REGULATION (EEC) No 1541/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 16 June 1975

laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 food-aid programme

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof ;

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 (6) thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament (3) ;

Whereas certain developing countries and international organizations have indicated their requirements in milk fats ; whereas these fats may be supplied in the form of butter or butteroil produced within the Community and meeting certain quality standards ;

Whereas the amounts available at present in the Community enable a quantity of 43 400 metric tons of butteroil to be supplied as food aid in butter and butteroil ; whereas the apportionment of supplies between public and private stocks will vary depending on market trends and seasonal requirements ;

Whereas in view of the situation on the Community market in butter and other butter fats as well as the need to make certain emergency deliveries and ensure regular supplies under the most favourable economic conditions provision should be made for providing these supplies either by taking butter or other butter fats from stocks held by intervention agencies or by buying in butter or butteroil on the Community market ;

Whereas, in order to enable the aid to be used effectively, arrangements should be made to finance certain transport and distribution costs ;

Whereas the supplies must be delivered at the cheapest possible price ; whereas in order to achieve that aim, a tendering procedure must be provided for ; whereas, however, it may be desirable in the interests of speed to carry out emergency operations by private contract ;

Whereas it is desirable that the rules for implementing the measures laid down for buying in butter or butteroil on the market should be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, as in the case of the rules to be applied where public stocks are used,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

A quantity of butter or butteroil corresponding to 43 400 metric tons of butteroil shall be made available to certain developing countries and international organizations as food aid under the 1975 food-aid programme.

Article 2

1. The butter referred to in Article 1 shall be purchased in accordance with Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68. The butteroil referred to in Article 1 shall be processed from this butter.

2. If the market situation is such that delivery as provided in Article 1 cannot be carried out in accordance with paragraph 1, then the supply shall be ensured by means of butter or butter fats available on the Community market. Buying in shall be done in such a way as not to disturb the normal development of prices on the market.

Article 3

For the purposes of Article 1 :

(a) the cost of the butter or butteroil, delivered to the fob or a corresponding stage, shall be financed by the Community ;

(b) in exceptional cases, the Community may also wholly or partially finance on the basis of a decision of the Council, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 8 :

— shipment to the frontier of the country and, possibly, to the places of destination, and

— distribution, where the goods are distributed by an international organization.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 74, 22. 3. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No C 111, 20. 5. 1975, p. 25.

Article 4

The costs referred to in Article 3 (b) shall, where the arrangements agreed with the recipient country or organization so provide, be paid as a whole or partial lump-sum contribution to the country or organization of destination by the intervention agency responsible for the operation.

Article 5

For delivery of the product, including packing, labelling and shipment to the fob or a corresponding stage, and, where relevant, for its shipment beyond that stage, invitations to tender shall be issued, without prejudice to Article 4 except in the case of emergency aid, where private contracts may be negotiated.

Article 6

The sums to be paid to the undertaking selected shall be due only if :

(a) the undertaking satisfies the conditions laid down in the invitation to tender or the private contract ; and

(b) the quality and packing of the delivered product are found on inspection to comply with the relevant Community provisions.

Provisions may be made for partial advance payment of such sums.

Article 7

The decision to apply Article 2 (2) shall be taken and, in this case, the procedure for implementing that paragraph and Article 5 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68.

Article 8

In accordance with the voting procedure set out in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty, the countries and organizations for which this aid is destined, together with the quantity to be allocated to each, shall be determined by the Council acting on a proposal from the Commission.

Article 9

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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 Luxembourg, 16 June 1975.

For the Council

The President

R. RYAN