

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3127/76  
of 16 December 1976**

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 3559/73 laying down detailed rules for granting financial compensation and indemnities, fixing the withdrawal price and determining the buying-in price for certain fishery products**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products<sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/76<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 11 (5) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3559/73 of 21 December 1973<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3371/75<sup>(4)</sup>, laid down detailed rules for granting financial compensation and indemnities and for fixing the withdrawal prices;

Whereas application of the withdrawal arrangements is to contribute towards stabilizing the market without, however, provoking structural surpluses in the Community; whereas, therefore, appropriate support to all markets must be promoted, bearing in mind the differences between the commercial specifications of the various products landed as between various markets; whereas the withdrawal prices must furthermore be so fixed that the results of the endeavours of the producers' organizations in the Member States to stabilize prices will not be jeopardized, to the extent that they contribute to the attainment of Community objectives;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 3559/73 fixed the conversion factors reflecting the average price difference between a product with specific commercial specifications and products of the quality immediately below that of the product taken into consideration; whereas price trends on the Community markets require an amendment to the conversion factor for shrimps of size '1';

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 108/76 of 19 January 1976<sup>(5)</sup> laid down general rules for deter-

mining, in the fishery sector, the landing areas situated at a considerable distance from the main centres of consumption in the Community;

Whereas it is provided in the second subparagraph of Article 11 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 that, in order to ensure that producers in landing areas which are very distant from the main centres of consumption in the Community have access to markets under satisfactory conditions, the withdrawal prices may be multiplied by conversion factors for those areas; whereas these factors are to be determined in such a way that the differences between the prices thus converted correspond to the price disparities to be expected in the case of normal production on the basis of the natural conditions of price formation on the market; whereas it is necessary to re-determine the area for hake;

Whereas examination of the trend of the market price for mackerel and hake in those areas and therefore the price formation to be expected call for the re-fixing of the corresponding conversion factors;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annexes I and III to Regulation (EEC) No 3559/73 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 December 1976.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 20, 28. 1. 1976, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 276, 7. 10. 1976, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 361, 29. 12. 1973, p. 53.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 333, 30. 12. 1975, p. 24.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 20, 28. 1. 1976, p. 45.

## ANNEX I

## Products listed in Annex I (A) and (C) to Regulation (EEC) No 100/76

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Conversion factor	
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation		
Herrings	All categories	1	Whole fish	0.85	
	All categories	2	Whole fish	0.80	
	All categories	3	Whole fish	0.50	
Sardines : (a) from the Atlantic	Extra, A	2	Whole fish	0.85	
	Extra	3	Whole fish	0.65	
	Extra A	1, 4 3	Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.55	
	A B	1, 4 All sizes	Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.35	
	(b) from the Mediterranean	Extra, A	2	Whole fish	0.85
		Extra	3	Whole fish	0.70
		Extra A	1, 4 3	Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.60
		A B	1,4 All sizes	Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.45
Redfish ( <i>Sebastes marinus</i> )		All categories	All sizes	Whole fish	0.90
		Cod	All categories Extra, A	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3	Gutted fish with head Whole fish
Extra, A B	4 1, 2, 3		Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.60	
Extra, A B Extra, A	5 4 4		Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.55	
B B	5 4		Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.40	
All categories	5		Whole fish	0.30	
Saithe	All categories Extra, A	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3	Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.90	

Species	Commercial specifications (1)			Conversion factor
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
Saithe (cont'd)	Extra, A B	4 1, 2, 3	Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.75
	B	4	Gutted fish with head	0.55
	All categories	4	Whole fish	0.40
Haddock	Extra, A All categories	1, 2 1, 2, 3	Whole fish Gutted fish with head	} 0.80
	Extra, A	4	Gutted fish with head	0.70
	B Extra, A B	4 3, 4 1, 2, 3	Gutted fish with head Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.50
	B	4	Whole fish	0.40
Whiting	All categories Extra, A Extra, A	1, 2 3 1, 2	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.72
	B Extra, A	3 3	Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.65
	Extra, A B Extra, A	4 1, 2, 3 4	Gutted fish with head Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.55
	B	4	Gutted fish with head	0.40
	B	4	Whole fish	0.30
Mackerel	Extra A A B	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3 1, 2 1	Whole fish Whole fish in original boxes Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.85
	B A	2 3	Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.75
	B A	3 4	Whole fish Whole fish in original boxes	} 0.70
	All categories	4	Whole fish	0.40
Anchovies	Extra, A	2	Whole fish	0.85
	Extra A	1, 3 1	Whole fish Whole fish	} 0.70

Species	Commercial specifications <sup>(1)</sup>			Conversion factor
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
Anchovies (cont'd)	B	1	Whole fish	} 0.60
	A	3	Whole fish	
	B	2, 3	Whole fish	0.45
Plaice	All categories	1, 2, 3	Gutted fish with head	0.80
	Extra, A	4	Gutted fish with head	0.69
	B All categories	4 All sizes	Gutted fish with head Whole fish	} 0.59
Hake	All categories	1, 2	Gutted fish with head	0.85
	All categories	3	Gutted fish with head	0.76
	All categories	4	Gutted fish with head	0.60
Shrimps of the genus Crangon sp.p.	A, B	1	Simply boiled in water	0.65
	A, B	2	Simply boiled in water	0.20

<sup>(1)</sup> The freshness categories, sizes and presentations are those defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 100/76.

## ANNEX II

Species	Landing areas	Conversion factor
Herring	1. All coastal areas of and islands off Great Britain, north of a line from Fleetwood (west coast of England) to Hartlepool (east coast of England); with the exception of the Isle of Man	0.80
	2. Coastal areas and islands north of a line from Loop Head to Wicklow Head in Ireland	0.93
Mackerel	3. Coastal areas of and islands off Ireland, Northern Ireland and the counties of Cornwall and Devon in England	0.80
	4. Western, northern and north-eastern coastal areas of Scotland to Aberdeen and the islands to the west and north of these areas	0.55
Whiting	5. Coastal areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland, the coastal area of Great Britain from Whitehaven in England to Wick in north-eastern Scotland and the islands to the west and north of these areas; with the exception of the Isle of Man	0.85
Sardines (Atlantic)	6. Coastal areas of and islands off the counties of Cornwall and Devon in England	0.44
Hake	7. All coastal areas of Scotland and Northern Ireland	0.70