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REGULATION (EEC) No 1273/69 OF THE COMMISSION

of 2 July 1969

amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 662/69 and 685/69 on intervention on the market in butter and cream

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[1] of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products, and in particular Article 6 (7) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 662/69[2] of 9 April 1969 on the sale by intervention agencies of butter exceeding a certain age, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 934/69,[3] applies only to butter taken into store before 31 July 1968; whereas supplies of butter reaching the standards for buying-in are almost exhausted; whereas that form of sale should be continued; whereas 31 August 1968 should be fixed as the date on which the butter is taken into store;

Whereas Article 3 (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 662/69 and Article 18 (1) (b) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 685/69[4] of 14 April 1969 on detailed rules of application for intervention on the market in butter and cream, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1064/69,[5] fixed at 500 grammes the maximum weight of packets of butter sold for direct consumption; whereas the application of those provisions has resulted in difficulties in certain Member States; whereas in order to remedy that situation the Member States should be permitted to fix a lower maximum weight;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The date 31 August 1968 shall be substituted for the date 31 July 1968 in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 662/69.

Article 2

The following subparagraph shall be added to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 662/69 and Article 18 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 685/69:

'However, Member States may fix the maximum weight at 250 g.'

Article 3

The provisions of Article 2 shall not apply to butter:

(a) covered by invitations to tender published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* before this Regulation enters into force; and

(b) sold, before this Regulation enters into force, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 662/69.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

[1] OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 86, 10.4.1969, p. 8.
[3] OJ No L 121, 22.5.1969, p. 8.
[4] OJ No L 90, 15.4.1969, p. 12.
[5] OJ No L 139, 11.6.1969, p. 13.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 1969.

For the Commission

The President

Jean REY