REGULATION (EEC) No 498/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 January 1973

on transitional measures for intervention on the market in butter in the new Member States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

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

Whereas on 1 Febuary 1973 the rules for intervention on the market in butter and cream will become applicable to producers in the new Member States ;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 985/68 [3] of 15 July 1968 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in butter and cream, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2714/72 [4] and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 685/69 [5] of 14 April 1969 on detailed rules of application for intervention on the market in butter and cream, as last amended by the Act, provide that butter may be bought in only after certain technical measures have been taken to ensure, in particular, that the quality and keeping quality of the butter are satisfactory ; whereas it is stipulated in particular, in Article 4 of the last-mentioned Regulation, that butter offered to intervention agencies must have been made during the previous fourteen days and that butter made during the previous two months may be offered to the intervention agencies provided that a check was carried out within a maximum period of 14 days following the day on which the butter was made ;

Whereas provision should be made for the measures necessary to facilitate the passage from the existing arrangements in the new Member States to those resulting from the common organization of the markets ;

Whereas from 1 January 1973 national measures were brought into operation in Denmark and Ireland to ensure that the abovementioned checks are carried out and that the requirements of Community rules in this field are satisfied ; whereas it is appropriate in these circumstances to provide, at the request of those two Member States, that from 1 February 1973, their intervention agencies buy in butter made in Denmark or Ireland on or after 1 January 1973 which has undergone the abovementioned checks ;

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

The Danish and Irish intervention agencies shall, from 1 February 1973, buy in butter offered to them :

(a) which has been produced on or after 1 January 1973, and

(b) which, before 1 February 1973, had undergone the quality checks which those Member States instituted at national level in implementation of Community measures on the quality and keeping quality of butter.

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 169, 18. 7. 1968, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 15.
(5) OJ No L 90, 15. 4. 1969, p. 12.