COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 576/76

of 15 March 1976

fixing the special levies applicable to New Zealand butter and cheese imported into the United Kingdom under Protocol 18

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession [1] and to Protocol 18 [2] (hereinafter called the 'Protocol') to the Act annexed thereto,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 226/73 of 31 January 1973 laying down general rules for imports of New Zealand butter and cheese into the United Kingdom [3], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3145/74 of 9 December 1974 [4], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas pursuant to Article 2 (1) of the Protocol special levies are applied to New Zealand butter and cheese imported into the United Kingdom under that Protocol;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (2) of the Protocol and to Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 226/73 these special levies are fixed on the basis of the difference between:

— the market price at which the annual quantities specified in Article 1 (2) of the Protocol can actually be sold, and

— the cif price fixed in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 226/73, plus costs incurred between the cif and first sale stages;

Whereas Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 226/73 provides that the special levies should be fixed at a level such that the butter and cheese in question can be sold at a consistent rate and should as far as possible be kept at a uniform level to ensure the stability of the market; whereas, these levies may nevertheless be altered, and are in particular to be adjusted where this is necessary to permit steady sales of the annual quantities specified in Article 1 (2) of the Protocol;

Whereas, in order not to endanger the sale of Community butter and cheese, the special levies must not be lower than the level necessary to permit the annual quantities specified in Article 1 (2) of the Protocol to be sold;

Whereas it follows from applying these rules to the situation on the British market that the special levies should be fixed at the levels indicated below;

Whereas the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products, has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The special levies referred to in Article 2 of Protocol 18 are hereby fixed at:

— 54·72 u.a./100 kg for butter,

— 66·61 u.a./100 kg for cheese.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 15 March 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 173.
(3) OJ No L 27, 1. 2. 1973, p. 17.
(4) OJ No L 334, 14. 12. 1974, p. 7.