

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2869/77
of 22 December 1977
adopting protective measures applicable to imports of onions from Poland

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⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1034/77⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 29 (2) thereof,

Whereas Ireland requested the Commission on 19 December 1977 to take protective measures against imports of onions bound for the Irish market; whereas this application was supplemented on 20 December 1977 by additional data;

Whereas production in Ireland has risen substantially during the current marketing year;

Whereas imports of onions into Ireland since the month of November 1977 substantially exceed those carried out during the same months as previous years; whereas this increase is due, almost entirely to products from Poland which are appearing on the Irish market for the first time; whereas the prices of such imports are much lower than those recorded for imported onions in previous years;

Whereas according to the information available, substantial quantities of Polish onions may be imported into Ireland during the coming months;

Whereas, in recent months, prices have dropped appreciably on the Irish market because of the substantial volume both of Irish production and of the imports referred to above; whereas in view of the development

of the marketing year and of supplies in Poland, a further marked drop in prices on the Irish market and difficulties in the sale of domestic production are to be feared;

Whereas the assessment of the market situation, broadly outlined above, leads to the conclusion that the Irish market, as a result of imports of onions from Poland, is experiencing grave disturbances likely to endanger the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty; whereas it is necessary under these conditions to introduce a protective measure in respect of these imports;

Whereas information currently available does not make it possible to assess whether markets in other Community regions are, as a result of imports, in a situation requiring the application of protective measures; whereas, consequently, these measures should be limited to imports of Polish onions into Ireland,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The placing in free circulation in Ireland of onions, fresh or chilled, (subheading ex 07.01 H of the Common Customs Tariff) originating in Poland shall be suspended from 28 December 1977.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 125, 19. 5. 1977, p. 1.