REGULATION (EEC) No 2502/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 2 October 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 as regards the maximum amounts of the premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter and introducing a system of premiums for the retention of cattle

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 [1] of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1855/74 [2], and in particular Article 22a (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas a system of premiums for the orderly marketing of adult bovine animals for slaughter was introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 [3];

Whereas in order to make the said system more effective, the maximum amounts of the premium should be increased;

Whereas, having regard to the present day structure of holdings in the regions for which Member States are authorized not to implement the premium for the conversion of dairy cow herds to meat production, introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 1353/73 [4], the said Member States should be enabled to grant a single cattle retention premium in the regions referred to, instead of the premium introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74;

Whereas it is necessary to limit the granting of this single premium to producers not having more than 20 bovine animals;

Whereas the amount of this premium should be fixed at a level adequate to constitute an inducement towards keeping cows or in-calf heifers on the holdings for a relatively long period;

Whereas, the granting of the premium should, however, be limited to a maximum of 10 head per holding,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The text of the second paragraph of Article 2 (2) of Regulation No 1967/74 shall be replaced by the following:

'The premium shall not exceed the following amounts:

month	*units of account per head*
August 1974	20
September 1974	30
October 1974	42
November 1974	42
December 1974	52·50
January 1975	63
February 1975	73·50.'

Article 2

The Member States authorized not to implement Articles 1 to 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1353/73 in the regions specified in Article 5 of the said Regulation may, instead of the premium provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74, grant at the request of the producer, whether or not he belongs to a producers' association, in these regions, a single cattle retention premium for each cow or in-calf heifer up to a maximum of 10 head per holding, retained on holdings having not more than 20 bovine animals.

Article 3

1. The amount of the single premium provided for in Article 2 shall be 33 units of account per head. It shall be payable in two equal instalments, the first being considered as an advance to the beneficiary.

2. In order to be eligible for the premium, each producer must show evidence to the satisfaction of the competent authority that, at the time of lodging the request under Article 2, he retains no more than 20 bovine animals.

3. Moreover, the granting of the premium shall be subject to an undertaking by the producer in writing to retain on the holding farmed at the date when the request is lodged, for a period of at least seven months

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 206, 27. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1973, p. 18.

from such date, the cows or in-calf heifers for which he has requested that a premium be granted.

4. Article 4 (2) (a) (c) and (i) and Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 shall apply to the single premium provided for in Article 2.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 7 October 1974.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 2 October 1974.

For the Council

The President

Ch. BONNET