REGULATION (EEC) No 898/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 30 March 1973

extending Regulation (EEC) Nos 2474/72 and 349/73 on the sale at reduced prices of intervention butter for direct consumption

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] annexed to the Treaty [3] 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 6 (7) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2474/72 [4] of 27 November 1972 on the sale at reduced prices of butter for direct consumption in the Community, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 453/73 [5], and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 349/73 [6] of 31 January 1973 on the sale at reduced prices of intervention butter for direct consumption as concentrated butter apply only until 31 March 1973, on which date, under Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, the 1972/73 milk year was to end, save where derogation was decided by the Council;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 883/73 [7] of 27 March 1973 extended the 1972/73 milk year to 30 April 1973; whereas Regulations (EEC) Nos 2474/72 and 349/73 should be extended accordingly;

Whereas butter convened by Article 1 (b) of those Regulations cannot be the subject of a storage contract under the provisions beyond 31 March 1973, on which date the period for removal from storage ends, in accordance with Article 28 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 685/69 [8] of 14 April 1969 on detailed rules of application for intervention on the market in butter and cream, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2267/72 [9]; whereas, to enable signatories to storage contracts expiring on 31 March 1973 to continue to benefit until 30 April 1973 from the aid provided for in Article 3 (1) of Regulations (EEC) Nos 2474/72 and 349/73, their rights and obligations deriving from the contracts must be extended accordingly;

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 words 'until 31 March 1973' in Article 13 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2474/72 and in Article 16 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 349/73 are replaced by the words 'until 30 April 1973'.

Article 2

1. The storage period for butter covered by Article 1 (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2474/72 and Article 1 (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 349/73 which is the subject of a storage contract due to expire on 31 March 1973 may be extended until 30 April 1973.

2. In view of this, rights and obligations deriving from storage contracts shall, at the request of the party concerned, be extended until the day of removal from storage to permit disposal under the said Regulations. However, the period corresponding to this extension shall not be taken into account for calculating the aid provided for in Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 685/69.

3. Where the butter is removed from storage after 31 March 1973, the granting of the aid provided for in

[1] OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
[4] OJ No L 267, 28. 11. 1972, p. 13.
[5] OJ No L 53, 26. 2. 1973, p. 4.
[6] OJ No L 40, 13. 2. 1973, p. 1.
[7] OJ No L 86, 31. 3. 1973, p. 33.
[8] OJ No L 90, 15. 4. 1969, p. 12.
[9] OJ No L 244, 27. 10. 1972, p. 22.

Article 3 (1) of the Regulations referred to in paragraph 1 shall be conditional on the storage being continued until the issue of the acknowledgement of receipt provided for in Article 3 (2) of the said Regulations, under conditions laid down in the storage contract.

Article 3

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, 30 March 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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