COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1531/76

of 22 June 1976

setting up a temporary system of aids to private storage of certain protein products

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 the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 563/76 (2) has set up a system of compulsory purchase of skimmed-milk powder held by the intervention agencies for use in feedingstuffs; whereas the application of this system may lead, for the protein products of Community origin or imported and which are substitutes for skimmed-milk powder in the manufacture of feedingstuffs, to temporary difficulties of sale leading to the forming of surplus stocks;

Whereas, in order to avoid market disturbance of these products, the granting of aids to private storage during a certain period for the products in question should be provided for; whereas the quantities which receive such aids shall correspond to the foreseeable volume of the excess; whereas the possibility of dividing the abovementioned quantities throughout the Community should be provided for;

Whereas the functioning of the system of aids may be facilitated by the conclusion of contracts with the intervention agencies;

Whereas, in order to attain the objectives pursued by the granting of aids, the amounts shall be established taking into account in particular the costs arising from the storage; whereas, to this end, two methods shall be provided for determining these amounts;

Whereas the objective of the regularization of the market shall be reached if the products under contract are not put back on the market during the period of the contract; whereas, however, there is need to provide for the sale from storage of these products as soon as the situation of the market as well as the level of prices make it appear necessary,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. During the period 1 July to 31 October 1976, a system of aids to private storage shall be established for:

(a) soya beans falling within Common Customs Tariff subheading ex 12.01 B,

(b) products falling within Common Customs Tariff subheading 23.04 B,

(c) products specified in Article 1 (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74.

2. The aid shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of the contract concluded with the intervention agency of the Member State where the product has to be stocked.

3. The total quantity which may be the subject of the contract must not exceed the equivalent of 250 000 metric tons of oil-cake.

4. The time limit of the storage contract shall not exceed 12 months.

5. It may be decided following the procedure provided for in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC or in Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74 that the intervention agencies shall authorize the anticipated sale from storage of the products subject to these contracts.

Article 2

1. The amount of the aid shall be:

(a) either fixed pursuant to the tendering procedure published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, or

(b) in the form of a lump sum fixed in advance.

2. The amount of the aid shall take account of the technical costs for storage and the interests in the different storage zones as well as other significant market factors.

Article 3

The detailed rules of application for this Regulation shall be laid down according to the procedure provided for in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC or in Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1976.

(1) OJ No C 100, 3. 5. 1976, p. 11.
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 18.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 22 June 1976.

For the Council

The President

J. HAMILIUS