can be assumed not to be representative of the actual market trends must also be disregarded ;

Whereas, of the offer prices taken into consideration, those which are not for goods delivered in bulk cif Rotterdam must be adjusted ; whereas when this adjustment is being made account must be taken of the difference in the cost of transporting the goods between the port of loading and the port of destination and between the port of loading and Rotterdam ; whereas, if the price or the offer relates to goods in bags, it must be reduced by 0·06 unit of account per 100 kilograms under the terms of Regulation (EEC) No 784/68 ;

Whereas, if information on sugar of the standard quality is to be comparable, the price increases or reductions fixed pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 must be added to or deducted from the offers taken into consideration in the case of white sugar ; whereas, in the case of raw sugar, the corrective factors provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 784/68 must be applied ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 784/68, a special cif price may be established for sugar which has been specially treated or specially packed if the offer price for such sugar is lower than the cif price established pursuant to the provisions referred to above ;

Whereas a cif price may, by way of exception, be left unchanged for a limited period if the offer price which served as a basis for the previous calculation of the cif price is not available to the Commission and if the offer prices which are available and which appear not to be sufficiently representative of actual market

(1) OJ No L 359, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 170, 27. 6. 1978, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 170, 27. 6. 1978, p. 6.
(4) OJ No L 89, 10. 4. 1968, p. 3.
(5) OJ No L 94, 21. 4. 1972, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 145, 27. 6. 1968, p. 10.

trends would entail sudden and considerable changes in the cif price ;

Whereas the levy is altered only if the variation in the elements used to calculate it would entail an increase or a reduction of not less than 0·20 unit of account per 100 kilograms in relation to the levy previously fixed ;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 21 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74, the nomenclature provided for in this Regulation is incorporated in the Common Customs Tariff ;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, the following should be used to calculate the levies :

— for currencies the exchange rates for which are kept at any given moment within a band of 2·25 %, a conversion rate based on their actual parity ;
— for other currencies a conversion rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates for each of these currencies against the Community currencies referred to in the preceding paragraph over a specified period ;

Whereas it follows from applying all these provisions that the levies for white sugar and raw sugar should be fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The levies referred to in Article 15 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 are, in respect of white sugar and standard quality raw sugar, hereby fixed as shown in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 5 July 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 July 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 4 July 1978 fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

(u.a. / 100 kg)

CCT heading No	Description	Levy
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, in solid form :	
	A. White sugar ; flavoured or coloured sugar	28·03
	B. Raw sugar	23·36 (1)

(1) Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 % ; if the yield is other than 92 %, the levy applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 837/68.