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REGULATION (EEC) No 2431/72 OF THE COUNCIL

of 21 November 1972

fixing basic and buying-in prices for mandarins for the period extending from
16 November 1972 to 28 February 1973

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72¹ of 18 May 1972 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables, and in particular Article 16 (1) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas the marketing of the mandarins harvested in a given crop year covers the period from November to March of the following year;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 16 (1) second subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, the slack marketing periods at the beginning and end of the crop year should be excluded; whereas the quantities marketed in the first fifteen days of November and in the month of March of the following year represent only a small percentage of the tonnage marketed over the whole crop year; whereas, therefore, these periods should not be taken into account in determining the duration of the marketing year, which should thus be the period from 16 November to 28 February of the following year;

Whereas Class I mandarins are sufficiently representative for the whole of the marketing year; whereas that class should therefore be selected for the purposes of applying the intervention system;

Whereas, in order that the seasonal fluctuations in the prices of mandarins should be taken into account, the marketing year should be subdivided into a number of periods with basic and

buying-in prices fixed for each one of these periods;

Whereas when the basic price is being determined the surplus production areas which must be taken into account pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 are:

- in November: the Italian production area of the Province of Palermo;
- in December, January and February: the Italian production areas of the Provinces of Palermo and Syracuse;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the period from 16 November 1972 to February 1973 the basic and buying-in prices for mandarins, expressed in units of account per 100 kg net weight, shall be as follows:

	Basic Price	Buying-in price
November (from 16th to 30th)	18.4	12.1
December	18.1	11.7
January	17.7	10.7
February	15.7	10.0

2. The prices set out in paragraph 1 shall apply to Class I mandarins of the 54/64 mm size-grade put up in packages.

Article 2

The prices set out in Article 1 (1) shall not include the cost of the packages in which the produce is put up.

¹ OJ No L 118, 20.5.1972, p. 1.

Where all or part of the cost of the packaging in which the produce is put up is included in quotations for a product recorded on representative markets in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, such quotations shall be reduced by the cost of the packaging included therein.

Article 3

The information to be communicated pursuant to Article 17 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72

shall relate to quotations which do not include the cost of the packaging.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1972.

For the Council

The President

P. LARDINOIS
