COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 January 1977

relating to the urgent supply to the International Committee of the Red Cross of vitaminized skimmed-milk powder to be bought on the Community market, for use as food aid for Lebanon

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(77/85/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 559/76 [2], and in particular Articles 7 (5) and 28 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1298/76 of 1 June 1976 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme [3], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2017/76 [4], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/76 of 27 July 1976, on the complementary supply of skimmed-milk powder to certain developing countries, international organizations and non-governmental organizations under the 1976 food-aid programme [5], provides *inter alia* for 1 500 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder to be made available to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); whereas the ICRC has requested 400 tonnes of vitaminized skimmed-milk powder for Lebanon;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1298/76 provides in Article 2 (2), that, if the amounts of skimmed-milk powder in public stocks do not have the characteristics necessary for their particular destination where this requires, in particular, the addition of vitamins, supply shall be ensured by the buying-in of skimmed-milk powder on the Community market;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 1298/76 provides that, for the purpose of determining the forwarding costs, in case of emergency, a private contract may be concluded;

Whereas, in view of the need to provide immediate aid, it is apparent that mutual agreement must be sought in respect of this supply;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. In accordance with the provisions of Regulations (EEC) No 1298/76 and (EEC) No 2018/76, the Belgian intervention agency shall arrange delivery to the ICRC of 400 tonnes of vitaminized skimmed-milk powder bought on the Community market for Lebanon.

2. The skimmed-milk powder shall meet:

— as to quality, the requirements set out in the Annex to this Decision,

— as to packaging, the requirements set out in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 of 27 July 1968 on detailed rules for public storage of skimmed-milk powder [6], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1457/75 [7].

3. In addition, the supplier, designated by the private contract referred to in Article 3, shall supply 5 % empty bags identical to those containing the goods. He shall undertake to indicate those bags on the bill of lading.

4. The packaging of the skimmed-milk powder shall bear a red cross 10 cm by 10 cm and the following inscription in letters at least one centimetre high:

'Lait écrémé en poudre avec vitamines A (5 000 UI/100 g) et D (500 UI/100 g) / Don de la Communauté économique européenne / Action du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge / Pour distribution gratuite au Liban'.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 146, 4. 6. 1976, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 224, 16. 8. 1976, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 224, 16. 8. 1976, p. 2.
(6) OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 34.
(7) OJ No L 145, 6. 6. 1975, p. 17.

Article 2

1. Delivery shall be effected to the port of unloading of Beirut, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4.

2. Embarkation shall take place as soon as possible, on 14 February 1977 at the latest.

3. Delivery cif shall be completed when the goods are actually deposited on the quayside at the port of unloading or on board a lighter as the case may be.

4. The recipient country shall bear all costs incurred after delivery including the costs of taking delivery of the goods.

Any demurrage costs at the port of unloading attributable to the recipient agency shall be borne by it. The rates and other details concerning such costs shall be laid down in the contract between the Community agent (designated by the mutual agreement contract specified in Article 3) and the carrier and must have been previously agreed upon by the former and the agent of the recipient organization.

5. A delivery certificate shall be issued on delivery by the receiving agent nominated by the recipient organization.

Article 3

1. The amount to cover delivery costs to the port of unloading as referred to in Article 2 (1), including the costs of insurances, shall be determined by the intervention agency concerned by mutual agreement on the least onerous terms possible.

2. The intervention agency shall send immediately to the Commission a copy of the private contract.

3. If, owing to circumstances beyond the control of the undertaking responsible for the delivery, the submission of the attestation of delivery referred to in Article 2 (5) is delayed, the competent agency may, on production of the supporting documents, grant an advance.

Such an advance may, however, not exceed 80 % of the sum agreed for the delivery and shall be paid only subject to the undertaking concerned lodging a security for the skimmed-milk powder shipped, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 1 (2) and (4), and having left the geographical territory of the Community and if the undertaking furnished a security for the sum of the advance, raised by 10 %.

Article 4

If events in Lebanon make impossible delivery to the port of Beirut, the intervention agency in question shall deliver the goods to the port of Limassol (Cyprus).

In this case, the intervention agency may, on submission of supporting documents, come to an agreement with the organization in charge of the delivery on an increase in expenses, in comparison with those initially set.

The intervention agency shall immediately inform the Commission of the new amount agreed upon.

Article 5

The Belgian Government:

1. shall ensure that the agent designated by the mutual agreement contract:

   (a) notifies the recipient organization, as soon as possible after the goods have been loaded on board ship, of details of the ship, the loading date, the quantity and quality of the goods recorded on shipment,

   (b) informs the recipient organization, at least 10 clear days before arrival at the port of unloading of the expected date of arrival,

   (c) has included in the terms of the charter-party a provision stipulating that the ship's captain shall, at least 72 hours in advance, notify the country of destination of the ship's probable date of arrival in port;

2. shall send to the Commission as soon as possible the information specified in paragraph 1 (a) and (b).

Article 6

No refund or compensatory amount (whether monetary or accession) may be granted in respect of skimmed-milk powder supplied pursuant to this Decision.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEX

Skimmed-milk powder requirements

(a) fat content :	1·5 % maximum
(b) water content :	4·0 % maximum
(c) total acidity in lactic acid :	0·15 % maximum (18° Dornic)
(d) test for neutralization agents :	negative
(e) authorized additives :	none
(f) phosphatase test :	negative
(g) solubility :	0·5 ml maximum (99 % minimum)
(h) degree of purity :	disc B (15·0 mg minimum)
(i) germ content :	50 000 per g maximum
(k) colon bacillus titer :	negative in 0·1 g
(l) taste and smell :	clean
(m) appearance :	white or slightly yellowish colour, free from impurities or coloured particles
(n) vitamin enrichment :	
(aa) vitamin A :	5 000 i.u. per 100 g minimum
(bb) vitamin D :	500 i.u. per 100 g minimum