# COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 699/76

## of 26 March 1976

## opening a third invitation to tender for Grana Padano cheeses held by the Italian intervention agency

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 8 (5) thereof,

Whereas substantial stocks of Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses are held by the Italian intervention agency; whereas, having regard to the market position, and in order to avoid costs resulting from prolonged storage, the marketing of certain quantities of Grana Padano cheeses having reached the proper age for consumption should go on, further to the sale effected according to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3338/75 of 22 December 1975 opening an invitation to tender for Grana Padano cheeses held by the Italian intervention agency [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 258/76 [4];

Whereas, pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 8 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, the terms of disposal should be fixed in such a way as to avoid disturbing the balance of the market; whereas this aim may be achieved through the level at which the selling price is fixed and by limiting the quantities to be released on the market; whereas, in order to ensure equal access to prospective purchasers, recource should again be made to a tendering procedure, for which the detailed rules are specified in Articles 6 to 15 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1107/68 of 27 July 1968 on detailed rules of application for intervention on the market in Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses [5], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 250/76 [6];

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*

Tenders are invited for a quantity of approximately 1 730 metric tons of fully matured Grana Padano cheeses held by the Italian intervention agency.

*Article 2*

This invitation to tender shall be governed by Articles 6 to 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 1107/68.

*Article 3*

The closing date for the submission of tenders shall be 9 April 1976 at 12 noon.

*Article 4*

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, 26 March 1976.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of 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 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 25.
(4) OJ No L 32, 6. 2. 1976, p. 14.
(5) OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 29.
(6) OJ No L 30, 5. 2. 1976, p. 11.