

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 908/84****of 3 April 1984****fixing for the 1984 marketing year the reference prices for tomatoes**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No  
1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization  
of the market in fruit and vegetables<sup>(1)</sup>, as last  
amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2004/83<sup>(2)</sup>, and in  
particular Article 27 (1) thereof,

Whereas, under Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No  
1035/72, reference prices valid for the whole Commu-  
nity are to be fixed at the beginning of the marketing  
year;

Whereas tomatoes are produced in such quantities in  
the Community that reference prices should be fixed  
for them;

Whereas tomatoes harvested during a given crop year  
are marketed from January to December; whereas the  
quantities harvested from January to March and  
during the last 10 days of December are so small that  
there is no need to fix reference prices for the whole  
year; whereas reference prices should therefore be  
fixed only for the period 1 April up to and including  
20 December;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 67 of the Act of  
Accession of Greece, Greek prices must be adjusted to  
take account of the difference between them and  
prices in the Community of Nine;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (2) of Regulation  
(EEC) No 1035/72, the reference prices are fixed on  
the basis of the arithmetic mean of producer prices in  
each Member State plus an amount representing the  
costs of transporting Community products from  
production areas to Community marketing centres;  
whereas the trend of production costs in the fruit and  
vegetables sector must also be taken into account;

Whereas, to take seasonal variations into account, the  
year should be divided into several periods and a  
reference price fixed for each of these periods;

Whereas producer prices are to correspond to the  
average of the prices recorded on the representative  
market or markets situated in the production areas  
where prices are lowest during the three years prior to  
the date on which the reference price is fixed, for a  
home-grown product with defined commercial charac-  
teristics, being a product or variety representing a  
substantial proportion of the production marketed over  
the year or over part thereof and satisfying specified  
requirements as regards market preparation; whereas,  
when the average of prices recorded on each represen-  
tative market is being calculated, prices which could  
be considered excessively high or excessively low in  
relation to normal price fluctuations on that market  
are to be disregarded;

Whereas, up to 10 July, Community-produced toma-  
toes are grown mainly under glass; whereas the  
reference prices for this period of the marketing year  
must therefore be fixed for a product of that type;  
whereas tomatoes imported from certain third coun-  
tries during the same period will have been grown in  
the open; whereas, although such tomatoes may be  
classed in class I, their quality and price are not  
comparable with those of products grown under glass;  
whereas the prices for tomatoes not grown under glass  
should therefore be adjusted by a conversion factor;

Whereas, from October to December inclusive, toma-  
toes imported from certain third countries are culti-  
vated under glass; whereas a conversion factor should  
also be applied to the prices of these tomatoes to make  
them comparable with the reference prices which are  
during this period calculated on the basis of prices of  
Community products cultivated in the open;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation  
are in accordance with the opinion of the Management  
Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. For the 1984 marketing year, the reference prices  
for tomatoes (subheading 07.01 M of the Common  
Customs Tariff), expressed in ECU per 100 kilograms  
net of packed products of class I, of all sizes, shall be  
as follows:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 198, 21. 7. 1983, p. 2.

— April :	195,91
— May :	127,43
— 1 June to 10 July :	91,96
— 11 July to 31 August :	37,94
— September :	41,33
— 1 October to 20 December :	43,24

- for April, by a conversion factor of 1,80,
  - for May, by a conversion factor of 1,70,
  - from 1 June to 10 July by a conversion factor of 1,65 ;
- (b) the price for tomatoes produced under glass and imported from third countries shall, after deduction of customs duties, be multiplied by a conversion factor of 0,65 from 1 October to 20 December.

2. For the purpose of calculating the entry price :

- (a) the prices for tomatoes not produced under glass, imported from third countries, shall, after deduction of customs duties, be multiplied :

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 3 April 1984.

*For the Commission*

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