COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 January 1981

amending Decision 78/737/EEC on the sale of butter to certain classes of consumer receiving social assistance

(81/34/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 the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Article 12 (3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 78/737/EEC [2] lays down that, in order to obtain butter at a reduced price, those who are in receipt of social assistance are to submit a document establishing their entitlement to butter at reduced prices; whereas the payment of the aid to butter suppliers is subject to submission of such documents to the competent authority within a maximum period of 12 months from the date of expiry of the document;

Whereas it has been found that this period of 12 months is too short for the delivery of the document to the supplier, where several butter marketing stages are involved; whereas the time limit should, accordingly, be extended;

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

With effect from 1 January 1980, '12 months' in the last subparagraph of Article 1 (3) of Decision 78/737/EEC is hereby replaced by '18 months'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 January 1981.

For the Commission

The President

Gaston THORN

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 245, 7. 9. 1978, p. 31.