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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION
of 29 January 1999
suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States

(notified under document number C(1999) 265)

(1999/118/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 organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1587/96 [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 for opening and suspending the buying-in of butter by invitation to tender in the Member States or, in the case of the United Kingdom and Germany, in a region thereof;

Whereas Commission Decision 1999/72/EC [6] suspends the buying-in of butter in all Member States; whereas information on market prices shows that the condition laid down in Article 1(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1547/87 is no longer met in Ireland and Spain; whereas the list of Member States in which that suspension applies must be adjusted accordingly;

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

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, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 21.
[3] OJ L 78, 20. 3. 1987, p. 10.
[4] OJ L 144, 4. 6. 1987, p. 12.
[5] OJ L 174, 26. 7. 1995, p. 27.
[6] OJ L 22, 29. 1. 1999, p. 74.

Article 2

Decision 1999/72/EC is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 January 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission