REGULATION (EEC) No 920/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 18 April 1974

authorizing the United Kingdom temporarily to grant national subsidies for beef and veal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession [1] of the new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community and particularly Article 63 of the Act [2] annexed thereto ;

Whereas the guide prices for calves and adult bovine animals, effective from 1 April 1974, has been fixed at levels appreciably higher than those previously in force ; whereas however, conforming to Article 63 of the Act of Accession the guide prices for the United Kingdom have been fixed at levels different from those in force in the other Member States ; which represent in effect only a part of the rise in the latter ;

Whereas for this reason the income of the British producers of beef and veal is not assured in the conditions ruling the income likely to be obtained elsewhere in the Community ;

Whereas the detailed rules of applying the intervention system for beef are not of a nature likely to lead to public purchases in the United Kingdom ; that from this fact the income of the producers concerned risks being affected ;

Whereas the motives mentioned above lead to the conclusion it is opportune to allow, temporarily, the grant of national subsidies intended to compensate for these disadvantages ;

Whereas these subsidies can be granted according to the rules of the system existing until now in the United Kingdom and called the 'Calf Subsidies Scheme' ; there is reason to lay down provisions governing the maximum unitary level of these subsidies, while providing for an increase at a later date in relation to the amount applicable at present ;

Whereas it is necessary to lay down, as concerns the exports of beef cattle from Northern Ireland as well as slaughterings effected in this region, a system of supplementary subsidies allowing particularly the assurance, as far as possible, of an equilibrium of competitive conditions between this region and Ireland ; whereas with a view to maintaining this equilibrium on third country markets it is necessary to provide for the levying of a charge on exports from Northern Ireland to third countries ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

With effect from 1 April 1974 the United Kingdom is authorized to grant in the framework of the national system at present in force in that Member State and called the 'Calf Subsidies Scheme' and under the conditions defined in Article 2, a national subsidy for encouraging the rearing of calves for beef production who fulfill, during the application of this Regulation, the national conditions of the 'Calf Subsidies Scheme'.

Article 2

The amount of subsidy to be granted may not be greater than the amount at present applicable.

However it can be increased in Great Britain by £ 10 per animal or carcase fulfilling, during the period beginning 1 July 1974, the conditions of the 'Calf Subsidies Scheme'.

Article 3

1. With effect from 1 April 1974 the United Kingdom is authorized to grant a national subsidy in Northern Ireland under the following conditions.

2. The amount of the subsidy may not be greater than the 'accession' compensatory amount applied to the exchanges between the United Kingdom and Ireland for adult bovine animals. It can only be granted

(a) on the slaughtering of such animals,

(b) on the shipping of such animals to Great Britain, and

(c) on the export of such animals to other Member States and to third countries.

Article 4

As long as the United Kingdom uses the authorization laid down in Article 3, it shall, on the export to third countries of live bovine animals and beef coming from Northern Ireland, levy a charge the amount of which shall be equal to the difference between, on the one hand, the 'accession' compensatory amount applicable in trade between that member state and Ireland and, on the other hand, the amount of the refund applicable on export from Ireland resulting in particular from the application of Article

[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

12 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 181/73 [1] of 23 January 1973 laying down general rules for a system of compensatory amounts for beef and veal.

Article 5

The United Kingdom shall inform the Commission of the circumstances in which it uses the authorizations laid down in this Regulation.

Article 6

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

It is applicable up to 31 January 1975, with the exception of Articles 1 and 2 which are applicable up to 31 December 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 April 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

[1] OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1973, p. 9.