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NOTIFICATIONS
ARABLE CROPS AND OLIVE OIL**

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General

Confidentiality of information reported under Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185

In accordance with **Article 4** of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185, the Commission will not publish information in a way that can lead to the identification of an individual operator. The Member States should inform the Commission in the information notification system (ISAMM) when information is obtained from less than three operators or where information obtained from a single operator accounts for more than 70% of the quantum of such information. When this is the case, the Commission will only publish the information in an aggregated form that does not allow the identification of individual operators. These rules are strictly respected by the Commission for any type of data published within the context of this regulation.

Notice regarding information already reported under Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185

Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1746 amends Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185, broadening its scope by extending the list of products covered and in some cases the stages of the food chain for which the information is requested. For the provisions that have not changed, Member States should continue to report the requested information maintaining their existing methodology to preserve the existing time series of information. The methodology should however be documented using the respective templates (art.9 methodology templates) that will be available on Circabc.

Cereals, Oilseeds and Protein crops, Rice

1. Notification of selling prices for WHEAT FLOUR

Content of the notification:

Milling industry's representative selling prices for wheat flour, expressed per tonne of product.

Member States concerned:

Member States producing more than 2% of the total Union production.

Period of notification:

By the 25th of each month in respect of the preceding month.

Product description:

The product obtained directly from the milling of common wheat free from foreign substances and impurities. Maximum moisture between 14-16%, and maximum ashes no higher than 2.2 on 100% dry basis. Protein content no lower than 9%.

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of wheat flour.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS production to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of wheat flour domestic production that the notified prices cover. The share cannot be lower than 20%.

Price details:

- Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.
- Ex-factory selling price.

2. Notification of buying prices for WHEAT FLOUR by retailers

Content of the notification:

Retailers' representative buying prices¹ for wheat flour, expressed per tonne of product.

Member States concerned:

Member States using more than 2% of the total Union production.

Period of notification:

By the 25th of each month in respect of the preceding month.

Product description:

The product obtained directly from the milling of common wheat free from foreign substances and impurities. Maximum moisture between 14-16%, and maximum ashes no higher than 2.2 on 100% dry basis. Protein content no lower than 9%.

Packaging: 1 kg bags.

Operators:

Large and medium sized retail outlets.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS use to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of wheat flour domestic use that the notified prices cover. The share cannot be lower than 20%.

Price details:

- Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.
- Invoiced price, including rebates and commercial cooperation or promotion when these are invoiced in relation to the product concerned and known at the time of price notification.

¹ Retailers' buying price refers to the price at which retailers purchase wheat flour from the relevant producing industry or wholesale suppliers, and not the price at which retailers sell that wheat flour to consumers.

3. Notification of buying prices for WHEAT FLOUR by food business operators other than retailers

Content of the notification:

Other than retailers food business operators' representative buying prices for wheat flour, expressed per tonne of product.

Member States concerned:

Member States using more than 2% of the total Union production.

Period of notification:

By the 25th of each month in respect of the preceding month.

Product description:

The product obtained directly from the milling of common wheat free from foreign substances and impurities. Maximum moisture between 14-16%, and maximum ashes no higher than 2.2 on 100% dry basis. Protein content no lower than 9%.

Packaging: bulk.

Operators:

Representative food business operators using wheat flour in production or purchasing it for wholesale trade or export.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS use to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of wheat flour domestic use that the notified prices cover. The share cannot be lower than 20%.

Price details:

- Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.
- Invoiced price, including rebates and commercial cooperation or promotion when these are invoiced in relation to the product concerned and known at the time of price notification.

4. Notification of price for ORGANIC CEREALS

Content of the notification:

Representative market prices for organic common wheat, durum wheat and rye.

Member States concerned:

Member States producing more than 4 % of the total Union production.

Period of notification:

By the 25th of each month in respect of the preceding month.

