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## REGULATION (EEC) No 3141/73 OF THE COUNCIL

**of 19 November 1973**

**on measures to be taken in agriculture following the rise in the central rate for the Dutch guilder**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas the rise in the central rate for the Dutch guilder on 17 September 1973 has led, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2544/73 [1] of 19 September 1973, on the exchange rate to be applied in agriculture for the Dutch guilder, to a reduction in agricultural prices expressed in guilders, which are fixed in units of account for the purposes of the common agricultural policy;

Whereas the Kingdom of the Netherlands should be authorized to grant compensation up to a limit of 2 % of the selling price of agricultural products;

Whereas, in view of the special situation of certain traders who have concluded contracts with the intervention agency for the storage of butter, resulting from the application of the new conversion rate laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 2544/73 provision should be made for the Kingdom of the Netherlands to grant a special aid for these cases;

Whereas the Community should contribute towards the financing of the aids provided for through the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. The Kingdom of the Netherlands is hereby authorized to grant aid to Dutch agricultural producers for a period of seven months ending on 30 April 1974 according to the conditions set out in paragraphs (2) and (3).

2. The aid referred to in paragraph (1) shall be granted in the form of compensation received by the agricultural producer on the sale of products up to 2 % of the selling price. It may be paid either by the purchaser or by a body designated by the competent national authorities.

3. The European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section shall contribute to the financing of the measures provided for in this Article by paying to the Kingdom of the Netherlands an amount of five million units of account, chargeable to the Budget of the European Communities for 1974.

*Article 2*

The Kingdom of the Netherlands is authorized to grant, in respect of butter and cream which on 15 September 1973 was held under storage contracts concluded with the intervention agency, a special aid to offset the loss in value resulting from the application of Regulation (EEC) No 2544/73.

The European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section shall contribute to the financing of the measures provided for in this Article by paying to the Kingdom of the Netherlands an amount of 3·5 million units of account, chargeable to the Budget of the European Communities for 1974.

*Article 3*

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 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 2.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 November 1973.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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