

DECISION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
NO. 295 OF MARCH 16, 1999
ON THE PRICING POLICY IN THE AGROINDUSTRIAL SECTOR

In accordance with the Federal Law on the State Regulation of Agroindustrial Production and for the purposes of creating the necessary economic conditions for the functioning of the agroindustrial complex the Government of the Russian Federation hereby resolves:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Economics of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation and the Ministry for Anti-Monopoly Policy and the Promotion of Entrepreneurship of the Russian Federation shall elaborate the following and submit in due course to the Government of the Russian Federation:

in the second quarter of 1999: a draft federal target program of the creation of conditions for optimizing price ratios between the products of agriculture and of the other branches of economy;

within one month: a proposal for setting up an inter-departmental commission for the elaboration of the conditions for optimizing price ratios between the products of agriculture and the other branches of economy, a draft regulations on the commission and proposals as to the composition of the commission.

2. On the basis of economic effectiveness computations, the analysis of market trends and with due regard to the integration of the Russian foodstuffs market with the international market in the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Economics of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Commerce of the Russian Federation shall elaborate in the second quarter of 1999 and submit in due course to the Government of the Russian Federation proposals for the formation of agroindustrial complex prices system.

3. The Ministry of Economics of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation on the approval of the bodies of executive power of the subject of the Russian Federation and the public associations shall every year in the first quarter submit to the Government of the Russian Federation proposals for guaranteed purchasing prices for agricultural products with the account taken of the prices prevailing on the domestic and foreign markets.

The Ministry of Economics of the Russian Federation shall inform the entities concerned which are acting on the market of the purchasing prices. The guaranteed purchasing prices shall be applicable at the purchase of agricultural products for federal state needs.

4. The Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation on the approval of the Ministry of Commerce of the Russian Federation shall submit in due course to the Commission for Protective Measures in Foreign Trade and the Customs Tariff Policy of the Government of the Russian Federation proposals concerning the nomenclature of the agricultural products, raw materials and foodstuffs in respect to which it is feasible to introduce protective measures aimed at supporting Russian agricultural commodity producers.

5. The bodies of executive power of the subjects of the Russian Federation are hereby recommended to:

promote the setting up of consumer cooperatives by the agricultural commodity producers,

processing enterprises, trade organizations and other economic entities, having in view that the distribution of earnings from the sale of end product in them is effected by mutual agreement with the account taken of the production and sale costs of the products;

apply where feasible with due regard to the applicable legislation the cap coefficients of price level ratios for end products and purchased agricultural raw materials;

provide on the approval of the anti-monopoly bodies the signing of price agreements between agricultural commodity producers, processing enterprises, the production and technical service organizations as well as logistical organizations of the agroindustrial complex as aimed at promoting the development of integration and market relations in agroindustrial sector;

promote the creation of sale agricultural cooperation, branch unions and associations to protect the best interests of agricultural commodity producers and the public on the agricultural and foodstuffs markets.

6. The State Statistics Committee of the Russian Federation jointly with the Ministry of economics of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation shall monitor the prices of agricultural products and logistical resources purchased by the agricultural organizations, provide information on the progress of the monitoring to the entities acting on the market and announce the results obtained through the monitoring in the mass media. Every year they shall submit appropriate analytical materials to the Government of the Russian Federation according to the results of the calendar year.

7. The State Statistics Committee of the Russian Federation shall include the following in the draft programs of statistical work, beginning from the Year 1999:

quarterly information on the mean prices and price indices of industrial producers for sold agricultural products and consumer goods (services);

quarterly information on price indices and tariffs for the industrial products (services) purchased by agricultural organizations;

information on the results of the study of agricultural product markets and the most important foodstuffs.

8. The State Statistics Committee of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Economics of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation shall define a list of the agricultural products and logistical resources purchased by agricultural enterprises, for the purposes of performing the monitoring specified under Item 6 of the present Decision.

Chairman
of the Government
of the Russian Federation

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