# REGULATION (EEC) No 2478/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 30 September 1974

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 835/68 as regards the period of validity of the production refund certificates in respect of sugar used in the chemical industry**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 1009/67/EEC [1] of 18 December 1967 on the common organization of the market in sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2476/74 [2], and in particular Article 9 (8) thereof;

Whereas by its Regulation (EEC) No 2476/74 of 30 September 1974, amending Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar the Council has replaced the principle of a compulsory grant of a production refund on certain uses of sugar in the chemical industry by that of an optional grant; whereas, having regard to the criteria indicated in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 765/68 [3] of 18 June 1968 laying down general rules for the production refund on sugar used in the chemical industry, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2477/74 [4], it is necessary in the present situation to suspend temporarily the granting of the production refund;

Whereas, in order to smooth the transition to the period where no production refunds are to be granted, provisions should be made for an appropriate extension of the period of validity of refund certificates issued before the date on which the change in the existing arrangements became known;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The following paragraph is added to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 835/68:

'However, the refund certificates for which the application has been lodged before 20 September 1974 shall be valid from the day of issue to the end of the seventh month following the month of issue.'

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 October 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 September 1974.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No 308, 18. 12. 1967, p. 1.
(2) See page 70 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No L 143, 25. 6. 1968, p. 1.
(4) See page 71 of this Official Journal.