Product descriptions:

Common wheat, durum wheat and rye produced and labelled as organic products following Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of organic common wheat, durum wheat or rye.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS production to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of the relevant production that the notified prices cover.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.

5. Notification of prices for OILSEEDS

Content of the notification:

Representative prices for rapeseed, sunflower seed, and soya beans.

Member States concerned:

Member States with a planted area of the respective crop of at least 10 000 hectares per year.

Period of notification:

By 12.00 (Brussels time) each Wednesday for the previous week.

Product descriptions:

Rapeseed: Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken, other than for sowing. CN code 1205 10 90 or 1205 90 00.²

Sunflower seed: Sunflower seed, whether or not broken, other than for sowing. CN code 1206 00 91 or 1206 00 99. [When possible, making a distinction between standard seeds and high-oleic seeds].

Soya beans: Soya beans, whether or not broken, other than seed. CN code 1201 90 00.

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of oilseeds.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS production to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of the relevant production that the notified prices cover. The share cannot be lower than 20%.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.

² CN codes refer to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1776.

6. Notification of prices for OILSEED MEALS and OILSEED OILS

Content of the notification:

Representative prices for rapeseed meal, sunflower seed meal, soya meal, crude rape oil, crude sunflower oil and crude soya bean oil.

Member States concerned:

Member States processing more than 200 000 tonnes of the respective oilseed crop.

Period of notification:

By 12.00 (Brussels time) each Wednesday for the previous week.

Product descriptions:

Rapeseed meal: Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of oil of low erucic acid rape or colza seeds. CN code 2306 41 00 or 2306 49 00.³

Sunflower seed meal: Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of sunflower seeds. CN code 2306 30 00.

Soya meal: Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil. CN code 2304 00 00.

Crude rape oil: Crude low-erucic-acid rape or colza oil and its fractions. CN codes 1514 11 10 or 1514 11 90.

Crude sunflower oil: Crude sunflower-seed oil and its fractions. CN codes 1512 11 10 or 1512 11 91.

Crude soya bean oil: Crude soya-bean oil and its fractions, whether or not degummed. CN codes 1507 10 10 or 1507 10 90.

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of oilseeds meals and oilseeds oils.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS production to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of the relevant production that the notified price cover. The share cannot be lower than 20%.

³ CN codes refer to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1776.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.

7. Notification of prices for ORGANIC SOYA BEANS, ORGANIC SOYA MEAL, and NON-GM SOYA MEAL

Content of the notification:

Representative market prices for organic soya beans, organic soya meal, non-GM soya meal, expressed per tonne of product.

Member States concerned:

For organic soya beans: Member States producing more than 4 % of the total Union organic soya bean production.

For organic soya meal: Member States producing more than 4 % of the total Union organic soya meal production.

For non-GM soya meal: Member States producing more than 2 % of the total Union non-GM soya meal production.

Period of notification:

By 25th of each month in respect of the preceding month.

Product descriptions:

Organic soya bean: Organic soya beans, whether or not broken, other than seed. CN code 1201 90 00.⁴

Organic soya meal: Organic oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil. CN code 2304 00 00.

Non-GM soya meal: Non-GM, whether or not identity-preserved non-GM certified, oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil. CN code 2304 00 00.

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of the relevant product, i.e. organic soya beans, organic soya meal, or non-GM soya meal.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS production to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of the oilseed domestic production that the notified price cover.

⁴ CN codes refer to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1776.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.

8. Notification of prices for PROTEIN CROPS

Content of the notification:

Representative market prices for each of the protein crops considered relevant for the Union market.

Member States concerned:

Member States with a planted area of the respective crop of at least 10 000 hectares per year.

Period of notification:

By 25th of each month in respect of the preceding month.

Product descriptions:

Peas: Peas (*Pisum sativum*), other than for sowing. CN code 0713 10 90.⁵

Chickpeas: Chickpeas (garbanzos), other than for sowing. CN code 0713 20 00.

