REGULATION (EEC) No 471/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 27 February 1975

on the sale of butter at reduced prices to persons receiving social assistance

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 465/75 (2), and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas the earlier measures authorizing the sale of butter at reduced prices to persons receiving social assistance have proved an effective means of disposing of the Community butter surplus; whereas they have enabled these classes of consumers, whose consumption of butter is limited, to consume greater quantities;

Whereas it appears appropriate, in view of the situation in the Community butter market, to resume these measures;

Whereas, however, it may be expected that as was the case in the past, not all the Member States will make use of such an authorization; whereas the Community's contribution to this measure should be limited and prevented from being granted concurrently with the contribution referred to in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1191/73 (3) of 8 May 1973 laying down general rules for the granting of a consumer subsidy for butter, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 470/75 (4).

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) See page 8 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No L 122, 9. 5. 1973, p. 5.
(4) See page 19 of this Official Journal.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 April 1975 until the end of the 1975/76 milk year Member States shall be authorized to grant aid for the purchase of butter at reduced prices by persons receiving social assistance.

Article 2

Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the aid is given only to persons receiving social assistance and is granted only in respect of amounts of butter which do not exceed their personal consumption.

Article 3

1. Notwithstanding the system referred to in Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 (5) of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy, as last amended by the Act of Accession (6), the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall contribute only up to 75 units of account per 100 kg of butter towards any aid granted for the purchase of butter at reduced prices by persons receiving social assistance.

2. However, as regards those Member States which at the same time make use of the authorization provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1191/73, the Community's contribution referred to in paragraph 1 shall be reduced, per 100 kg of butter, by the amount contributed pursuant to Article 3 of the abovementioned Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

(5) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(6) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 1975.

For the Council

The President

M. A. CLINTON