REGULATION (EEC) No 464/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 January 1973

on a transitional measure arising from Accession and relating to the cancellation of import licences for milk and milk products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty [1] concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 63 of the Act [2] annexed thereto;

Whereas under Article 13 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 [3] of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products, as last amended by the Act, the importation into the Community of any of the products listed in Article 1 of the said Regulation is made conditional upon the submission of an import licence; whereas the issue of that licence is made conditional on the giving of security guaranteeing an undertaking to import during the period of validity of the licence, such security becoming forfeit in whole or in part if the importation is not effected or is only partially effected during that period;

Whereas from 1 February 1973 import licences will no longer be used for imports from the new Member States into the Community as originally constituted; whereas certain importers have applied for import licences in respect of import operations which they have only been able to effect partially before that date; whereas transitional measures should be taken enabling the obligation to import the remaining quantities to be cancelled and the relevant security to be returned;

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

In the case of an import licence issued for one of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, which shows a new Member State as country of origin in space No 13 and which is still valid on 1 February 1973, the obligation to import shall, on application from the holder, be cancelled by the competent agency of the issuing Member State.

In such a case the security shall be returned immediately.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 February 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 January 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.