REGULATION (EEC) No 2802/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 29 October 1975

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1492/71 in respect of the minimum quantities of durum wheat that may be taken over by the intervention agency in Italy in the 1975/76 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 665/75 [2], and in particular Article 7 (5) thereof;

Whereas Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1492/71 [3] of 13 July 1971 fixing the procedure and conditions for the taking over of cereals by intervention agencies, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1422/72 [4], fixed the minimum quantity of durum wheat that could be so taken over at 40 metric tons;

Whereas ever since the introduction of the common organization of the market in cereals there has been a shortfall in Community production of durum wheat; whereas, therefore, intervention operations have been very few in previous marketing years; whereas there has been a considerable increase in production in the present marketing year, particularly in Italy; whereas the arrival on the market of this production has depressed prices to such an extent that quantities of durum wheat are likely to be presented for intervention;

Whereas in certain regions in Italy the crop is produced by small farmers for whom the minimum quantity fixed for acceptance by intervention agencies would be difficult to attain; whereas to enable such farmers to carry out structural improvements or to act jointly the minimum quantity for this marketing year should exceptionally be reduced to 15 metric tons;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1492/71, homogeneous lots of not less than 15 metric tons of durum wheat harvested in the Community may be presented to the intervention agency in Italy during the 1975/76 marketing year.

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 October 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1975, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 157, 14. 7. 1971, p. 18.
(4) OJ No L 151, 5. 7. 1972, p. 15.