REGULATION (EEC) No 3358/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 23 December 1975

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament (1);

Whereas, in accordance with the second indent of Article 3 (1) (b) and with Article 6 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 (2) of 29 June 1971 laying down additional rules on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products for products falling within heading No 04.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1556/74 (3), only milk with a fat content of at least 3·5 % may be sold in the Community as whole milk for direct consumption; whereas under Article 6 (2) of that Regulation Member States were allowed, up to 31 December 1975, to maintain the provisions applicable in their territories when the said Regulation entered into force;

Whereas, a short prolongation of the transitional period is necessary for the formal adoption of certain amendments proposed by the Commission in the matter; whereas, for this reason, it is appropriate to maintain the current situation up to 31 March 1976,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 6 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71, the date '31 December 1975' shall be replaced by '31 March 1976'.

Article 2

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 Brussels, 23 December 1975.

For the Council

The President

M. TOROS

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(1) Opinion delivered 18. 12. 1975 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(2) OJ No L 148, 3. 7. 1971, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 167, 22. 6. 1974, p. 3.