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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EEC) No 2496/74 OF THE COUNCIL**of 2 October 1974****amending the prices applicable in agriculture for the 1974/75 marketing year**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the Treaty⁽¹⁾ concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 54 (4) of the Act annexed thereto;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas since the Council's Decisions taken in March 1974 on the common prices for the 1974/75 marketing year, events have occurred with serious economic implications for agriculture; whereas, on the one hand, the agricultural sector was faced with a sudden unprecedented increase in the prices of certain important means of production and whereas this sharp rise in production costs is worsening the effect of overall inflation on agriculture; whereas, on the other hand, the agricultural sector was not able to bring about an increase in market prices so as to cover the rise in production costs; whereas in the cattle and pig breeding sectors there has even been a marked fall in market prices; whereas for other products such as common wheat, feed grains and sugar, agricultural producers were unable to take advantage of the very high prices recorded on the world market; whereas the Community, motivated by the concern both to ensure the stability of the internal markets and to guarantee adequate supplies, considered it undesirable to allow the increase in prices for these products on the world market to be reflected in the level of prices within the Community;

Whereas this situation has given rise to serious difficulties throughout the agricultural sector both because of its immediate effect on farmers' incomes and

because of the lack of any favourable outlook for the near future; whereas in the current economic situation the agricultural sector is no longer able to pass on in market prices the considerable rise in production costs; whereas this situation calls for exceptional measures in the field of pricing policy;

Whereas it is necessary therefore, by way of exception, to reach a decision, in derogation from the principle of fixing prices annually, imposed by the basic Regulations on the common organization of the market for the products concerned, on a general increase in agricultural prices for the 1974/75 marketing year or for the remainder of that year; whereas, however, the special situation of certain products and that existing in certain Member States must be taken into account;

Whereas milk in the United Kingdom raises a special problem by reason of Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 749/73⁽²⁾ of 19 March 1973 on production subsidies which the United Kingdom is authorized to retain in respect of certain agricultural products; whereas this provision would prevent the desired increase in prices from being passed on to producers; whereas, therefore, the application of this provision should be suspended;

Whereas, finally, bearing in mind the exceptional circumstances, it should be possible to adopt the alterations to be made as a result of this Regulation to other prices and amounts fixed within the context of the common agricultural policy in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC⁽³⁾ of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1996/74⁽⁴⁾ or in the corresponding Articles of the other Regulations on the common organization of the market in agriculture, whichever is the case; whereas it should be possible, where appropriate, to adopt the alterations by derogation from the rules for fixing contained in the Regulations concerned to the extent and for the duration strictly necessary to take into account this Regulation,

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1973, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 209, 31. 7. 1974, p. 1.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from the principle of the annual fixing of prices:

1. For the 1974/75 marketing year or, as regards those products for which it has already begun, for the remainder of that year, prices and amounts shall be fixed as shown in the Annex for each such product.

However, as regards wine, the prices shown in the Annex shall apply for the period from 16 December 1974 to 15 December 1975.

2. In the rice and cereals sector, the amounts laid down in Articles 1, 3 (1) and 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1132/74⁽¹⁾ of 29 April 1974 on production refunds in the cereals and rice sectors, shall be amended so that, for the remainder of the 1974/75 marketing year, the refunds to producers laid down in that Regulation shall be maintained at the level resulting from the implementation of the rules which were valid when the present Regulation entered into force.
3. The norm prices and intervention prices valid for tobacco from the 1974 harvest shall be increased in such a way that the increase for the different varieties shall be an average of 5%.
4. The guide prices, intervention prices and Community producer price fixed for fishery products shall be increased by 5% for the remainder of 1974.
5. In the seeds sector for the remainder of the 1974/75 marketing year, aid shall be increased in such a way that the increase for the various species and groups of varieties shall be 5% ;
6. As regards fruit and vegetables, the basic prices and buying-in prices shall be altered so as to increase by 5% for the 1974/75 marketing year after 6 October 1974 the maximum levels of the with-

drawal prices referred to in Article 18 (1) (a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72⁽²⁾ of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables as last amended by Regulation 2745/72⁽³⁾.

Article 2

The application of Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 749/73 shall be suspended for the remainder of the 1974/75 milk year.

