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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 104/76 laying down common marketing standards for shrimps of the genus "Crangon" sp.p.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Regulation (EEC) No 104/76 laying down common marketing standards for shrimps of the genus "Crangon" sp.p. provides, inter alia for two size categories. There is, however, no minimum size for the smaller of these.

Experience has shown, however, that a minimum size is required, in the interests of proper management of the market in shrimps for human consumption. The introduction of such a measure will help to ensure greater price stability and reduce withdrawals from the market.

Since a number of local markets in the Community currently receive minor quantities of small shrimps, there appear to be grounds for making derogations in certain special cases.

This proposal is expected to reduce EAGGF guarantee expenditure.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products[1], and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas under Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 common marketing standards may be determined for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation or for groups of those products;

Whereas experience has shown that certain minimum requirements should be specified in respect of the freshness categories;

Whereas the fixing of common marketing standards for shrimps should take account of the need to ensure that the sizes concerned meet market requirements; whereas the marketing for human consumption of shrimps which are below a certain minimum size in terms of shell width or shrimps per kg should therefore be prohibited; whereas the size categories for shrimps should be altered accordingly;

Whereas the landing, on a geographically limited scale, of shrimps below the specified minimum size may, in exceptional cases to be determined, meet specific local market requirements;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 104/76[2] should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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[1] OJ No L 379, 31.12.1981, p. 1.

[2] OJ L 20, 28. 1.1976, p. 35.

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 104/76 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In the title and Article 1, "sp.p." is replaced by "crangon".

2. In Article 5(1):

Under the heading "Freshness Category A"

- the last indent of subparagraph (a) is replaced by the following:

"- the shrimps must be free from sand, mucus and other foreign bodies.";

- the first indent of subparagraph (b) is replaced by the following:

"- bright brownish-red verging on grey; the pectoral part of the shell should be predominantly light in colour;"

Under the heading "Freshness Category B"

- the first indend of subparagraph (b) is replaced by the following:

"- slightly washed-out reddish-brown colour verging on bluish-red; the pectoral part of the shell should be predominantly dark;"

3. Article 7 is replaced by the following:

"Article 7

1. Shrimps shall be graded in the following size categories:

	Width of shell	Shrimps per kg
Size 1	6.8 mm and over	670 or less
Size 2	6.5 mm and over	770 or less

2. The grading of shrimps according to size category must be done using a sirgle, continuous method.

Lots of shrimps of a given size category must not include smaller shrimps.

3. The size category must be clearly and indelibly marked, in characters at least 5 cm high, on labels affixed to the lot.

4. To the extent required in order to provide local supplies for certain coastal areas in the Community, derogations from the minimum size specified in paragraph 1 may be allowed in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 33 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81[1].

[1] OJ No L 379, 31.12.1981, p. 1."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1984.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President