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REGULATION (EEC) No 740/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 18 March 1975

amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 as regards the conditions for the granting of aid for the private storage of Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses

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;

Whereas Article 8 (3) of 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), makes the granting of aid for the private storage of Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses subject to certain conditions as to maturity;

Whereas, in view of the changes which have occurred in production and maturing techniques, the stipulated minimum age should be lowered,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The text of Article 8 (3) (a) and (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 is replaced by the following:

'(a) Grana Padano cheese at least nine months old;

(b) Parmigiano Reggiano cheese at least 15 months old;'.

Article 2

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

It shall be applicable as from 1 April 1975.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1975.

For the Council

The President

R. RYAN

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 52, 28. 2. 1975, p. 8.