REGULATION (EEC) No 1636/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 27 June 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 on detailed rules of application for public storage of skimmed-milk powder as regards the conditions of packaging

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 Regulation (EEC) No 662/74 (2), and in particular Article 7 (5) thereof;

Whereas Annex I to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 (3) of 27 July 1968, on detailed rules of application for public storage of skimmed-milk powder, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 77/74 (4), lays down the criteria to which packaging of skimmed milk offered to intervention agencies must conform;

Whereas experience has shown that one type of packaging provided for does not meet the standards required for exportation or for deliveries of Community food aid; whereas this packaging should therefore be replaced by another type having the characteristics necessary to ensure safe delivery; whereas, nevertheless, there is reason to lay down the possibility of allowing the undertakings concerned a certain period of time to make the replacement;

Whereas, with a view to improving the state of preservation and to maintaining the quality of skimmed-milk powder, the bag should be properly filled and the presence of particles of powder between the layers, involving a risk of mould, should be avoided;

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 Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 the text to paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. **Packing**

Containing a net weight of 25 kilogrammes and made up in one of the following ways:

(a) 4 Kraft paper bags of a strength representing at least 70 g/m²;

1 interposed tar-lined paper bag, of a strength representing at least 140g/m²;

1 polyethylene inner bag at least 0·06 mm thick, *welded or double bound;*

(b) 1 Kraft paper bag of a strength representing at least 70 g/m²;

1 Kraft paper bag with a polyethylene layer of a strength representing at least 80 g + 15 g/m²;

3 Kraft paper bags of a strength representing at least 70 g/m²;

1 polyethylene inner bag at least 0·06 mm thick, *welded or double bound;*

(c) 1 Kraft paper outer bag of a strength representing at least 85 g/m²;

1 Kraft paper bag with a polyethylene layer of a strength representing at least 70 g + 15 g/m²;

2 Kraft paper bags of a strength representing at least 70 g/m²;

1 polyethylene inner bag at least 0·12 mm thick, *welded or double bound.*

Filling

When filling, the powder should be well pressed down. Loose powder must on no account be allowed to penetrate between the various layers.'

Article 2

The Member States may permit the usage, until 31 October 1974 at the latest, of packings authorized before the entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 3

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

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 85, 29. 3. 1974, p. 51.
(3) OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 34.
(4) OJ No L 9, 11. 1. 1974, p. 38.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 June 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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