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COUNCIL DECISION

of 19 December 1972

extending the system of minimum prices

(72/424/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 44 (6) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas, in its Decision of 4 April 1962¹ on minimum prices the Council laid down objective criteria for the establishment of a system of minimum prices and for the fixing of those prices;

Whereas the Council, in its Decision of 20 December 1969² extended, for the Member States concerned, the system of minimum prices effective on 31 December 1969; whereas it did however authorise the levying of countervailing charges to replace the minimum prices on imports into Germany of edible vinegars and edible substitutes therefor, and on imports into France of seed potatoes and certain products in the fisheries sector;

Whereas the Decision of 20 December 1969, which was applicable until 31 December 1970 at the latest, was extended by the Decision of 15 December 1970³ and the Decision of 20 December 1971⁴ successively; whereas when these extensions were made, the Council took into account the fact that for wine vinegar and the fisheries products referred to in the Decision of 20 December 1969, the authorisation for the Member States concerned to levy countervailing charges to replace the minimum prices expired on 1 June 1970 and 1 February 1971 respectively, these being the dates of implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70,

of 28 April 1970,⁵ laying down additional provisions for the common organisation of the market in wine and of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70, of 20 October 1970¹ on the common organisation of the market in fishery products;

Whereas in respect of the products to which that Decision continues to apply, namely potatoes, including seed potatoes, and edible vinegars and edible substitutes therefor, other than wine, measures for the common organisation of markets will still not be applicable on 31 December 1972; whereas the validity of the Decision of 20 December 1969 should be extended for the period necessary to implement the said measures and until 31 December 1973 at the latest,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 3 of the Decision of 20 December 1969 on the system of minimum prices as last amended by the Decision of 20 December 1971, the date 31 December 1972 shall be replaced by 31 December 1973.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1972.

For the Council

The President

P. LARDINOIS

¹ OJ No 30, 20.4.1962, p. 995/62.

² OJ No L 328, 30.12.1969, p. 11.

³ OJ No L 281, 27.12.1970, p. 25.

⁴ OJ No L 2, 4.1.1972, p. 23.

⁵ OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 1.

⁶ OJ No L 236, 27.10.1970, p. 5.