

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities
for common wheat, rye, barley, maize, sorghum and durum wheat

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following the adoption of the new basic regulation on the common organization of the market in cereals, the regulation fixing the standard qualities for the cereals for which common prices are fixed should be adapted.

For common wheat it is proposed to use one single standard quality for the intervention price, target price and threshold price, based on the standard quality currently used for intervention. For the other cereals, it is proposed that the standard quality currently applicable to the intervention and target prices be extended to the threshold price.

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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 Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽³⁾,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that a target price, a threshold price and an intervention price are to be fixed at the same level for the main cereals; whereas, as a result, it is no longer necessary to specify different qualities of common wheat for the various types of price;

Whereas the threshold price is no longer derived from the target price and the standard quality fixed for the intervention price and the target price should also be applied to the threshold price,

(1) OJ No L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 22

(2) OJ No L

(3) OJ No L

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

"Article 1

The standard quality for which the intervention price, the target price and the threshold price for common wheat are fixed shall be defined in accordance with the following physical and technical criteria:

1. Physical quality criteria:

- (a) common wheat of a sound and fair merchantable quality, free from abnormal smell and live pests, of a colour proper to this cereal;
- (b) moisture content: 14%;
- (c) total percentage of matter other than basic cereals, of unimpaired quality: 5% of which:
 - percentage of broken grains: 2%,
 - percentage of grain impurities: 1.5% ("grain impurities" means shrivelled grains, grains of other cereals, grains damaged by pests, grains showing discolouration of the germ and grains heated by drying),
 - percentage of sprouted grains: 1%,
 - percentage of miscellaneous impurities: 0.5% ("miscellaneous impurities" consist of extraneous seeds, damaged grains, extraneous matter, husks, ergot, decayed grains, dead insects and fragments of insects);
- (d) specific weight: 76 kilograms per hectolitre;

2. Technical quality criteria:

- the dough from such wheat does not stick during the mechanical kneading process,
- the protein content (N x 5.7), in terms of dry matter, is at least 11.5%,
- the Zeleny index is at least 25,
- the Hagberg falling number is at least 230, including preparation (agitation) time of 60 seconds."

2. "The target price and the intervention price" in Articles 2, 3, 4a and 5 is replaced by "The target price, the intervention price and the threshold price".

3. "in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75" in Article 6(b) is replaced by "in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1993.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE:

1. BUDGET HEADING: 101 (Article)

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 2 144 million

2. TITLE: Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize, sorghum and durum wheat

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 43 of the Treaty

4. AIMS OF PROJECT:

To fix standard qualities

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Period of 12 months (ECU m)	Current Financial Year 1993	Following Financial Year 1994	
5.0 EXPENDITURE				
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET				
- (XXXXXXX/INTERVENTION)	p.m.	p.m.		p.m.
	1995	1996	1997	1998
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?
YESXXX

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?
XXXXXX

6.2 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?
XXXXNO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?
YESXXX

OBSERVATIONS:

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