

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1494/2003**of 25 August 2003****setting, for the 2003/04 marketing year, the buying-in price to be applied by storage agencies for unprocessed dried grapes and unprocessed dried figs**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 453/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The criteria for setting the price at which storage agencies buy in unprocessed dried figs and unprocessed dried grapes are laid down in Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 and the conditions on which the storage agencies buy in and manage the products are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1622/1999 of 23 July 1999 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 as regards the scheme for the storage of unprocessed dried grapes and unprocessed dried figs ⁽³⁾. The buying-in price should therefore be set for the 2003/04 marketing year on the basis, for dried grapes, of the evolution in world prices and, for dried figs, of the minimum price laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1459/2003 of 18

August 2003 fixing, for the marketing year 2003/2004, the minimum price to be paid to producers for unprocessed dried figs and the amount of production aid for dried figs ⁽⁴⁾.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 2003/04 marketing year, the buying-in price referred to in Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be:

- EUR 378,54 per tonne net for unprocessed dried grapes,
- EUR 542,70 per tonne net for unprocessed dried figs.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 August 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.⁽²⁾ OJ L 72, 14.3.2002, p. 9.⁽³⁾ OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 33.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 208, 19.8.2003, p. 11.