

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 188/68

of 15 February 1968

on the price increases and reductions applicable to the price of beet

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 1009/67/EEC of 18 December 1967 on the common organization of the market in sugar⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 5 (2) and 45 thereof,

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC requires sugar manufacturers buying beet for processing into sugar to pay at least the minimum price for sugar beet, adjusted by price increases or reductions to allow for deviations from the standard quality;

Whereas the quality, and hence the value, of sugar beet largely depends on sugar content;

Whereas the most appropriate method of establishing the value of beet of a quality differing from the standard quality is to establish a scale of price increases and reductions expressed as a percentage of the minimum price of beet;

Whereas, for extreme polarizations, certain factors linked to climatic and harvesting conditions may hinder the extraction of sugar; whereas, in the absence of sufficiently precise information on extraction rates, the Community scale of price increases and reductions should be limited, for the time being, to sugar contents which may be considered as normal in the northern countries of the Community, that is to say between 14.5 and 18%;

Whereas on the whole beet with a sugar content of less than 14.5% is not grown in the northern countries of the Community; whereas sugar contents

of less than 14.5% are however quite common in Italy;

Whereas Article 45 of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC makes express provision for the adoption of transitional measures as to the method of payment for beet in Italy; whereas, given its special difficulties, Italy should be authorized to maintain its current method of payment for beet for the next two marketing years;

Whereas the scale fixed by this Regulation should be reviewed as soon as sufficient experience has been acquired;

Whereas the Management Committee for Sugar has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The minimum price for beet referred to in the first indent of Article 4 (1) of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC shall, for each 0.10% sucrose content:

- be increased by not less than:
 - 0.9% for contents exceeding 16% but not exceeding 17%,
 - 0.8% for contents exceeding 17% but not exceeding 18%;
- be reduced by not more than:
 - 0.9% for contents falling below 16% but not below 15.5%,
 - 1.0% for contents falling below 15.5% but not below 14.5%.

The price for beet with a sucrose content in excess of 18% shall be the minimum price adjusted for beet with an 18% sucrose content.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 308, 18. 12. 1967, p. 1.

2. Contracts, and agreements within the trade within the meaning of Article 6 of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC, may provide for larger increases and smaller reductions than those specified in paragraph 1; they may provide for further increases for sucrose contents in excess of 18% and further reductions for sucrose contents below 14.5%.

Article 2

The Italian Republic is hereby authorized to apply the method of payment for beet in force during the

1967/68 marketing year, taking into account the minimum price for beet referred to in the first indent of Article 4 (1) of Regulation No 1009/67/EEC.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1968. It shall apply until 30 June 1970.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 February 1968.

For the Commission

The President

Jean REY
