COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 421/78

of 28 February 1978

fixing the special levy applicable to New Zealand butter imported into the United Kingdom

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession, and in particular Protocol 18 thereto,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 of 29 June 1976 extending the transitional arrangements for the import of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom [1], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76, a special levy is applied to New Zealand butter imported into the United Kingdom pursuant to this Regulation ;

Whereas, under Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76, the special levy is fixed on the basis of the difference between :

— the market price of New Zealand butter in the United Kingdom, and

— the cif price fixed under Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2157/77 of 27 September 1977 fixing the price to be observed at the cif stage for imports of New Zealand butter and cheese into the United Kingdom [2], plus the total costs between the cif stage and the stage of initial sale ;

Whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 lays down that in order to ensure an effective turnover of yearly quantities, the special levy must be fixed at a level permitting the sale of butter at a consistent rate without disrupting the market in Community butter ;

Whereas the application of these rules to the situation on the British market results in the special levy being fixed at the level given below ;

Whereas, under Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2856/77 of 21 December 1977 fixing the special levy applicable to New Zealand butter imported into the United Kingdom [3], Commission Regulation (EEC) No 465/73 of 31 January 1973 laying down detailed rules for the application of the special system for the import of New Zealand butter and cheese into the United Kingdom [4] is to be applicable to butter imported under Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 ;

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

The special levy referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 shall be 123·41 units of account per 100 kilograms of butter.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 February 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 185, 9. 7. 1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 250, 30. 9. 1977, p. 12.
(3) OJ No L 329, 22. 12. 1977, p. 34.
(4) OJ No L 53, 26. 2. 1973, p. 36.