I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EEC) No 1154/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 29 April 1975

amending Regulation (EEC) No 750/75 with regard to the requirements governing the packaging of butteroil supplied as food aid to the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia

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 Regulation (EEC) No 740/75 (2), and in particular Article 6 (7) thereof;

Whereas heading II of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 750/75 (3) of 21 March 1975 concerning invitations to tender for the costs of manufacture and delivery of butteroil as food aid to the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia, lays down the requirements governing the packaging of the butteroil to be delivered; whereas experience has shown the need to define those requirements and the provisions concerning the check relating thereto, carried out by the intervention agency concerned;

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

Regulation (EEC) No 750/75 shall be amended as follows:

1. the following text shall be substituted for the text of Article 11 (1):

   '1. When the butteroil is manufactured and packed, the competent agency in the Member State where the operations take place shall ensure that:

   — Article 6 (3) is complied with,
   — the quality and packing conform to the provisions contained in the Annex,
   — the packagings used conform to the type of packagings in respect of which the certificate referred to in the Annex was issued by the approved packaging institute';

2. the Annex to this Regulation shall be substituted for the Annex thereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 29 April 1975.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 74, 22. 3. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 74, 22. 3. 1975, p. 30.

ANNEX

I. Quality requirements for butteroil

Characteristics of the product : concentrated milk fat with a minimum pure fat content of 99·8 %.

Composition characteristics :

moisture content and non-milk fat constituents : maximum 0·2 %,

fats : minimum 99·8 %,

free fatty acids : maximum 0·5 % (oleic acid),

amount of peroxide/kg : maximum one unit (in milliequivalents of oxygen per kg),

flavour : fresh,

smell : absence of smells unconnected with butteroil.

II. Packaging of butteroil

1. The butteroil is to be packed in metal canisters fully filled and hermetically sealed in an atmosphere of nitrogen.

   The metal canisters are packed in cartons containing :

   — either four 5 kg canisters, or

   — one 20 kg canister.

The complete packaging should be strong enough to withstand a long sea journey and transportation by land in a tropical climate.

Closed cartons, as prepared for delivery, containing either one 20 kg metal canister or four 5 kg canisters 95 % full of water, must be able to resist :

(a) three falls from a height of one metre on three different edges relating to different axes ; this test, for which five complete packagings are to be used, must be effected in accordance with ISO standard No 2248. After the tests :

   — the metal canisters may be crushed out of shape but no leakage must occur after elimination of the vacuum ;

   — the cartons may be damaged and show small tears in the seams and sealed flaps but seams must not be completely torn and flaps must not have come unstuck or be torn off ;

   — the damage must not be such as to endanger the safe transport of the canister(s) in the carton ;

(b) a compression test in accordance with ISO standard Nos 2872 and 2874. For this test, each complete packaging is placed separately, in the normal transportation position, between the plates of the press.

   During the test, the relative speed of the plates is 10 mm/minute.

   The criteria of approval is that, after applying a pressure of 3 500 kg/m^2 over the base area, the entire packging (metal canisters and carton) may get slightly out of shape but must keep its entirety. Five complete packagings must be tested.

   Before the tests, the complete, filled packagings are subjected to the following treatment in accordance with ISO standard No 2233 : storage for 48 hours at 25 °C with a relative humidity of 90 %.

The conformity of the cardboard carton with the standards defined above must have been verified by a packaging institute approved by the Member State concerned which shall issue the appropriate certificate and test report together with the description of the technical characteristics of the packaging material.

2. *Markings on the packaging :*

The metal canister shall have stamped upon it the following information in the language or languages specified in the Regulation of the individual invitation to tender :

(a) the description : 'Butteroil' ;

(b) the words : 'Gift of the European Economic Community' ;

(c) the net weight ;

(d) the month and year of manufacture ;

(e) the name of the processing undertaking — in the form of a code number.

In addition to the above, the following must be marked on the two sides of each carton : the manufacturer's lot number and the number of cartons making up the lot.

III. Special provisions

As regards certain special destinations for projects concerning supplies in view of milk reconstitution, special measures shall possibly be fixed in the Regulation of the individual invitation to tender.