

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2431/96
of 17 December 1996
fixing the reference prices for fishery products for the 1997 fishing year
 (Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 of 17 December 1992 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3318/94⁽²⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Articles 22 (6) and 23 (5) thereof,

Whereas Article 22 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides, among other things, for reference prices valid for the Community to be fixed each year, by product category, for the products specified in Annexes I, II, III, IV (B) and V to that Regulation, subject to the consultation procedures laid down for certain products within the framework of the GATT;

Whereas Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 allows, *inter alia*, the fixing of reference prices for the products referred to in Annex IV (A) before the beginning of each marketing year;

Whereas Article 22 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 provides that the reference price for the products specified in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) thereto must be equal, respectively, to the withdrawal and selling prices fixed in accordance with Article 11 (1) and Article 13 thereof;

Whereas Community withdrawal and selling prices for the products concerned were fixed for the 1997 fishing year by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2427/96⁽³⁾;

Whereas, the reference prices for the products specified in Annexes I (B) and (C) and IV (B) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 are determined on the basis of the average of the reference prices for the fresh product, account being taken of the processing costs and of the need to ensure a price relationship in keeping with the market situation;

Whereas the reference prices for the products specified in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 must be derived from their guide prices by reference to the price level at which the intervention measures provided for in

Article 16 (1) thereof may be taken, and fixed taking account of the situation on the market in those products;

Whereas the reference prices for the fishes of the species *Thunnus* and *Euthynnus*, specified in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 are based on the weighted average of the free-at-frontier prices recorded on the most representative markets in the Member States during the three preceding years;

Whereas for the carp and salmon referred to in Annex IV (A) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92, reference prices are fixed on the basis of the average of the producer prices recorded during the three years preceding the date on which the reference price is fixed for a product with commercial characteristics as set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2210/93⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 843/95⁽⁵⁾;

Whereas, for the frozen and salted products specified in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for which no reference price is fixed for the fresh product, the reference prices are determined on the basis of the reference price applied to a commercially similar fresh product; however, given the quantities of certain frozen and salted products and the conditions governing their importation, it does not appear necessary to fix a reference price for such products in the immediate future;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The reference prices for the 1997 fishing year for the products specified in Annexes I, II, III, IV (A), (B) and V to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 shall be as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1997.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 388, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 350, 31. 12. 1994, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ See page 4 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 197, 6. 8. 1993, p. 8.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 85, 19. 4. 1995, p. 13.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1996.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

1. Reference prices of products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

| Species | Size (°) | Reference price (ECU/tonne) | | | |
|--|----------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | | Gutted fish with head (°) | | Whole fish (°) | |
| | | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | Extra, A (°) | B (°) |
| Herring of the species <i>Clupea harengus</i> ex 0302 40 05, ex 0302 40 10 and ex 0302 40 98 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 128 |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 198 | 198 |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 186 |
| | 4 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 116 |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 | 221 | 221 |
| Sardines of the species <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> ex 0302 61 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 259 | 160 |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 324 | 160 |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 367 | 160 |
| | 4 | 0 | 0 | 237 | 160 |
| Dogfish <i>(Squalus acanthias)</i> 0302 65 20 | 1 | 622 | 456 | 622 | 414 |
| | 2 | 530 | 373 | 530 | 332 |
| | 3 | 290 | 207 | 290 | 166 |
| Dogfish <i>(Scyliorhinus spp.)</i> 0302 65 50 | 1 | 516 | 387 | 484 | 322 |
| | 2 | 516 | 387 | 451 | 322 |
| | 3 | 355 | 258 | 290 | 148 |
| Redfish <i>(Sebastes spp.)</i> 0302 69 31 and 0302 69 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 908 | 908 |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 908 | 908 |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 767 | 767 |
| Cod of the species <i>Gadus morhua</i> 0302 50 10 | 1 | 1 063 | 1 004 | 768 | 590 |
| | 2 | 1 063 | 1 004 | 768 | 590 |
| | 3 | 1 004 | 827 | 590 | 472 |
| | 4 | 791 | 543 | 449 | 319 |
| | 5 | 555 | 319 | 331 | 213 |
| Coalfish <i>(Pollachius virens)</i> 0302 63 00 | 1 | 549 | 549 | 427 | 427 |
| | 2 | 549 | 549 | 427 | 427 |
| | 3 | 543 | 543 | 421 | 421 |
| | 4 | 463 | 317 | 232 | 171 |
| Haddock <i>(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)</i> 0302 62 00 | 1 | 742 | 660 | 577 | 495 |
| | 2 | 742 | 660 | 577 | 495 |
| | 3 | 635 | 536 | 445 | 305 |
| | 4 | 536 | 437 | 396 | 264 |
| Whiting <i>(Merlangius merlangus)</i> 0302 69 41 | 1 | 572 | 536 | 429 | 286 |
| | 2 | 572 | 536 | 429 | 286 |
| | 3 | 543 | 436 | 393 | 164 |
| | 4 | 379 | 257 | 279 | 157 |
| Ling (<i>Molva</i> spp.) 0302 69 45 | 1 | 767 | 587 | 632 | 451 |
| | 2 | 749 | 569 | 614 | 433 |
| | 3 | 677 | 496 | 541 | 361 |
| Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber scombrus</i> ex 0302 64 05, ex 0302 64 10 and ex 0302 64 98 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 202 |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 179 |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 167 |
| Spanish mackerel of the species <i>Scomber japonicus</i> ex 0302 64 05, ex 0302 64 10 and ex 0302 64 98 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 239 | 211 |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 239 | 197 |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 197 | 160 |
| | 4 | 0 | 0 | 154 | 98 |

