COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 562/76

of 15 March 1976

on the granting of a consumer subsidy for butter

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 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 12 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [4],

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1191/73 of 8 May 1973 laying down general rules for the granting of a consumer subsidy for butter [5], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 470/75 [6], has authorized the Member States, until the end of the 1975/76 milk year, to grant private ultimate consumers aid for butter up to 45 units of account per 100 kg;

Whereas, in view of the situation in the Community butter market, it would seem appropriate to maintain that measure during the 1976/77 milk year so as to increase the consumption of butter in view of the existing surpluses; whereas, it is necessary to adapt the maximum amount of aid and the system of calculating the aid financed by the Community further to the increase in the price of butter,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Member States shall to the advantage of private ultimate consumers (from 1 May 1976 until the end of the 1976/77 milk year) be authorized to grant aid for butter. However, this aid shall not exceed 50 units of account per 100 kg.

Article 2

Member States shall take the measures appropriate to ensure that the aid is granted only for butter bought for private consumption and that the aid benefits the ultimate consumer through reduction of the final sales price.

Article 3

1. Notwithstanding the system referred to in Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy [7], as last amended by the Act of Accession [8], the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall contribute:

— for any part of the aid less than or equal to 10 units of account per 100 kg butter: 50%;

— for any part of the aid greater than 10 but less than 35 units of account per 100 kg of butter: 0%;

— for any part of the aid not less than 35 units of account per 100 kg butter: 75%.

2. However, the aid financed by the Community as specified in paragraph 1 shall be limited to butter originating in the Community.

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) See page 9 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No C 53, 8. 3. 1976, p. 24.
(4) OJ No C 50, 4. 3. 1976, p. 19.
(5) OJ No L 122, 9. 5. 1973, p. 5.
(6) OJ No L 52, 28. 2. 1975, p. 19.
(7) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(8) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

Article 4

In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1191/73 the phrase 'during the 1975/76 milk year' is replaced by the phrase 'until 30 April 1976'.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 March 1976.

Articles 1, 2 and 3 shall apply as from 1 May 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL