REGULATION (EEC) No 273/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 January 1974

fixing the special levies applicable to New Zealand butter and cheese imported into the United Kingdom under Protocol No 18

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty [1] 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 Protocol No 18 [2], hereinafter called 'Protocol', to the Act annexed thereto;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 226/73 [3] of 31 January 1973 laying down general rules for imports of New Zealand butter and cheese into the United Kingdom, and in particular Article 8 thereof;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (1) of the Protocol, special levies are applied to New Zealand butter and cheese imported into the United Kingdom under that Protocol;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (2) of the Protocol and Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 226/73, these special levies are fixed on the basis of the difference between

— the market price at which the annual quantities specified in Article 1 (2) of the Protocol can actually be sold; and
— the cif price fixed in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 226/73, plus costs incurred between the cif and first sale stages;

Whereas Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 226/73 provides that the special levies should be fixed at a level such that the butter and cheese in question can be sold at a consistent rate and should as far as possible be kept at a uniform level to ensure the stability of the market; whereas, these levies may nevertheless be altered and adjusted, and in particular where this is necessary to permit steady sales of the annual quantities specified in Article 1 (2) of the Protocol;

Whereas, in order not to endanger the sale of butter and cheese of the Community, the special levies must not be lower than the level necessary to permit the annual quantities specified in Article 1 (2) of the Protocol to be sold;

Whereas it follows applying these rules to the situation on the British market that the special levies should be fixed at the levels indicated below;

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 special levies referred to in Article 2 of Protocol No 18 are hereby fixed

— at 20 u.a./100 kg for butter,
— at 48 u.a./100 kg for cheese.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 January 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 173.
(3) OJ No L 27, 1. 2. 1973, p. 17.