| Species | Size (°) | Reference price (ECU/tonne) | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-----|
| | | Gutted fish with head (°) | | Whole fish (°) | | |
| | | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | |
| Anchovies (<i>Engraulis</i> spp.) 0302 69 55 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 794 | 447 | |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 844 | 447 | |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 695 | 447 | |
| | 4 | 0 | 0 | 288 | 288 | |
| Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>) 0302 22 00 | 1 | 752 | 710 | 410 | 410 | |
| | — 1 January to 30 April 1997 | 2 | 752 | 710 | 410 | 410 |
| | 3 | 727 | 669 | 410 | 410 | |
| | 4 | 568 | 501 | 384 | 384 | |
| | — 1 May to 31 December 1997 | 1 | 1 035 | 977 | 563 | 563 |
| | 2 | 1 035 | 977 | 563 | 563 | |
| | 3 | 1 000 | 920 | 563 | 563 | |
| | 4 | 782 | 690 | 529 | 529 | |
| Hake of the species <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ex 0302 69 68 | 1 | 3 261 | 3 065 | 2 576 | 2 380 | |
| | 2 | 2 478 | 2 315 | 1 924 | 1 761 | |
| | 3 | 2 446 | 2 282 | 1 891 | 1 728 | |
| | 4 | 2 087 | 1 924 | 1 630 | 1 337 | |
| | 5 | 1 956 | 1 793 | 1 533 | 1 239 | |
| Megrin (<i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.) 0302 29 10 | 1 | 1 557 | 1 190 | 1 465 | 1 099 | |
| | 2 | 1 373 | 1 007 | 1 282 | 916 | |
| | 3 | 1 282 | 916 | 1 190 | 824 | |
| | 4 | 824 | 458 | 732 | 366 | |
| Ray's bream (<i>Brama</i> spp.) 0302 69 75 | 1 | 1 212 | 927 | 1 140 | 855 | |
| | 2 | 855 | 570 | 784 | 499 | |
| Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>) ex 0302 29 90 | 1 | 658 | 581 | 542 | 426 | |
| | 2 | 503 | 426 | 387 | 271 | |
| Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>) ex 0302 29 90 | 1 | 363 | 318 | 318 | 250 | |
| | 2 | 272 | 227 | 227 | 159 | |
| Albacore or longfinned tuna (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>) 0302 31 10 and 0302 31 90 | 1 | 2 208 | 1 325 | 1 703 | 1 609 | |
| | 2 | 2 208 | 1 258 | 1 609 | 1 514 | |
| Cuttlefish (<i>Sepia officinalis</i> and <i>Rossia macrosoma</i>) ex 0307 41 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 012 | 759 | |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 012 | 759 | |
| | 3 | 0 | 0 | 633 | 380 | |
| | | Whole or gutted fish with head (°) | | Without head (°) | | |
| | | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | |
| Monkfish (<i>Lophius</i> spp.) 0302 69 81 | 1 | 1 630 | 1 177 | 4 168 | 3 242 | |
| | 2 | 2 083 | 1 630 | 3 937 | 3 011 | |
| | 3 | 2 083 | 1 630 | 3 705 | 2 779 | |
| | 4 | 1 744 | 1 291 | 3 242 | 2 316 | |
| | 5 | 951 | 498 | 2 316 | 1 389 | |

