

COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 December 1974

extending the system of minimum prices for potatoes and certain vinegars

(74/641/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas in its Decision⁽¹⁾ of 4 April 1962 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⁽²⁾ of 20 December 1969 extended, for the Member States concerned, the system of minimum prices effective on 31 December 1969; whereas it did however, authorize the levying of countervailing charges to replace the minimum prices on imports into Germany of edible vinegars and edible substitutes therefor other than wine vinegar, 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 successively extended by the Decision of 15 December 1970⁽³⁾, the Decision of 20 December 1971⁽⁴⁾, the Decision of 19 December 1972⁽⁵⁾ and the Decision of 17 December 1973⁽⁶⁾; whereas, when these extensions were made in December 1970 and December 1971, 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 authorization for the Member States concerned to levy countervailing charges to replace the minimum prices expired on 1 June 1970 and 1 February 1971 respec-

tively, these being the dates of implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970⁽⁷⁾ laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine and of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 of 20 October 1970⁽⁸⁾ on the common organization of the market in fishery products;

Whereas no common organization of the market in the products to which that Decision still applies, namely potatoes, including seed potatoes, and edible vinegars and edible substitutes therefor, other than wine vinegar, will have been established by 31 December 1974; 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 1975 at the latest,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 3 of the Council Decision of 20 December 1969 on the system of minimum prices, as last amended by the Decision of 17 December 1973, '31 December 1974' is replaced by '31 December 1975'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1974

For the Council

The President

M. DURAFOUR

(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 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 152.

(6) OJ No L 360, 29. 12. 1973, p. 65.

(7) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.

(8) OJ No L 236, 27. 10. 1970, p. 5.