# COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 968/77

## of 5 May 1977

## laying down detailed rules for the granting of private storage aid for long-keeping cheeses during the 1977/78 milk year

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 Articles 9 (3) and 28 thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 508/71 of 8 March 1971 laying down general rules on private storage aid for long-keeping cheeses [3], provides that private storage aid may be granted for certain long-keeping cheeses where there is a serious imbalance of the market which may be eliminated or reduced by seasonal storage;

Whereas, in view of price trends and of the considerable increase in stocks of Emmentaler and Gruyère cheeses, provision should be made for recourse to such storage during the coming months;

Whereas detailed rules for the application of this measure should in the main be those laid down for a similar measure applied during the 1976/77 milk year in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 954/76 of 27 April 1976 [4];

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*

Aid shall be granted in respect of the private storage of Emmentaler and Gruyère cheeses manufactured in the Community which satisfy the requirements of Articles 2 and 3 hereof.

*Article 2*

1. Storage contracts may be concluded where the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) the batch of cheeses to which the contract relates must comprise at least 100 whole cheeses;

(b) the cheeses shall be indelibly marked with an indication (which may take the form of a number) of the undertaking in which they were manufactured and of the day and month of manufacture;

(c) the cheeses must have been manufactured at least 30 days before the date specified in the contract as being the date of commencement of storage, and after 15 March 1977;

(d) the cheeses must have undergone quality tests which established that their classification after maturing could be expected to be:

— class A in France,

— Markenkäse or Klasse Fein in Germany,

— 1st quality in Denmark;

(e) the storer shall undertake:

— to keep the cheeses during the entire period of storage in premises where the maximum temperature is as indicated under (f),

— not, during the term of the contract, to alter the composition of the batch which is the subject of the contract without authorization from the intervention agency,

— to keep stock records and to inform the intervention agency each week of the cheeses put into and withdrawn from storage during the previous week;

(f) the maximum temperature in the storage premises shall be + 6 °C for Emmentaler and + 10 °C for Gruyère. In the case of Emmentaler which has already been matured, Member States may permit a maximum temperature of + 10 °C.

2. Contracts may not be concluded before the cheese has been put into storage.

*Article 3*

1. Aid shall be granted only for such cheeses as are put into storage during the storing period. This period shall begin on 10 May 1977 and end on or before 30 September of the same year.

[1] OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.
[3] OJ No L 58, 11. 3. 1971, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 110, 28. 4. 1976, p. 8.

2. Stored cheese may be withdrawn from storage only during the period for withdrawal. This period shall begin on 1 October 1977 and end on 31 March of the following year.

*Article 4*

1. The amount of the aid shall be 1·35 units of account per tonne per day.

2. The period on which calculation of aid is to be based shall run from the date on which the batch of cheese to which the contract relates was put into storage. No aid shall be granted in respect of storage for less than 90 days. The maximum aid payable shall be an amount corresponding to 180 days storage.

*Article 5*

The intervention agency shall take the measures necessary to ensure that checks are kept on the batches which are the subject of contracts. It shall in particular see to it that the cheeses comprised in those batches are marked.

*Article 6*

The Member States shall communicate to the Commission on or before the Tuesday of each week particulars as to the following:

(a) the quantities of cheese for which storage contracts have been concluded during the preceding week;

(b) any quantities in respect of which the authorization referred to in the second indent of Article 2 (1) (e) has been given.

*Article 7*

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, 5 May 1977.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*