COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1966/76

of 6 August 1976

amending Regulation (EEC) No 677/76 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system for compulsory purchase of skimmed-milk powder provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 563/76

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 563/76 of 15 March 1976 on the compulsory purchase of skimmed-milk powder held by intervention agencies for use in feedingstuffs [1], and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 677/76 of 26 March 1976 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system for compulsory purchase of skimmed-milk powder provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 563/76 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1925/76 [3], laid down the period of validity of the protein certificate and also the period for the production of the proof referred to in Article 10 permitting release of the security;

Whereas the reduction of these periods could facilitate the orderly achievement of the objectives of the system introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 563/76 without causing any practical difficulties;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinions of all the relevant management committees,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 677/76 is amended as shown in the following Articles.

Article 2

The following subparagraph is added to Article 1 (2):

'However, certificates issued pursuant to an application submitted after 8 August 1976 shall be valid for only one month from their date of issue.'

Article 3

Article 10 (4) is amended to read as follows:

'4. The security shall be forfeit where the party concerned:

(a) has not renounced his right to put into free circulation, or

(b) except in the case of *force majeure,* has not furnished proof of one of the matters referred to in paragraph 1 (b), (c), (f) and (g) by 1 March 1977, one of those referred to in paragraph (1) (d) and (e) by 30 April 1977.'

Article 4

Article 12 is amended to read as follows:

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Except in the case of *force majeure,* where the "protein certificate" is not submitted to the issuing agency by 1 March 1977, the quantities of products for which the certificate was issued shall be regarded as having been put into free circulation, except for any quantities in respect of which the holder of the certificate submits one or more extracts therefrom for which, or for part of which, no attribution has been made.'

Article 5

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, 6 August 1976.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 18.
[2] OJ No L 81, 27. 3. 1976, p. 23.
[3] OJ No L 210, 4. 8. 1976, p. 16.