REGULATION (EEC) No 3349/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 12 December 1973

extending Regulation (EEC) No 368/73 as regards the standard method of denaturing common wheat in Ireland and the United Kingdom

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1346/73 [2], and in particular Article 7(5) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 368/73 of 31 January 1973 derogated from Regulation (EEC) No 1403/69 concerning the reference method for the denaturing of common wheat in Ireland and the United Kingdom [3] as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2099/73 [4], whereas to give the professional circles of these new Member States enough time to adapt to the method of the Community a temporary reference method different from that prescribed by the Community Regulation should be authorized;

Whereas, moreover, the Commission in its memorandum concerning the reviewing of the common agricultural policy, made some proposals with a view to modifying the present system in force in the matter of denaturation; whereas, the discussion on this subject has not led to a solution, it is not desirable to ask the new Member States to adopt the reference method of the Community, considering that the denaturing structure can be changed substantially at the beginning of the new marketing season. Whereas, therefore, the derogation made by Regulation (EEC) No 368/73, should be extended to this date.

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 December 1973:

The date of '30 November 1973' provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 368/73 is replaced by '31 July 1974'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 12 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1973, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 39, 12. 2. 1973, p. 28.
(4) OJ No L 212, 1. 8. 1973, p. 44.