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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1861/76

of 27 July 1976

on the transfer of skimmed-milk powder to the Italian intervention agency by the intervention agencies of the other Member States

THE COUNCIL 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 7 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2788/72 (4), and in particular Article 3 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Community market is characterized by very large stocks of skimmed-milk powder; whereas these stocks are, however, primarily held by certain Member States, while Italy in particular possesses no such stocks because of the particular nature of its milk production;

Whereas in contrast to the difficulties in marketing the surpluses in the Member States concerned, Italy is experiencing supply difficulties, which are compounded by the need for feedingstuffs after the livestock is next brought in from pasture, since it has only been possible to make up small reserves of feedingstuffs from domestic production owing to the drought;

Whereas in order to alleviate these problems it seems advisable to make available to the Italian intervention agency part of the quantities of skimmed-milk powder which are still available in intervention in the rest of the Community;

Whereas detailed rules should be laid down for taking over the products and for transferring responsibility for them;

Whereas the provisions covering the accounting side of this operation should be aligned on the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2306/70 of 10 November 1970 on the financing of intervention expenditure in respect of the domestic markets in milk and milk products (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1844/76 (6);

Whereas such measures imply that the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should bear the cost of transport,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. A quantity of 10 000 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder held by the intervention agencies of the other Member States shall be made available to the Italian intervention agency for use in animal feedingstuffs.

2. The arrangements for applying this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68. These arrangements shall establish which intervention agencies are to make the skimmed-milk powder available and how it is to be transported.

Article 2

1. The intervention agencies holding the products referred to in Article 1 shall enter the quantities of skimmed-milk powder as a zero debit in the account referred to in Article 3 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2306/70.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(4) OJ No L 295, 30. 12. 1972, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 249, 17. 11. 1970, p. 4.
(6) OJ No L 204, 30. 7. 1976, p. 1.

2. The Italian intervention agency shall enter the quantities of skimmed-milk powder of which it has taken delivery as a zero credit in the account referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The transport costs incurred by the intervention agencies shall be entered in the account referred to in Article 3 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2306/70.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 27 July 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. van der STOEL