



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**fixing for the 2002 fishing year the guide prices for the fishery products listed in
Annexes I and II and the Community producer price for the fishery products listed in
Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products requires a guide price to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex I and each of the products and groups of products listed in Annex II thereto, on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on wholesale markets or in ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

When fixing those prices, account is also taken of trends in production and demand and other factors such as the need to ensure stable market prices and support producers' incomes and the interests of consumers.

Compared with the period 1998-2000, average prices for white fish continued to rise steadily over the period 1999-2001, with increases between +1% and +26%, with the exception of prices for hake, saithe, plaice and spotted dogfish. During the first half of 2001, prices for white fish other than hake, spotted dogfish, megrim, and whole monkfish were higher than during the same period the previous year. In the light of this favourable market situation, the Commission is proposing an increase in the guide prices of between 1% and 2.5% for most species of white fish, with the exception of spotted dogfish. It is proposed to maintain current prices for hake, megrim and flounder.

The market situation for pelagic species has improved considerably, with price increases in the period 1999-2001 between 4% and 64% higher than over the period 1998-2000. Most of these increases were confirmed and even amplified in the first six months of 2001.

The Commission is therefore proposing to increase the guide price for these species, by between + 1% (anchovy) and + 3% (herring, mackerel).

As regards the other species in Annex I, in particular crustaceans, the recent market situation has been less favourable, with the exception of shrimps. The Commission is therefore proposing to maintain current guide prices for most of these species.

Prices for frozen products listed in Annex II have tended to increase on the international markets, with the exception of hake, cuttlefish and octopus for which the Commission is proposing either to maintain the current price (hake) or to reduce the guide price (cuttlefish, octopus).

In addition, Article 26 of Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires a Community producer price to be fixed for tuna intended for the canning industry, relating to a product with given commercial characteristics on the basis of the average of prices recorded for a significant proportion of Community output on wholesale markets or in ports during the three fishing years immediately preceding the year for which the price is fixed.

The average Community price fell in 1999-2001 compared with 1998-2000, although there was an improvement in the situation in the first six months of 2001.

The Commission is proposing a 1% reduction in the Community producer price for the 2002 fishing year.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products¹, and in particular Articles 18(3) and 26(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires a guide price to be fixed for each fishing year for each of the products and groups of products listed in Annexes I and II to that Regulation.
- (2) On the basis of the data currently available on the prices for the products concerned and the criteria referred to in Article 18(2) of the above Regulation, those prices should be increased, maintained or reduced for the 2002 fishing year depending on the species.
- (3) Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires a Community producer price to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex III to that Regulation.
- (4) Since Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3510/82² fixes the conversion factors applicable to different species of tuna, Community producer prices need not be fixed for all species of tuna listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, but only for yellow-fin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*).
- (5) On the basis of the criteria laid down in the first and second indents of Article 18(2) and in Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2002, the Community producer price for the 2002 fishing year should be reduced,

¹ OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22.

² OJ L 368, 28.12.1982, p. 27. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3899/92 (OJ L 392, 31.12.1992, p. 24).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The guide prices for the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 2002 for the products listed in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 and for the presentations and commercial categories to which they relate shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

The Community producer price for yellow-fin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) for the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 2002 is hereby fixed as follows:

(EUR/tonne)

Species	Commercial specifications	Community producer price
Yellow-fin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)	Whole, weighing more than 10 kg each	1 160

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2002.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Annexes	Species Products listed in Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000	Commercial presentation	Guide price (EUR/tonne)
I	1. Herring of the species <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Whole fish	260
	2. Sardines of the species <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	Whole fish	558
	3. Dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	Whole fish or Gutted fish with head	1101
	4. Spotted dogfish (<i>Scyliorhinus spp.</i>)	Whole fish or Gutted fish with head	790
	5. Redfish (<i>Sebastes spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1171
	6. Cod of the species <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1591
	7. Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	790
	8. Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1078
	9. Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	925
	10. Ling (<i>Molva spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1214
	11. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Whole fish	296
	12. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Whole fish	315
	13. Anchovy (<i>Engraulis spp.</i>)	Whole fish	1209
	14. Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head from 1.1.2002 to 30.4.2002	1063
		Whole fish or gutted fish with head from 1.5.2002 to 31.12.2002	1462
	15. Hake of the species <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	3695
	16. Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	2382
	17. Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	937
	18. Common flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	552
	19. Albacore or longfinned tunas (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)	Whole fish	2177
		Gutted fish with head	2477
	20. Cuttlefish (<i>Sepia officinalis</i> and <i>Rossia macrosoma</i>)	Whole	1613
	21. Monkfish (<i>Lophius spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	2854
		Without head	5928
	22. Shrimp of the species <i>Crangon crangon</i>	Simply boiled in water	2478
	23. Northern prawn (<i>Pandalus borealis</i>)	Simply boiled in water	6547
		Fresh or chilled	1707
	24. Edible crab (<i>Cancer pagurus</i>)	Whole	1784
	25. Norway lobster (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>)	Whole	5337
		Tails	4323
	26. Sole (<i>Solea spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	6648
II	1. Greenland halibut (<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1976
	2. Hake of the genus <i>Merluccius spp.</i>	Frozen, whole, in original packages containing the same products	1277
		Frozen, filleted, in original packages containing the same products	1530
	3. Sea bream (<i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus spp.</i>)	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1587
	4. Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	Frozen, whole, in original packages containing the same products	4080
	5. Cuttlefish (<i>Sepia officinalis</i>) (<i>Rossia macrosoma</i>) (<i>Sepioloa rondeletti</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1909
	6. Octopus (<i>Octopus spp.</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1967
	7. Squid (<i>Loligo spp.</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1156
	8. Squid (<i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	961
	9. <i>Illex argentinus</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	831
	10. Prawn of the family <i>Penaeidae</i> - Prawn of the species <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i> - Other species of the family <i>Penaeidae</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	4119
		Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	8061

Financial statement		FISH/B/4 DATE: 9.10.2001	
1.	BUDGET HEADING: B1-261	APPROPRIATIONS:	
2.	TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for the 2002 fishing year the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annexes I and II and the Community producer price for the fishery products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000		
3.	LEGAL BASIS: Articles 18 and 26 of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000		
4.	AIM: Annual fixing of prices and certain aids in the fisheries sector (2002 fishing year)		
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	12 MONTH PERIOD (EUR million)	FINANCIAL YEAR 2002 (EUR million)
5.0	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER		17,2
5.1	REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL		
		[n+2]	[n+3]
5.0.1	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	Measures restricted to the 2002 fishing year (16.10.2001– 15.10.2002)	
5.1.1	ESTIMATED REVENUE		
5.2	METHOD OF CALCULATION: - Community withdrawals: EUR 2 million - Compensatory allowance for tuna: EUR 2.5 million - Autonomous withdrawals and carry-overs: EUR 2.5 million - Community carry-overs: EUR 3.7 million - Private storage aid: EUR 1 million - Operational programmes: EUR 5.3 million - Technical assistance: EUR 0.2 million		
6.0	CAN BE FUNDED BY APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET		
6.1	CAN BE FUNDED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET		
6.2	WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY?		NO
6.3	WILL APPROPRIATIONS NEED TO BE ENTERED IN FUTURE BUDGETS?		YES
OBSERVATIONS: Since this is a price-fixing measure, the impact on expenditure is indirect. The expenditure in question will largely depend on developments in the market situation and on quantities landed.			