REGULATION (EEC) No 420/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 20 February 1975.

extending the temporary suspension of the advance fixing of export refunds for certain milk products

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 662/74 (2);

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 876/68 (3) of 28 June 1968 laying down general rules for granting export refunds on milk and milk products and criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2429/72 (4), and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 5 (4) thereof;

Whereas the present situation on the international market for products falling within subheading ex 04.02 B II of the Common Customs Tariff is characterized by uncertainty as to price;

Whereas, under existing trade arrangements of these products the refund can be fixed in advance for exports to be effected during the period of validity of the export licence; whereas there is a danger that, if existing arrangements are adhered to, refunds could be fixed in advance, in the short term, for quantities considerably in excess of the quantities which might be expected under more normal conditions; whereas such exports could lead to unnecessary expenditure for the Community in the months ahead;

Whereas, given the difficulties outlined above, the best course would seem to be to extend the period of suspension of the advance fixing of export refunds for the products in question after the period laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 396/75 (5) of 18 February 1975;

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

The advance fixing of export refunds for sweetened condensed milk falling within subheading ex 04.02 B II, of a fat content not exceeding 9·5 % is suspended between 21 February and 2 March 1975 inclusive.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 February 1975.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1975.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 85, 29. 3. 1974, p. 51.
(3) OJ No L 155, 3. 7. 1968, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 264, 23. 11. 1972, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 45, 19. 2. 1975, p. 18.