Lentils: Lentils, other than for sowing. CN code 0713 40 00.

Broad beans: Broad beans (*Vicia faba* var. *major*) and horse beans (*Vicia faba* var. *equina* and *Vicia faba* var. *minor*), other than for sowing. CN code 0713 50 00.

Lupine seed: CN code 1209 29 50.

Alfalfa: Lucerne (alfalfa) meal and pellets. CN code 1214 10 00.

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of protein crops.

Number of operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of MS production to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of the relevant production that the notified price cover. The share cannot be lower than 20%.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.

⁵ CN codes refer to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1776.

9. Notification of prices for RICE

Content of the notification:

Representative market prices for each of the varieties of rice considered relevant for the Union market, expressed per tonne of product.

Member States concerned:

Rice producing Member States and Member States with milling industry.

Period of notification:

By 12.00 (Brussels time) each Wednesday for the previous week.

Product descriptions:

Paddy rice other than for sowing, husked rice whether or not parboiled, or semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed and whether or not parboiled.

Price details:

- Prices shall refer, where relevant, to the processing stage, the place of quotation and the stage of marketing of each product.
- Official currency, net of VAT expressed per tonne of product.

10. Notification of RICE domestic use

Content of the notification:

Domestic use (including by the processing industry) for each of the types of rice referred to in points 2 and 3 of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. Quantities of rice shall be expressed in milled equivalent.

Member States concerned:

All Member States.

Period of notification:

By 15 January each year in respect of the previous year.

Products concerned:

Types of rice referred to in points 2 and 3 of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Domestic use definition:

The residue of the Member State supply and demand balance sheet, i.e. domestic use = beginning stocks + production + imports - exports - ending stocks.

Sugar

11. Notification of SUGAR selling prices

Content of the notification:

The weighted average of the selling price for the previous month expressed per tonne of sugar, as well as the total corresponding quantities and the weighted standard deviations. This shall be notified both for the total quantities of sugar as well as for the quantities sold under short-term contracts.

Member States concerned:

All Member States where more than 10 000 tonnes of sugar are annually produced.

Period of notification:

By the 25th of each month for the preceding month price.

Operators:

All sugar producers and refiners.

Price details:

a) Previous month price

The selling price for the previous month shall correspond to the average, weighted by quantities, of the invoiced prices for white sugar of all sales made within the scope described in the sugar price technical rules published on CIRCABC.

b) Short-term contracts price

The selling price of quantities sold under short-term contracts shall correspond to the average, weighted by quantities, of the invoiced prices for white sugar of sales made under contracts covering deliveries for no more than 3 months and within the scope described in the sugar price technical rules published on CIRCABC. However, sales to a sale subsidiary shall be excluded.

Publication:

The Commission shall only publish the EU and regional averages of the selling prices.

However, the selling prices corresponding to short-term contracts shall not be published if the quantities to which these prices refer to are too low to be representative. They shall be published by the Commission at the earliest 2 months after the end of the notification period.

12. Notification of SUGAR buying prices

Content of the notification:

Representative buying prices for the previous month expressed per tonne of product, as well as the total corresponding quantities. The representative prices shall be established separately for sugar and molasses and, for sugar, for each category of users as indicated below.

Member States concerned:

Member States using more than 2% of the total Union use of sugar or molasses.

Period of notification:

By the 25th of each month for the preceding month price.

Operators:

- Retailers.
- Food industry.
- Non-food industry other than biofuel.

Minimum share of Member State use to cover:

Member States shall establish the share of domestic use that the notified prices cover. For each type of operators, the share of domestic use cannot be lower than 20%.

Number of operators:

Unless not feasible, the representative price for each category of operators shall correspond to a weighted average of at least 3 operators.

Price details:

The notified prices shall correspond to the weighted average price, expressed per tonne of product, for each category of operators. They shall not include VAT.

