REGULATION (EEC) No 3408/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 17 December 1973

amending Regulation (EEC) No 71/73 on the sale of butter from public stocks

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 organization of the market in milk and milk products, as last amended by the Act (2) concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, and in particular Article 6 (7) thereof ;

Whereas butter sold pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 71/73 (3) of 4 January 1973, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2905/73 (4), must be exported within 30 days of the date on which it is taken over and whereas the export security is only released if proof is furnished that exportation has been effected within the prescribed period ;

Whereas it has proved advisable to extend the period allowed for exportation ; whereas the concept of exportation used in the abovementioned Regulation should be clarified ;

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

Regulation (EEC) No 71/73 is amended as follows :

1. In Article 2 (5) third subparagraph the words 'has been exported' are replaced by the following : 'has left the geographic territory of the Community'.

2. Article 2a 2a is replaced by the following :

'*Article 2a*

The butter in its natural state shall leave the geographic territory of the Community within 60 days of the date on which it is taken over according to Article 3 of Regulation No 1041/67/EEC. The proof of departure from the geographic territory of the Community shall be given as for export restitution.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 17 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 12, 13. 1. 1973, p. 14.
(4) OJ No L 298, 26. 10. 1973, p. 24.