Article 3

Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 663/74⁽⁴⁾ of 28 March 1974 fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese for the 1974/75 milk year shall be repealed.

Article 4

Detailed rules for the application of Articles 1 and 2 and any transitional measures which may be adopted by reason of the repeal referred to in Article 3 and the alterations to be made as a result of this Regulation to other prices and amounts fixed within the context of the common agricultural policy shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Regulation No 120/67/EEC or in the corresponding Articles of the other Regulations on the common organization of the markets in agriculture, whichever is the case, where appropriate by derogation from the rules for fixing contained in the Regulations concerned to the extent and for the duration strictly necessary to take into account this Regulation.

Article 5

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

It shall apply from 7 October 1974.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 2 October 1974.

For the Council

The President

Ch. BONNET

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 128, 10. 5. 1974, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1971, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 147.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 85, 29. 3. 1974, p. 52.

ANNEX

A. Common prices

Products	Nature of price or amount	Amounts
(1)	(2)	(3)
Durum wheat	Target price Single intervention price Guaranteed minimum producer price (wholesale stage)	191.97 u.a./metric ton 175.17 u.a./metric ton 205.17 u.a./metric ton
Common wheat	Target price Basic intervention price	127.93 u.a./metric ton 115.53 u.a./metric ton
Barley	Target price Single intervention price	116.08 u.a./metric ton 101.43 u.a./metric ton
Rye	Target price Single intervention price	124.99 u.a./metric ton 106.93 u.a./metric ton
Maize	Target price Single intervention price	114.92 u.a./metric ton 94.03 u.a./metric ton
Rice	Target price for husked rice Intervention price for paddy rice	23.73 u.a./100 kg 14.34 u.a./100 kg
Sugar	Minimum price for beet Target price for white sugar Intervention price for white sugar	19.78 u.a./metric ton 27.88 u.a./100 kg 26.48 u.a./100 kg
Olive oil	Producer target price Market target price Intervention price	144.03 u.a./100 kg 101.86 u.a./100 kg 94.61 u.a./100 kg
Oil seeds	Target price : — Colza and rape seeds — Sunflower seeds Basic intervention price : — Colza and rape seeds — Sunflower seeds	23.00 u.a./100 kg 23.67 u.a./100 kg 22.33 u.a./100 kg 22.98 u.a./100 kg
Dried fodder	Standard aid	6.30 u.a./metric ton
Cotton seeds	Standard aid	87.78 u.a./ha
Flax and hemp	Standard aid : — Flax — Hemp	168.00 u.a./ha 141.75 u.a./ha
Table wine	Guide price : — Type R I — Type R II — Type R III — Type A I — Type A II — Type A III	1.70 per degree/hl 1.66 per degree/hl 26.58 per hl 1.60 per degree/hl 35.43 per hl 40.45 per hl

Products	Nature of price or amount	Amounts
(1)	(2)	(3)
Milk and milk products	Target price for milk	14.08 u.a./100 kg
	Intervention price :	
	— For butter	183.58 u.a./100 kg
	— For skimmed-milk powder	82.74 u.a./100 kg
	— For cheese	
	— Grana padano 30 to 60 days	183.10 u.a./100 kg
	— Grana padano six months	214.60 u.a./100 kg
	— Parmigiano Reggiano six months	231.60 u.a./100 kg
Beef and veal	Guide price for adult bovine animals	101.33 u.a./100 kg live weight
	Guide price for calves	118.65 u.a./100 kg live weight
Pigmeat	Basic price	97.65 u.a./100 kg slaughtered weight
Silkworms	Aid per box of silkworm eggs	33.18 per box

B. Separate prices and amounts for the new Member States

Product	Member State	Nature of amount	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Flax	United Kingdom	Aid	96.60 u.a./ha
Butter	Denmark	Intervention price	179.81 u.a./100 kg
	Ireland		170.43 u.a./100 kg
	United Kingdom		108.95 u.a./100 kg
Beef and veal	Ireland and United Kingdom	— Guide price for adult bovine animals	86.10 u.a./100 kg live weight
		— Guide price for calves	100.80 u.a./100 kg live weight