REGULATION (EEC) No 77/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 10 January 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 as regards the age of skimmed-milk milk powder bought in by intervention agencies

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 the Act [2] on the Conditions of Accession and the Adaptations to the Treaties, and in particular Article 7 (5) thereof ;

Whereas, under Article 1 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 [3] of 27 July 1968 on detailed rules of application for public storage of skimmed-milk powder, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2196/73 [4], skimmed-milk powder bought in by intervention agencies may not at the time of purchase be more than three months old ;

Whereas, in the light of experience and in order to improve the keeping qualities of intervention stocks, the maximum permitted age of the product when bought in should be reduced to one month ;

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

In Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 the words 'three months' are replaced by the words 'one month'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 April 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 January 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 34.
(4) OJ No L 223, 11. 8. 1973, p. 20.