REGULATION (EEC) No 1975/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 26 July 1974

laying down detailed rules for the granting of private storage aid for long-keeping cheeses

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 Articles 9 (3) and 28 thereof;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 508/71 (3) of 8 March 1971 laying down general rules on private storage aid for long-keeping cheeses provides that private storage aid may be granted for certain long-keeping cheeses where there is a serious imbalance of the market may be eliminated or reduced by seasonal storage;

Whereas, in view of price trends and of the considerable increase in stocks of Emmentaler and Gruyère cheeses, provision should be made for recourse to such storage;

Whereas detailed rules for the application of the measures provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 508/71 should be laid down; whereas provision should be made to ensure that the storage period is kept distinct from that required for maturing the cheese; whereas contracts should contain provisions calculated to ensure that the system functions properly and that its operation can be effectively checked;

Whereas, in order that it may keep the operation of this measure under review, the Commission must be informed regularly of the quantities of cheese covered by storage contracts;

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

Aid shall be granted in respect of the private storage of Emmentaler and Gruyere cheeses manufactured in the Community which satisfy the requirements of Articles 2 and 3.

Article 2

1. Storage contracts may be concluded where the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) the batch of cheeses to which the contract relates must comprise at least 100 whole cheeses;

(b) the cheeses shall be indelibly marked with an indication (which may take the form of a number) of the undertaking in which they were manufactured and of the day and month of manufacture;

(c) the cheeses must have been manufactured at least 30 days before the date specified in the contract as being the date of commencement of storage, and after 1 June 1974;

(d) the cheeses must have undergone quality tests which established that their classification after maturing could be expected to be:

— class A in France,

— Markenkäse or Klasse Fein in Germany,

— 1st quality in Denmark;

(e) the storer shall undertake:

— to keep the cheeses during the entire period of storage in premises where the maximum temperature is as indicated under (f);

— not, during the term of the contract, to alter the composition of the batch which is the subject of the contract without authorization from the intervention agency;

— to keep stock records and to inform the intervention agency, each week of the cheeses put into and withdrawn from storage during the previous week;

(f) the maximum temperature in the storage premises shall be + 6 °C for Emmentaler and + 8 °C for Gruyère.

2. Contracts may not be concluded before the cheese has been put into storage.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 85, 29. 3. 1974, p. 51.
(3) OJ No L 58, 11. 3. 1971, p. 1.

Article 3

1. Aid shall be granted only for such cheeses as are put into storage during the storing period. This period shall begin on 1 August 1974 and end on or before 15 October 1974.

2. Stored cheese may be withdrawn from storage only during the period for withdrawal. This period shall begin on 1 November 1974 and end on 31 March 1975.

Article 4

1. The amount of aid shall be 1·11 units of account per metric ton per day.

2. The period on which calculation of aid is to be based shall run from the date on which the batch of cheese to which the contract relates was put into storage. No aid shall be granted in respect of storage for less than 90 days. The maximum aid payable shall be an amount corresponding to 180 days' storage.

Article 5

The intervention agency shall take the measures necessary to ensure that checks are kept on the batches which are the subject of contracts. It shall in particular make provision for the marking of the cheeses comprised in those batches.

Article 6

The Member States shall communicate to the Commission on or before the Tuesday of each week particulars as to the following :

(a) the quantities of cheese for which storage contracts have been concluded during the preceding week ;

(b) any quantities in respect of which the authorization referred to in the second indent of Article 2 (1) (e) has been given.

Article 7

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, 26 July 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI