



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

fixing for the 2003 fishing year the guide prices and Community producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant 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. The calculation is made 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 1999-2001, average prices for white fish continued to rise steadily over the period 2000-2002, with increases of between +1% and +8% for most species. During the first half of 2002, prices for white fish were generally higher than during the same period of the previous year. In the light of this favourable market situation, the Commission proposes increases in the guide prices for most species of white fish of between 1% and 2.5%, with the exception of spotted dogfish, haddock, plaice and dab. It is proposed maintaining current prices for common flounder, monkfish without head and sole.

The market situation for pelagic species has improved considerably, with price increases in the period 2000-2002 between 3% and 33% and even 80% for Spanish mackerel higher than over the period 1999-2001. Most of these increases were confirmed in the first six months of 2002. The Commission therefore proposes increases in the guide price for these species of between + 1% (sardines) and + 3% (herring).

As regards the other species in Annex I, in particular crustaceans, the recent market situation has been less favourable. The Commission therefore proposes minor variations or maintaining current guide prices for these species.

Prices for frozen products listed in Annex II have tended to increase on the international markets with the exception of whole hake and swordfish, for which the Commission proposes reductions of - 1% and - 1.5%, respectively.

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. The calculation is made 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 rose in the period 2000-2002 compared with 1999-2001. This trend was confirmed in the first six months of 2002. In the light of this market situation, the Commission proposes a 1% increase in the Community producer price for the 2003 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 Article 18(3) and Article 26(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 18(1) and Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 provide that a guide price and a Community producer price should be fixed for each fishing year in order to determine price levels for intervention on the market for certain fisheries products.
- (2) Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires the guide price to be fixed for each of the products and groups of products listed in Annexes I and II to that Regulation.
- (3) 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 Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, the guide prices should be increased, maintained or reduced for the 2003 fishing year depending on the species.

¹ OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22.

- (4) Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 requires the Community producer price to be fixed for each of the products listed in Annex III to that Regulation. It is, however, sufficient to establish the Community producer price for only one of the products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 since the prices for the other products may be calculated by means of the conversion factors established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3510/82².
- (5) On the basis of the criteria laid down in the first and second indent of Article 18(2) and in Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, the Community producer price for the 2003 fishing year should be increased,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 2003, the guide prices as provided for in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 shall be as set out in the Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

For the fishing year from 1 January to 31 December 2003, the Community producer prices as provided for in Article 26(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 shall be as set out in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2003.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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

ANNEX I

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	268
	2. Sardines of the species <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	Whole fish	567
	3. Dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	Whole fish or Gutted fish with head	1112
	4. Spotted dogfish (<i>Scyliorhinus spp.</i>)	Whole fish or Gutted fish with head	782
	5. Redfish (<i>Sebastes spp.</i>)	Whole fish	1189
	6. Cod of the species <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1631
	7. Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	802
	8. Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1062
	9. Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	952
	10. Ling (<i>Molva spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	1226
	11. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Whole fish	303
	12. Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Whole fish	321
	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	1052
		Whole fish or gutted fish with head from 1.5.2002 to 31.12.2002	1447
	15. Hake of the species <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	3750
	16. Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	2406
	17. Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	918
	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	2221
		Gutted fish with head	2502
	20. Cuttlefish (<i>Sepia officinalis and Rossia macrosoma</i>)	Whole	1637
	21. Monkfish (<i>Lophius spp.</i>)	Whole fish or gutted fish with head	2897
		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	6612
Fresh or chilled		1690	
24. Edible crab (<i>Cancer pagurus</i>)	Whole	1766	
25. Norway lobster (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>)	Whole	5337	
	Tails	4366	
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	1996
	2. Hake of the genus <i>Merluccius spp.</i>	Frozen, whole, in original packages containing the same products	1264
		Frozen, filleted, in original packages containing the same products	1530
	3. Sea bream (<i>Dentex dentex and Pagellus spp.</i>)	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1635
	4. Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	Frozen, whole, in original packages containing the same products	4019
	5. Cuttlefish (<i>Sepia officinalis</i>) (<i>Rossia macrosoma</i>) (<i>Sepiola rondeletti</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1986
	6. Octopus (<i>Octopus spp.</i>)	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	2047
	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	848
	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	4160
Frozen, in original packages containing the same products		7982	

ANNEX II

Species	Commercial specifications	Community producer price (EUR/tonne)
Products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000		
Yellow-fin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)	Whole, weighing more than 10 kg each	1 184

The Community producer prices for the other products listed in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 shall be determined by means of the conversion factors referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 3510/82.

Financial statement		FISH/B/4 DATE: 16.10.2002	
1.	BUDGET HEADING: B1-261	APPROPRIATIONS:	
2.	TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for the 2003 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 (2003 fishing year)		
5.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	12 MONTH PERIOD (EUR million)	FINANCIAL YEAR 2003 (EUR million)
5.0	EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER		14,45
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 2003 fishing year	
5.1.1	ESTIMATED REVENUE	(16.10.2002– 15.10.2003)	
5.2	METHOD OF CALCULATION: - Community withdrawals: EUR 2 million - Compensatory allowance for tuna: EUR 2 million - Autonomous withdrawals and carry-overs: EUR 2 million - Community carry-overs: EUR 2,5 million - Private storage aid: EUR 0,5 million - Operational programmes: EUR 5,3 million - Technical assistance: EUR 0,15 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.			