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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 289/69

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amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC for the purpose of mobilizing cereals intended as food aid

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas the International Grains Arrangement of 1967, to which the European Economic Community is a party, was signed after the adoption of Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals (2);

Whereas that Regulation does not include the provisions necessary for implementing food aid; whereas, therefore, suitable measures should be taken to enable cereals and flour intended for this purpose to be mobilized;

Whereas provision should be made whereby products intended as food aid should be drawn, save in exceptional circumstances, from the Community market; whereas such products as may be purchased on this market, may be taken from stocks of cereals held by intervention agencies or may be manufactured from these cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Article 22a shall be inserted in Regulation No 120/67/EEC:

'Article 22a

1. Obligations arising under the Food Aid Convention shall be met by the purchase of cereals or of flour on the Community market or by the use of cereals held by intervention agencies.

2. The criteria for mobilizing products and, in particular, those whereby purchases on the Community market are made or the use of cereals held by intervention agencies is decided upon shall be adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission.

3. In exceptional circumstances cereals and flour may be mobilized by purchasing on the world market. Detailed rules for the application of this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 26.'

Article 2

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

The Commission shall forward to the Council, before the beginning of the 1969/70 marketing year, a report on its implementation including, where necessary, proposals for amendments based on the experience gained.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 February 1969.

For the Council
The President
J. P. BUCHLER

(1) OJ No C 17, 12. 2. 1969, p. 20.
(2) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.