- a) *Retailer sugar buying prices:* The prices shall correspond to homogenous granulated crystal white sugar in packages of 1 kg.
- b) *Food industry sugar buying prices:* The prices shall correspond to homogenous granulated crystal white sugar in bulk.
- c) *Non-food industry (other than biofuel) sugar buying prices:* The prices shall correspond to crystal white sugar, or sugar syrups that are at least 70% pure expressed in sugar content, in bulk.
- d) *Molasses buying prices:* The prices shall correspond to molasses in bulk, with no distinction between food and non-food uses.

Publication:

The Commission shall only publish the EU and regional averages of the notified prices.

13. Notification of SUGAR use

Content of the notification:

Quantities of sugar sold by undertakings and refiners in the previous marketing year, split by type of use.

Member States concerned:

All Member States where more than 10 000 tonnes of sugar are annually produced.

Period of notification:

By 30th November each year as regards the previous marketing year.

Operators:

All sugar producers and refiners.

Notification details:

The notified quantities shall correspond to the total quantities, expressed in tonnes of white sugar equivalent, sold by sugar undertakings and refiners to retailers and sugar users during the marketing year. These quantities shall be split between those sold:

- For retail sales.
- To the food industry.
- To other industries excluding bioethanol.

Publication:

The Commission shall publish aggregated data.

14. Notification of MOLASSES production

Content of the notification:

Production of molasses in the previous marketing year.

Member States concerned:

All Member States where more than 10 000 tonnes of sugar are annually produced.

Period of notification:

By 30th November each year as regards the previous marketing year.

Operators:

All sugar producers except sugar refiners.

Notification details:

The notified quantities shall correspond to the total quantities produced during the previous marketing year, expressed in tonnes of molasses.

For the purposes of this notification, molasses shall be defined as syrups that are below 70% pure produced from sugar beet or below 75% pure produced from sugar cane.

15. Notification of the contents of AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE TRADE in the sugar sector

Content of the notification:

Contents of the agreements within the trade between beet growers and undertakings as well as collective value sharing clauses.

Member States concerned:

All Member States where more than 10 000 tonnes of sugar are annually produced.

Period of notification:

By the end of each marketing year in respect of that marketing year.

Operators:

Sugar producers or beet growers.

Notification details:

The following elements shall be described individually for each agreement within the trade. Descriptions should be short and highlight the main elements:

- Marketing years concerned by the agreement and contracts duration.
- Sugar reference content and conversion scale of related increases/reductions.
- Rules on the choice and supply of seeds.
- Minimum sugar content of beet.
- Detail of price adjustments linked to quality, good practices or other criteria, including rules on adapting prices in cases where multiannual contracts are agreed.
- Rules on beet delivery, including corresponding price adjustments.
- Rules on surplus beet price.
- Description and content of the value sharing clauses.
- Provisions on pulp and its value.
- Rules on sampling and methods for determining gross weight, tare and sugar content.
- Other relevant elements.
- Internet link to the publication of the agreement.

The above elements shall only be notified where they are included in the agreement within the trade. Member States shall flag any confidential information.

Any element included in the delivery contracts but not in the agreement within the trade shall not be notified.

Member States shall notify an estimate of the quantities concerned by each agreement within the trade in the marketing year to which the notification relates, expressed in white sugar equivalent. Where an agreement relates to several marketing years, Member States shall notify the above elements for the first year's notification. For the subsequent years covered

by the same agreement, they shall only notify any changes as well as the estimate of the quantities concerned.

Publication:

The Commission shall publish a compilation of the main elements notified. Information flagged as confidential shall not be published.

Olive Oil

16. Notification of OLIVE OIL selling prices

Content of the notification:

Average prices recorded on the main representative markets and weighted national average prices for the previous week.

Representative markets shall cover at least 70% of the national production of the product concerned.

Product description:

Categories of olive oil listed in Part VIII of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. Olive oil in bulk, ex-mill for virgin olive oil and ex-factory for other categories.