| Species | Size (°) | All presentations | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| | | A (°) | | B (°) | | |
| Shrimps of the species <i>Crangon crangon</i> ex 0306 23 31 and ex 0306 23 39 | 1 | 1 393 | | 1 179 | | |
| | 2 | 643 | | 643 | | |
| | | cooked in water | | fresh or chilled | | |
| | | A (°) | B (°) | A (°) | B (°) | |
| Deep-water prawns <i>Pandalus borealis</i> ex 0306 23 10 | 1 | 4 838 | 4 269 | 1 141 | 913 | |
| | 2 | 1 707 | 1 707 | — | — | |
| | | Whole (°) | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Edible crabs <i>Cancer pagurus</i> ex 0306 24 30 | 1 | 1 272 | | | | |
| | 2 | 954 | | | | |
| | | Whole (°) | | | Tails (°) | |
| | | E (°) | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | Extra, A (°) | B (°) |
| Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> ex 0306 29 30 | 1 | 4 342 | 4 342 | 3 108 | 3 451 | 2 300 |
| | 2 | 4 342 | 2 971 | 1 737 | 2 876 | 1 534 |
| | 3 | 3 885 | 2 971 | 1 737 | 2 109 | 1 112 |
| | 4 | 2 514 | 2 057 | 1 143 | 1 764 | 537 |
| | | Gutted fish with head (°) | | Whole fish (°) | | |
| | | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | Extra, A (°) | B (°) | |
| Sole (<i>Solea</i> spp.) 0302 23 00 | 1 | 4 588 | 4 078 | 3 569 | 2 804 | |
| | 2 | 4 588 | 4 078 | 3 569 | 2 804 | |
| | 3 | 4 333 | 3 823 | 3 314 | 2 549 | |
| | 4 | 3 569 | 3 059 | 2 549 | 2 039 | |
| | 5 | 3 059 | 2 549 | 2 039 | 1 784 | |

(°) The freshness categories, sizes and presentations are those defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92.

2. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

| CN code | Description | Reference prices (ECU/tonne) |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| A. Frozen products falling within CN codes 0303 and 0304 | | |
| 0303 31 10 | Greenland halibut (<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>) | 1 615 |
| 0303 79 71 | Sea bream (<i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> spp.) Hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp.) Whole fish: | 1 296 |
| 0303 78 10 | — with or without head | 931 |
| ex 0304 20 55, ex 0304 20 58 | Fillets: | |
| | — interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones (standard) | 1 165 |
| | — interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless | 1 358 |
| | — individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin | 1 210 |
| | — individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless | 1 299 |
| | — blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg | 1 373 |

| CN code | Description | Reference prices (ECU/tonne) |
|---|---|---|
| ex 0304 20 56 | <i>Merluccius hubbsi</i> Fillets: — interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones (standard) — interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless — individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin — individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless — blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg | 1 049 1 222 1 089 1 169 1 236 |
| ex 0304 90 47 | Pieces and other meat | 1 162 |
| B. Frozen products falling within CN code 0306: | | |
| 0306 13 40 | Shrimps <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i> | 3 502 |
| 0306 13 50 | Shrimps of the genus <i>Penaeus</i> | 6 787 |
| C. Frozen products falling within CN code 0307: | | |
| | Squid of the genus <i>Loligo</i> | |
| 0307 49 35 | — <i>Loligo patagonica</i> : whole, not cleaned cleaned | 898 1 078 |
| 0307 49 31 | — <i>Loligo vulgaris</i> : whole, not cleaned cleaned | 1 797 2 156 |
| 0307 49 33 | — <i>Loligo pealei</i> : whole, not cleaned cleaned | 1 078 1 258 |
| ex 0307 49 38 | — <i>Loligo opalescens</i> : whole, not cleaned cleaned | 719 854 |
| 0307 49 38 | — other species: whole, not cleaned cleaned | 988 1 168 |
| 0307 49 51 | Squid (<i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i>): whole, not cleaned tube cylinder | 817 1 552 2 328 |
| | <i>Illex</i> spp. | |
| ex 0307 99 11 | — <i>Illex illecebrosus</i> : whole, not cleaned tube cylinder | 762 1 449 2 173 |
| ex 0307 99 11 | — <i>Illex argentinus</i> : whole, not cleaned tube cylinder | 762 1 449 2 173 |
| ex 0307 99 11 | — other species: whole, not cleaned tube cylinder | 762 1 449 2 173 |
| 0307 49 01, 0307 49 18 | Cuttle fish (<i>Sepia officinalis</i> and <i>Rossia macrosoma</i>) and sépioles (<i>Sepiola rondeleti</i>) | 1 673 |
| 0307 59 10 | Octopus (<i>Octopus</i> spp.) | 1 624 |

