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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 648/77

of 29 March 1977

extending the 1976/77 milk year and amending Regulations (EEC) No 1961/75 and (EEC) No 3066/75

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 2 and Article 18 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas it has not been possible to fix in due time the prices for the 1977/78 milk year; whereas it is accordingly necessary to extend the 1976/77 milk year;

Whereas the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1961/75 of 28 July 1975 on the prohibition of the use of inward processing arrangements in respect of skimmed-milk powder [3] and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3066/75 of 24 November 1975 on the prohibition of the use of inward processing arrangements in respect of butter [4] was limited to 31 March 1977, the date on which the 1976/77 milk year should have ended; whereas, pending a decision on the Commission proposal in this matter, the application of these Regulations should be extended until the end of the present milk year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The 1976/77 milk year shall end on 30 April 1977 and the 1977/78 milk year shall commence on 1 May 1977.

Article 2

In Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1961/75 and in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3066/75 '31 March 1977' shall be replaced by '30 April 1977'.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 March 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

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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 200, 31. 7. 1975, p. 6.
(4) OJ No L 307, 27. 11. 1975, p. 3.