Member States concerned:

Member States producing more than 20 000 tonnes of olive oil on the annual period from 1 October to 30 September.

Period and frequency of notification:

Weekly no later than Wednesday 12.00 (Brussels time), from 1 January to 31 December.

Operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of production to cover: 33% of the national/ representative market production.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per 100kg of product.

17. Notification of OLIVE OIL buying prices

Content of the notification:

Representative buying prices of olive oil for the previous week.

Product description:

Categories virgin and extra virgin olive oils referred to in Part VIII of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Member States concerned:

Member states with an apparent use equal to or higher than 2% of total Union use (annual consumption equal to or higher than 30 000 tonnes of olive oil on the annual period from 1 October to 30 September).

Period and frequency of notification:

Weekly no later than Wednesday 12.00 (Brussels time), from 1 January to 31 December.

Operators:

Large and medium sized retail outlets.

At least 3 operators.

[Minimum share of use to cover: 33% of the national use of olive oil.]

Price details:

Weighted average buying price for each product category.

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per 100 kg of product. Invoiced price, including rebates and commercial cooperation or promotion when these are invoiced in relation to the product concerned and known at the time of price notification.

18. Notification of ORGANIC OLIVE OIL selling prices

Content of the notification:

Average prices recorded on the main representative markets and weighted national average prices for the previous month.

Representative markets shall cover at least 70% of the national production of the product concerned.

Product description:

Categories virgin and extra virgin olive oils referred to in Part VIII of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. Ex-mill organic olive oils in bulk.

Member States concerned:

Member States producing more than 5 000 tonnes of organic olive oil on the annual period from 1 October to 30 September.

Period and frequency of notification:

Monthly, by the 25th of each month for the preceding month price, no later than 12.00 (Brussels time), from 1 January to 31 December.

Operators:

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of production to cover: 33% of the national/ representative market production.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per 100kg of product.

19. Notification of TABLE OLIVES selling prices

Content of the notification:

Average prices recorded on the main representative markets and weighted national average prices.

Representative markets shall cover at least 70% of the national production of the product concerned.

Product description:

Raw olives for table olives' production referred to in Part VII of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 1308/2013.

Member States concerned:

Member States producing more than 5 000 tonnes of table olives on the annual period from 1 September to 31 August.

Period and frequency of notification:

Annually, by the 15th of January, in relation to the harvest of the previous calendar year (1 September – 31 December), no later than 12.00 (Brussels time).

Operators:

Representative operators in the production of table olives.

At least 3 operators.

Minimum share of production to cover: 33% of the national/ representative market production.

Price details:

Official currency, net of VAT expressed per 100kg of product. Ex-factory selling price, corresponding to raw olives for table olives delivered by producers at the reception points of the processing industry.

20. Notification of OLIVE OIL production and market information

Content of the notification:

- a) Final data on production, total domestic consumption (including by the processing industry) and ending stocks for the preceding annual period from 1 October to 30 September.
Final data on organic production for the preceding annual period from 1 October to 30 September.
- b) Estimate of monthly production, an estimate of monthly level of stocks held by producers and the industry, and estimates of total production, domestic consumption (including by the processing industry) and ending stocks for the current annual period from 1 October to 30 September.

Product description:

Categories of olive oil listed in Part VIII of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Member States concerned:

For data other than monthly level of stocks, all Member States producing olive oil.

For monthly level of stocks, Member States producing more than 20 000 tonnes of olive oil on the annual period from 1 October to 30 September.

Period and frequency of notification:

- a) For final data, by the 31 October each year for data relating to the preceding annual period.
- b) For estimated data, by the 31 October each year and by 15th of each month from November to June, for data relating to the current annual period, no later than 20.00 (Brussels time).

Operators:

All olive oil producers and processing industry.

Notification details:

The notified quantities shall correspond to the total quantities, expressed in tonnes of olive oil.