3. Reference prices for the products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

Tuna (of the genus *Thunnus*), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*) and other species of the genus *Euthynnus*, fresh, chilled or frozen, for the industrial manufacture of products falling within CN code 1604:

| Product | Reference prices (ECU/tonne) | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Whole | Gilled and gutted | Other (for example 'heads off') |
| A. Albacore or longfinned tuna (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>), frozen: 0303 41 11, 0303 41 13, 0303 41 19 | 1 419 | 1 617 | 1 758 |
| B. Yellowfin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>): | | | |
| 1) weighing more than 10 kg each (!) 0302 32 10, 0303 42 12, 0303 42 32, 0303 42 52 | 1 013 | 1 156 | 1 256 |
| 2) weighing not more than 10 kg each (!): 0302 32 10, 0303 42 18, 0303 42 38, 0303 42 58 | 790 | 901 | 980 |
| C. Lisatos or stripe bellied bonito (<i>Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis</i>): 0302 33 10, 0303 43 11, 0303 43 13, 0303 43 19 | 628 | 716 | 779 |
| D. Fish of the genus <i>Thunnus</i> and <i>Euthynnus</i> excluding Bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>), fresh or chilled and bigeye tuna (<i>Parathunnus obesus</i> or <i>Thunnus obesus</i>), fresh or chilled: ex 0302 39 19, 0302 69 21, ex 0303 49 41, ex 0303 49 43, ex 0303 49 49, 0303 79 21, 0303 79 23, 0303 79 29 | 760 | 866 | 942 |

(!) Reference to weight applies to whole products.

4. Reference prices for certain products listed in Annex IV (A) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92:

| Product | Form | Periods from | Reference prices (ECU/t) |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Carp falling within CN code 0301 93 00 | live, weighing at least 800 g | 1. 1. to 31. 7.1997 | 1 375 |
| | | 1. 8. to 30.11.1997 | 1 650 |
| | | 1.12. to 31.12.1997 | 1 650 |
| Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) fresh, chilled or frozen falling within CN codes | — whole | — | 3 329 |
| | — gutted | — | 3 699 |
| | — gutted without head | — | 4 070 |
| | — fillets | — | 4 810 |

5. Reference prices for the product listed in Annexes IV (B) and V to Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92

Frozen and salted products falling within CN code 0303 and 0304:

| Species | Presentation | Reference prices (ECU/tonne) |
|--|---|---|
| 1. Redfish (<i>Sebastes</i> spp.) 0303 79 35 0303 79 37 | Whole fish: — with or without head | 933 |
| 0304 20 35 0304 20 37 | Fillets: — with bones ('standard') — boneless — blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg | 1 858 2 141 2 219 |
| ex 0304 90 31 | Pieces and other meat | 1 311 |
| 2. Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> and <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>) and fish of the species <i>Boreogadus saida</i> 0303 60 11, 0303 60 19, 0303 60 90, 0303 79 41 | Whole fish: — with or without head | 1 062 |
| 0304 20 21 0304 20 29 | Fillets: — interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard') — interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless — individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin — individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless — blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg | 2 380 2 639 2 500 2 886 2 818 |
| ex 0304 90 35, ex 0304 90 38, ex 0304 90 39 | Pieces and other meat | 1 392 |
| 3. Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>) 0303 73 00 | Whole fish: — with or without head | 728 |
| 0304 20 31 | Fillets: — interleaved or in industrial blocks, (standard) — interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless — individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin — individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless — blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg | 1 473 1 623 1 476 1 665 1 700 |
| ex 0304 90 41 | Pieces and other meat | 977 |

| Species | Presentation | Reference prices (ECU/tonne) |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 4. Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>) 0303 72 00 | Whole fish: — with or without head | 886 |
| 0304 20 33 | Fillets: — interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones (standard) | 2 198 |
| | — interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless | 2 633 |
| | — individual or fully interleaved fillets, with skin | 2 537 |
| | — individual or fully interleaved fillets, skinless | 2 767 |
| | — blocks in immediate packing weighing not more than 4 kg | 2 931 |
| ex 0304 90 45 | Pieces and other meat | 1 038 |
| 5. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber scombrus</i> and <i>Scomber japonicus</i> and fish of the species <i>Orcynopsis unicolor</i> 0303 74 10 0303 74 11 0303 74 20 0303 79 60 0303 79 61 0303 79 62 0304 20 53 ex 0304 90 97 | Whole fish: — with head — without head | 399 441 |
| | Fillets: | 710 |
| | Sides | 575 |
| 6. Alaska pollack (<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>) ex 0304 20 85 | Fillets: — interleaved or in industrial blocks, with bones ('standard') | 1 104 |
| | — interleaved or in industrial blocks, boneless | 1 285 |
| 7. Swordfish (<i>Xipbias gladius</i>) ex 0303 79 87 | Whole fish, with or without head | 3 164 |
| 8. Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> and <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>) and fish of the species <i>Borreogadus saida</i> 0305 62 00, 0305 69 10 | Salted fish, not dried or smoked, and fish in brine < 1,1 kg ≥ 1,1 kg; < 2,1 kg ≥ 2,1 kg | 2 638 2 898 3 313 |