COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 November 1995

suspending the buying-in of butter in all Member States

(95/500/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European 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 (EC) No 1538/95 [2], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 7a (1) and Article 7a (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 777/87 [3], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, sets out the circumstances under which the buying-in of butter and skimmed milk powder may be suspended and subsequently resumed and, where suspension takes place, the alternative measures that may be taken ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1547/87 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1802/95 [5], lays down the criteria on the basis of which the buying-in of butter by invitation to tender is to be opened and suspended in a Member State or, as regards the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany, in a region ;

Whereas Commission Decision 95/166/EC [6] suspends buying-in of butter in certain Member States ; whereas information on market prices shows that the condition laid down in Article 1 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1547/87 is currently met in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, Great Britain and Northern Ireland ; whereas the list of Member States where that suspension applies must be adapted accordingly ;

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

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The buying-in of butter by invitation to tender as provided for in Article 1 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 777/87 is hereby suspended in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Article 2

Decision 95/166/EC is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 November 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 17.
[3] OJ No L 78, 20. 3. 1987, p. 10.
[4] OJ No L 144, 4. 6. 1987, p. 12.
[5] OJ No L 174, 26. 7. 1995, p. 27.
[6] OJ No L 108, 13. 5. 1995, p. 87.