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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EEC) No 3267/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 3 December 1973

extending the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 2716/72 laying down general rules for measures to increase the use of butter by certain classes of consumers

THE COUNCIL 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 organization of the market in milk and milk products, as last amended by the Act of Accession (2), and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2716/72 (3) of 19 December 1972 laying down general rules for measures to increase the use of butter by certain classes of consumers is applicable only up to 31 December 1973;

Whereas the situation on the butter market in the Community is characterized by the presence of large stocks formed as a result of interventions on the butter market; whereas it is not possible during the present milk year to dispose of all these stocks in the normal way; whereas, to prevent stocks increasing in the near future, it is therefore necessary to extend the period of validity of the measures provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2716/72 facilitating the disposal of surpluses of butyric oils and fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2716/72, the date '31 December 1973' shall be replaced by '31 December 1974'.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 3 December 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 18.