COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1724/76

of 16 July 1976

amending Regulation (EEC) No 232/75 as regards the date of entry into storage of butter put up for sale

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 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 559/76 (2), and in particular Article 6 (7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 985/68 of 15 July 1968 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in butter and cream (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2714/72 (4), and in particular Article 7a thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 232/75 of 30 January 1975 on the sale of butter at reduced prices for use in the manufacture of pastry products and ice cream (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1067/76 (6), provides that butter put up for sale must have been taken into storage before 1 February 1976;

Whereas, on account of the difficulties encountered by certain Member States affected by the drought in securing the storage of intervention products, it seems appropriate to relax the rules for the release of butter, in order to enable intervention agencies to release in priority the small quantities of butter actually held in storage depots, as these are urgently required for the storage of meat; whereas this can be done by temporarily withdrawing the provision of Regulation (EEC) No 232/75 laying down a minimum storage period for butter, thus enabling optimum use to be made of storage facilities;

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

In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 232/75, the words 'and taken into storage before 1 February 1976' are deleted.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 16 July 1976.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 169, 18. 7. 1968, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 15.
(5) OJ No L 24, 31. 1. 1975, p. 45.
(6) OJ No L 121, 8. 5. 1976, p. 37.