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REGULATION (EEC) No 2803/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 7 November 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 with a view to authorizing certain Member States to grant an interest subsidy on loans advanced for the retention of young cattle on the farm

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 Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 [3], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2502/74 [4], introduced a system of premiums for the orderly marketing of adult bovine animals for slaughter; whereas this premium, which is intended to encourage producers to retain their animals for an additional period of time before slaughter, is only granted at the time of slaughter;

Whereas, as a result of the high costs of animal foodstuffs and of finance, small producers, in particular, could experience difficulties in delaying marketing with a view to benefiting from this premium; whereas it seems appropriate therefore to provide for the granting of an interest subsidy, within the present system, intended to contribute towards achieving the aims of Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74;

Whereas the grant of the interest subsidy should be limited to producers whose farms are situated in a Member State in which the market price is at present at a particularly low level;

Whereas the system of retention premiums for live cattle, as laid down by Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2502/74, does not raise these problems; whereas it seems unnecessary therefore to provide for the granting of an interest subsidy in the areas where the system is applied;

Whereas the measure provided for in this Regulation will have no effect on financial charge to the Community as defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2504/74 [5] of 2 October 1974 relating to the financing of the system of premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter, and for the retention of cattle,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Article is added to Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74:

'*Article 4a*

1. Member States which grant, under Article 1, a premium of an amount lower than the maximum amounts referred to in Article 2 and in which the market price of adult bovine animals, recorded pursuant to Article 10 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 and applicable to determine the levies valid for the week beginning 4 November 1974, is lower than 60 units of account for 100 kg live weight, are authorized to grant an interest subsidy on loans advanced with the aim of retaining young cattle on the farm, using national funds up to the difference between the said maximum amounts and the amounts actually paid.

2. The interest subsidy can be granted for no more than 25 young cattle per farm.

(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 268, 3. 10. 1974, p. 12.
(5) OJ No L 269, 4. 10. 1974, p. 1.

The granting of the interest subsidy is dependant upon the presentation, by the producer, of a request, accompanied by a written undertaking to retain on the farm managed when the request is lodged, for a period of at least three months from that date, the young cattle for which he requests the interest subsidy.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 7 November 1974.

For the Council

The President

A. JARROT